

Burkert,

Isaac W.

1254,945

Pvt. 1 cl
(Surname.)

Co. C. 103 Inf.
(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased.

Father

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

Yes

(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery?

no

(Yes or no.)

If you desire the remains interred at the home of the deceased, give full information below as to where they should be sent:

J Adam Burkert
(Name of person to receive remains.)

American
(Express office.)

Western Union
(Telegraph office.)

216 St John St
(Number and street.)

Schuylkill Haven
(City or town.)

Pa
(State.)

(Sign here)

J Adam Burkert

216 St John St
(Number and street or rural route.)

Schuylkill Haven
(City, town, or post office.)

Pa
(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by H.P.
34 - 20
12/30/20.

1-3-21
checked - 23/11

FULL NAME **BURKERT, Isaac W.** ✓

RANK **Pvt 1/c** ✓ SERIAL **1254945** ✓

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION **Co. C, 103rd Engrs.** ✓ *28 Div.*

DATE OF DEATH *Sept 22/18*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME *pa*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED.

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION **27** **5** **B**
Date Grave Row Block

Suresnes, #34

.....
Cemetery

15 Received A. G. O. SEP 3 1974

Co C 103rd Engrs
28th Division

Burkert

~~BURKET~~ Issac W.- Pvt 1st cl.1254945

On Wednesday night, Sept. 4th 1918, between the hours of 10 and 12 p.m., Pvt Burkert was burned with mustard gas. Our company was constructing military bridges across the Vesle River at the town of Courlandon. At the time, we were being shelled and were ordered to take shelter under some iron girders which were near by. One gas shell burst about 10 feet from the girders and its contents were scattered among the men, of which he was one.

He was sent to the dressing station about 4 a.m. and later sent over to A.R.C. Hospital N° 6, Bellevue sur Seine, Sept. 7th 1918. I myself being burnt was sent to the same hospital. While there, I visited him regularly. Everything possible was done to save his life. When death was inevitable, I stayed with him continually. He died at about 10:50 a.m. Sept. 22th 1918. His last words were that he would like to see his brother Fred. Death was caused by gas burns. He was buried in the new R.E. Cemetery outside of Paris, the following day after death.

INFORMANT : Burkert, Warren E.- Pvt 1st cl.1254960
Home : Schuylkill Haven, Pa.
Searcher : Ralph E. Griswold, 1st Lt.
February 18th 1919

A/A/

Place Sures

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Sept., 2, 1921

1. REMAINS OF Burkert Isaac W. SERIAL NUMBER 1254945
RANK Pvt 1/c1 ORGANIZATION Co. C, 103rd Engrs

2. Disinterred (date): Sept., 2, 1921 From (give complete location): Gr. 355

By: Group 4 Unit Sec. 6

3. Reburied (date): Sept., 2, 1921 In (give complete location): Gr. 27 Row 5, Cem 34 Block B

By: Group 4 Unit Sec. 6 Nature of reburial Metallic casket and blanket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: Wooden coffin and blanket. Partly decomposed. Unrecognizable

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? yes On grave marker? yes

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:

No effects found. Skull posted.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items? Tooth chart not made as this body is apparently embalmed and identified and making tooth chart will require cutting the flesh, breaking and the jaws unne-

(a) Height (actual measurement) 5 ft. 7 in.

(b) Weight (estimated) 140 lbs.

(c) Hair—Color dark brown
Quantity medium essary
Characteristics straight

(d) Hair on face—Color Imp. to det.
Location Imp to det.
Quantity Imp to det.

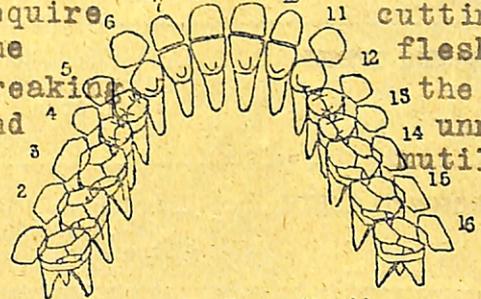
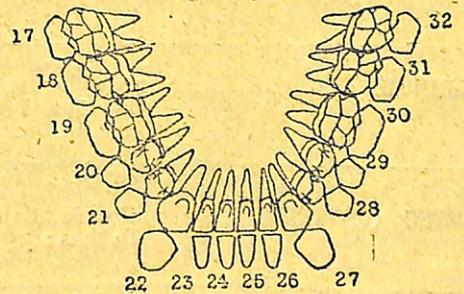


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) Imp to det.



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) Imp. to det.

7. Disinterment supervised by [Signature] Approved: R F O'Leary, 1st Lt. QMC
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by [Signature] Approved: R F O'Leary, 1st Lt. QMC
(Title)

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02358@12/12

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bukert 1254945 Isaac, W.
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Pvt. Co. C. 103rd. Eng.
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: A.R.C. Hosp. #. 6.

CAUSE OF DEATH:

DATE OF BURIAL: Sept. 23rd. 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL: A.E.F. Cemetery No 34.

(Give Cemetery, Town and Department). Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

Map of A.E.F. Cemetery No. 34.

Suresnes, Paris Seine.

GRAVE NUMBER: 355.

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? yes. Cross? yes.

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker?

If name unknown and tags missing, description and marks should be given here:

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

Albert C. Larned, Chaplain, U.S.N. (R.F.)
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON June 12, 1922.

FILE
7C76/12

FILE: 293.8 C-R - #66562 - (Burkert, Isaac W. Private 1/c)
FROM: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army.
TO: Mr. Harvey L. Burkert, 241 Paxson Ave., Schuylkill Haven, Pa.
SUBJECT: Permanent Grave Location of Private 1/c Isaac W. Burkert,
Co. C. 103rd Engineers.

1. The permanent grave of this soldier is No 27 Row 5
Block B, The American Cemetery of Suresnes, Department of Seine,
France.

2. This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries
to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be
marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name,
rank, organization and date of soldier's death. The headstones will
be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in
progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action
or request on the part of relatives.

3. In effecting removal, the utmost care and reverence were
exacted and more than willingly accorded by those performing this
sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually main-
tained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting
place of our heroes.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

GEORGE H. PENROSE,
Colonel, Q. M. Corps,
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

MAILED
JUN 13 1922
G.R.S.

DATE _____

1. NAME Burkert, Isaac W SERIAL No 1254945

RANK Pvt.1st.cl ORGANIZATION Co.C.103rd Engrs

GRAVE LOCATION Suresnes American Cty 34
CTY. NAME NUMBER

355
GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 355 SURESNES Seine.
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES Amer. Cty. #34.

CONCENTRATED TO Original burial.
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

Data concerning any identification found on remains when concentrated, such as collar insignias, letters, broken bones, missing parts, etc.

Original burial.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS None.

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

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SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR G.V.S. QUACKENBUSH.

Lieut.-col., Q.M.C. Chief, Operations Div.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 9-2-21. 27. 5. Block B.
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

FR SURESNES AMERICAN CEMETERY #34 (Seine) SURESNES.
CEMETERY

AUDITED BY
CPK-2-25-22

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept., 2, 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name Burkert, Isaac W.

10. Name

2. No. 1254945

11. No.

3. Rank Pvt. 1st. cl

12. Rank

4. Org. Co. C. 103rd Engrs.

13. Org.

5. D.D. Sept. 22

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. DOW

(b) D.B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 355 Sec.

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. No discrepancies

18. Cemetery American

19. Commune or town Suresnes

20. Dept. or County Seine

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 34

23. Disinterred (Date) Sept., 2, 1921 By C O Handy

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Burkert, Isaac W.

Serial No. none

Rank Pvt. 1/cl

Organization Co. C., 103rd Engrs.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? yes On body? yes

Thomas L. Collins
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).

No effects found. Skull posted.

27. Condition of body Partly decomposed. Unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Wooden coffin and blanket

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? none

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Sept., 2, 1921 By C O Handy

31. Casket sealed by C O Handy

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) *C. O. Handy*

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.)

Box No. **C-5022**

32. Designation of body:

Name **Burkert, Isaac W**

Serial No. **1254945**

Rank **Pvt. 1st. cl**

Organization **Co. C. 103rd Engrs.**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **Suresnes American Cty. #34**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **9/2/21**

By **C.O. Handy**

35. I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector

R. F. O'Leary
**R.F. O'Leary,
1st Lieut., QMC.**

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) **9/2/21**

To point of Concentration **Suresnes (Seine)**

(Name)

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery

(Name)

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: *Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred **Sept. 2/21**

(Date)

42. Grave No. **27**

Section **---**

43. Plot **Block B ---**

Row **5 (Gen. 34)**

FR

G.R.S. Representative

R. F. O'Leary
**R.F. O'Leary,
1st Lieut., QMC.**

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #66562

(a) Name BURKERT, Isaac W. Ser. No. 1254945
(b) Rank Pvt. 1/c1 Organization Co. C, 103rd Engrs.
(c) Date of death 9/22/18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA

TYP. DMA
CKR. [initials]

II. REGISTRATION CARD.—(Check Reg., Card Inf. against Loc., Ind., Inf.):

(a) Grave No. 355 Row --- Plot --- Sec. --- TYP. DMA
(b) Emerg. Address Harvey L. John A. Burkert (father) 216 St. John St., Schuylkill Haven, Pa.
(J.T.O. 8/14/22) (Mother) 241 Parkton ave.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

CKR. [initials]

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name John Adam Burkert (b) Relationship father
(c) Address 216 St. John St., Schuylkill Haven, Penna
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? Yes
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at no
(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. J. Adam Burkert
216 St. John St., Schuylkill Haven, Penna
American Ex. — Western Union tele.
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S.

Examiner's Initials H.P. Date 12/30, 1920.

V. A. G. G. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from

dated
confirming request in Par. IV., item above, or requesting that

no correspondence

Examiner's Initials H.P. Date 12/30, 1920.

VI. G. R. S. FILES, CORRESPONDENCE—shows as follows:

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes PF

Examiner's Initials PF Date 1-3, 1920

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 34 SHEET No. 120

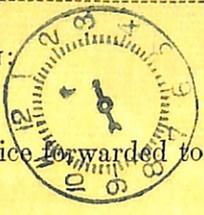
CARDED

FEB 23 1921 Concentrated into P. A. C. 34

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made 1-4-21, 1920.

Typed by als, Checked by Mess, 1-4-21, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:



Following advice forwarded to Europe by cable on _____, 1920

letter on 1/21/21, MAY 5 1921

RECEIVED

Cemeterial Division
Overs Project Sub Section

Par. #1 To be returned (MCA)

IX.

CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE.	ACTION TAKEN.
Desires body be _____	
Body to be shipped to _____	

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: 4-16-21 (3#120) Harvey L. Burkert (administrator of estate of John A. Burkert) brother 241 Parson Ave. Schuylkill Haven Pa requests that his brother's body remain in Europe 744-25-21 Cms.

Form 129 To hold body for Wash. 5/3/21 B.R.

5/14/21 PROPOSED CABLEGRAM NO. 297 TO EUROPE-BODY TO REMAIN 5/17/21

Let from Europe 6/8/21 status return cancelled as per cable ^{att} 10/28/21

WAR DEPARTMENT
 OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
 CEMETERIAL DIVISION
 WASHINGTON.

30 APR 20 cbm

FROM: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O.Q.M.G.

TO: *Deceased* Mr. John A. Burkert, 216 St. John St., Schuylkill Haven, Pa.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. 1/cl Isaac W. Burkert, Ser. No. 1254945, Co. C, 103 Eng. S.

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above named

~~soldier be returned to the United States and shipped to you at 216 St. John St., Schuylkill Haven, Pa.~~

Remain in Europe E & S

If these are not the correct instructions, please correct them. Make corrections on reverse side of this sheet.

The nearest next of kin may choose between (1) return of body to any address in the United States; (2) interment in the National Cemetery, Arlington, Va., or any other National Cemetery; or (3) body to remain in Europe.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

GEO. H. PENROSE,
 Colonel, Q.M.G.

5/14/21 PROPOSED CABLEGRAM NO. 297 TO EUROPE-BODY TO REMAIN 5/17/21 JW

If all blank spaces below are not filled out, it will necessitate a return of this paper and a SERIOUS DELAY in the shipment of this body. State in each case WHETHER or not these relatives are STILL LIVING.

Was soldier married? *yes*

NAME OF	NO. AND STREET	CEMETERY	TOWN	DIVISION	STATE
Soldier's widow	<i>Mrs. Geo. Moyer</i>	<i>Port Carbon</i>	<i>Penna.</i>		<i>(Widow remarried)</i>
	1 <i>none</i>				
Soldier's children	2 ..				
(Name oldest first)	3 ..				
Father	<i>Not living</i>				
Mother	..				
Brothers,	1 <i>Charles A. Burkert</i>	<i>Albans</i>	<i>Montgomery Co.</i>		<i>Penna.</i>
(Name oldest first)	2 <i>Harry L. Burkert</i>	<i>241 Paxon Ave.</i>	<i>Schuylkill</i>		<i>Harry Pa.</i>
	3 <i>Harren E. Burkert</i>	<i>216 St. John St.</i>	<i>"</i>		<i>"</i>
	3 <i>Fred H. Burkert</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>		<i>"</i>
Sisters,	1 <i>Mrs. Frank Batzoff</i>	<i>518 Sch. Ave.</i>	<i>Reading</i>		<i>Penna.</i>
(Name oldest first)	2 <i>Mrs. Harry Becken</i>	<i>Canal St.</i>	<i>Schuylkill Haven</i>		<i>"</i>
	2 <i>Mrs. Geo. A. Down</i>	<i>1367 E. Carey St.</i>	<i>Phila.</i>		<i>"</i>
	3 <i>Mrs. Ralph Jacoby</i>	<i>Canal St.</i>	<i>Schuylkill Haven</i>		<i>"</i>
	3 <i>Eva Burkert</i>	<i>216 St. John St.</i>	<i>Schuylkill Haven</i>		<i>"</i>

Date *April 16 - 1921*

Signature

Harry L. Burkert
Administrator estate of
John A. Burkert

Address

241 Paxon Ave.
Schuylkill Haven
Penna.

Relationship

Brother

Important - CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper

April 16 1921

I, the undersigned, am the brother and nearest living next of kin of
(Relationship)
the within-named soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:
(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

1. ~~As stated on first page of this sheet.~~

2. ~~To be returned to the U.S. and shipped to~~ _____
(Name)

(R.R. station)

(State)

3. ~~To be returned to the U.S. and buried in _____ National Cemetery.~~

4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

Signature Harry S. Burkert Administrator
Estate of John A. Burkert

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

1. If definite instructions for the disposition of a body are not received from the next of kin within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.

2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.

3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT OF KIN IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.

4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest next of kin in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.

5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.

6. If YOU are not the nearest next of kin, please ask the nearest next of kin, if living near you, to fill out this paper.

7. If YOU are not the nearest living next of kin and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.

8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.

9. Use the inclosed envelope-pay no postage.

Note:—INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DISPOSITION OF REMAINS will be issued by this office upon the properly executed authority of the legal next of kin in each case. The widow is the first person having disposition of the remains of her husband. Should there be no widow or children, the father and, in turn (upon his decease), the mother, is the proper authority. The brothers, in order of seniority, and then the sisters in order of seniority, if there are no brothers, rank next in authority to decide. Under an opinion rendered by the Judge Advocate General of the Army, if a widow has remarried she forfeits her right, and the next of kin as given above will make decision.

Robert E. Baker Post No. 38

AMERICAN LEGION

Headquarters, No. 7 East Main Street

Schuylkill Haven, Pa., April 16-21

Dear sir,

Being the legal administrator of the estate of John A. Burkert I have taken the liberty of filling out the form enclosed to him for the disposition of the remains of Pvt. Isaac W. Burkert.

I have ascertained the wishes of the remaining brothers and sisters who are the nearest next to kin of this soldier.

The widow of this soldier has remained under ruling has not been consulted.

Harry L. Burkert
Administrator
Estate of John A. Burkert
241 Payson Ave.
Schuylkill Haven,
Penn.

COMPLETION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #66562

(a) Name BURKERT, Isaac W. Ser. No. 1254945 TYP. IMA
 (b) Rank Pvt. 1/cl Organization Co. C, 103rd Engrs.
 (c) Date of death 9/22/18 Cause of death DWRIA

II. REGISTRATION CARD.-(Check Reg., Card Inf. against Loc. Ind. Inf.):

(a) Grave No. 355 Plot --- Sect. --- TYP. DMA
 (b) Emerg. Address Harvey L. Burkert (father) 216 St. John St., Schuylkill Haven, Pa.
 (U.F.D. 3/4/22) Brother

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases NO CARD CKR ---

IV. Information on which advice to Europe in letter of transmittal was based:

AGD Card John Adam Burkert, father, 216 St. John St., Schuylkill Haven, Penna., requests body returned to U.S. and shipped to him at above address. A.B.R. 2/19/21

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by - (cable on 192 letter of transmittal on 1-21-1921)

*Par. *1 To be returned (MEH)*

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. MAR 10 1921 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken
<i>May 3, 1921</i>	<i>Brother (4/15/21)</i>	<i>To remain</i>	<i>5/14/21 Europe advised</i>
<i>Nov 129</i>	<i>Harry L. Burkert</i>	<i>in transit</i>	<i>by proposed cable 297 - To remain 5/17/21. etc.</i>

Ltr from Europe 6/8/21 states return cancelled as per cable ^{att} 10/28/21

VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. 5-6-1921

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY NO. 34 SHEET NO. 120
 G.R.S. FORM 115-A August, 1920
 S-666/MB

May 4, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div.Cor.Br.

Re: Burkert, Isaac W., Private,
First Class, Serial Number
1254945, Co.C, 103rd Engrs.

Mr. Harry L. Burkert,
241 Paxson Avenue,
Schuylkill Haven, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Your shipping inquiry dated April 16, 1921, requesting that the remains of the deceased soldier named above be left in France for burial in a permanent American cemetery has been forwarded to the Cemeterial Division, Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C., for necessary action.

The Cemeterial Division, Washington, D. C., will furnish you the grave location in the permanent American cemetery as soon as possible after the body has been placed therein.

The Department desires to renew its previous expression of sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. E. SHANNON.
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Officer in Charge.

BY:

ST/BR

[Handwritten initials]
MAILED
MAY 4 1921
COR. BR. G. R. S.

RECEIVED

F. C. ELLIAS, *[Handwritten initials]*
Executive Assistant



MAY 2 1921

RECEIVED

WAR DEPARTMENT
QUARTERMASTER CORPS
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
HOBOKEN, N. J.

May 3, 1921.

From: Graves Registration Officer, Hoboken, New Jersey.
To: Quartermaster General, Cemeterial Division, Washington, D. C.
Subject: Supplementary Advice concerning:

Name Burkert, Isaac W. Ser. No. 1254945
Rank Pvt. 1/c1 Organization Co.C, 103rd Engrs.
Cemetery No. 34 Cable Reference No. (Sheet No.) 120

Request shown below dated April 15, 1921. is latest in this case:

Name of Relative	<u>Return</u>	<u>Remain</u>	<u>Special</u>
	to	in	
Widow <u>(Mrs. Geo. Moyer)</u> <u>Remarried.</u>		<u>France</u>	
Children _____			
Guardian _____			
Father <u>(John Adam Burkert)</u> <u>dead</u>			
Mother _____			
Brother <u>Harry L. Burkert - 241 Paxson Ave., Schuylkill Haven, Pennsylvania.</u> <u>(administrator of estate of John A. Burkert)</u>			
Sister _____			
Others _____			

Body ~~to be shipped to~~ or for interment in: a permanent Amer. Cemetery.

(glb) 1 inclosure.

MAILED

MAY 3 1921

COR BR. C. R. S.

Cable _____
Letter May 14 1921 forwarding advice to Europe dispatched _____ 1921.



66562
Concentrated
from
71539



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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bukert 1254945

(Surname).

(Number).

Jsac, W.

(First Name and Initials).

Pvt. Co.C.

(Rank).

103rd. Eng.

(Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: **A.R.C. Hosp. #. 6.**

CAUSE OF DEATH:

DATE OF BURIAL: **Sept. 23rd. 1918.**

PLACE OF BURIAL: **A.E.F. Cemetery No 34.**

(Give Cemetery, Town and Department). Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

Map of A.E.F. Cemetery No 34.

Suresnes, Paris Seine.

GRAVE NUMBER: **355.**

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? **yes.** Cross? **yes.**

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker?

If name unknown and tags missing, description and marks should be given here:

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

Albert C. Larned, Chaplain U.S.M. (R)
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BURKERT, 1254945, Isaac W.

(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Pvt. 1/c Co. C. 103rd Engrs.

(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Red Cross Hosp #6
Bellevue Sur Seine, Paris

CAUSE OF DEATH: Gas burns

DATE OF BURIAL: September 23rd 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: Vicinity of Paris

(Give Cemetery, Town and Department). Map references must specify clearly what map is used.

GRAVE NUMBER: Unknown

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

Unknown

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Unknown

Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker? Unknown

If name unknown and tags missing, description and marks should be given here?

NEAREST RELATIVE: Mr. J. Adam Burkert

ADDRESS: 216 St John St, Schuylkill Haven, Penna.

RELATIONSHIP: Father

REPORTED BY: S. E. Duff

Batt. 103rd Engrs.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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Co C 103rd Engrs
28th Division

Burkert
BURKET, Issac W. - Pvt 1st cl. 1254945

On Wednesday night, Sept. 4th 1918, between the hours of 10 and 12 p.m., Pvt Burkert was burned with mustard gas. Our company was constructing military bridges across the Vesle River at the town of Courlandon. At the time, we were being shelled and were ordered to take shelter under some iron girders which were near by. One gas shell burst about 10 feet from the girders and its contents were scattered among the men, of which he was one.

He was sent to the dressing station about 4 a.m. and later sent over to A.R.C. Hospital N° 6, Bellevue sur Seine, Sept. 7th 1918. I myself being burnt was sent to the same hospital. While there, I visited him regularly. Everything possible was done to save his life. When death was inevitable, I stayed with him continually. He died at about 10:50 a.m. Sept. 22th 1918. His last words were that he would like to see his brother Fred. Death was caused by gas burns. He was buried in the new R.E. Cemetery outside of Paris, the following day after death.

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INFORMANT : Burkert, Warren E. - Pvt 1st cl. 1254960
Home : Schuylkill Haven, Pa.
Searcher : Ralph E. Griswold, 1st Lt.
February 18th 1919

A/A/

Ca John A. Burkert
216 St. John St. Schuylkill
Haven Pa

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HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME BURKERT	BUR	3	2 12 08
Isaac W.	CEMETERY 34	1	6
BURIED	GRAVE 27	2	27
	ROW 5	2	05
	BLOCK B	1	2
STATE	Pa.	2	44
RANK	Priv. 1cl	1	2
DIVISION	28	2	28
ORGANIZATION	103	5	103
ARM	Engrs.	1	4
MARITAL (Sister)	No	1	2 <i>fm</i>
NAME BATDORFF		3	515
Mrs. Lula	STATE	2	44
518 Schuylkill Ave	COUNTY	2	6
Reading, Pa.	CITY	3	27
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER <i>Father died since war</i>		1	2
ELIGIBILITY <i>no son</i>	Head	1	6
NATIVITY <i>no loco</i>		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
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DATE OF	MO.	1	
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ACCEPTANCE		1	

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December 22, 1930.

QM 293 A-M
Burkert, Isaac W. Pvt. 101. 34 S

Mrs. Lula Batdorff,
518 Schuylkill Ave.,
Reading, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of December 18, 1930, relative to the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

The only provision of the law under which anyone other than the mother or widow could be considered for this privilege is contained in section 4 (a) of the Act, which was amended May 15, 1930, to read in part as follows: "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for a period of not less than five years at any time prior to the soldier, sailor, or marine becoming eighteen years of age."

In order to satisfy the legal requirements, it will be necessary for you to furnish as proof of the relationship, in loco parentis, the affidavits of at least two persons not related to you.

In the event you believe yourself eligible, under this provision of the law, to make the pilgrimage, it is requested that the enclosed forms be completed and returned to this office in order that your eligibility under the Act may be determined. Under paragraphs 1 (c) and 1 (d), sufficient information should be included to permit an intelligible decision as to eligibility.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

Enclosures:
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Reading Pa.

Dec. 18, 1930

Quartermaster General,

Dear Sir,

I wish to apologize for not answering your letter about my brother Isaac Burkert. He has no mother or wife living. I am his oldest sister and would like very much to see his grave. My father had intended to have him brought back to our own country, but he died before they started to bring any bodies over, so we did not say anything about it. I am the oldest in our family, that is why I asked to go over. I know none of my other sisters will ask to go because they have their families and cannot leave for that

length length of time. I am a widow and can go, if you will invite me. We had four ~~bro~~ brothers over in France at one time. Three came back home again and we would all feel better if one of us could see Isaac's grave.

Very truly yours

Mr. Lula Patdoff
518 Schuylkill Ave.
Reading Pa.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 295 A-M
Burkert, Isaac W. 34

December 12, 1930

Mrs. Lula Batdorff,
518 Schuylkill Avenue,
Reading, Pennsylvania.

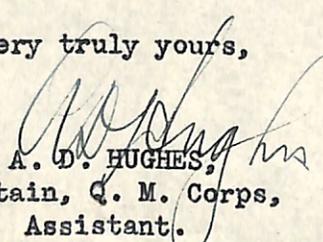
Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested that you advise whether or not the late Private, first class, Isaac Burkert is survived by his mother or a widow, and if so, the name and address of each.

For your convenience in replying, there is enclosed, herewith, a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,


A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

Enclosure:
Envelope.

QM 295 A-M
Burkert, Isaac W. - 54

November 17, 1930

Mrs. Carrie Downs,
4209 Decatur St.,
Holmesburg Sta., Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, authorizing pilgrimages to the cemeteries of Europe by the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces whose remains are interred therein.

It is requested that you advise this office as to whether or not the late Private, first class, Isaac W. Burkert, Company C, 103rd Engineers, is survived by a mother or widow, and if so, her name and address.

A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

July 12, 1930

Burkert, Isaac W.

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Mrs. Lula Batdorff
518 Schuylkill Ave.
Reading, Penna.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

This office has no record of any person entitled under the Act mentioned to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe as the mother or widow of the above named deceased service man. To complete the list of eligibles and to assure that, if the above named man is survived by a mother or widow entitled to make a pilgrimage she receive an invitation to do so, it is requested you answer the following questions in the space provided on this letter and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

2. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not remarried?

If so, give her name and address:

3. Is the deceased survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him according to the terms of Section 4 (a) of the enclosed Act as amended?

If so, give her name and address:

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:
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A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

QM 295 A-C
Burkert, Isaac W.

February 17, 1930

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Mrs. Lula Batdorff,
518 Schuylkill Ave.,
Reading, Penna.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date relative to your desire to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your brother, the late Private, 1st class, Isaac W. Burkert in the Suresnes American Cemetery in France, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

The only provision of the Act under which you might, under any circumstances, be considered for this privilege is contained in section 4 (a) thereof, which states "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for the year prior to the commencement of his service in such forces".

However, your case does not come within the scope of this proviso as it has been held that within the meaning of the law, a person cannot stand in loco parentis to an adult unless such adult is mentally or physically incapacitated. No man who was mentally or physically incapacitated was accepted for service in the military or naval forces. Inasmuch as your brother was an adult at the time of the commencement of his service, his age having been 34 years and 10 months, no person could have stood in loco parentis to him for the year prior to his entry into the service. Therefore, I regret to advise that you are ineligible within the meaning of the law, to make this pilgrimage at the expense of the Government.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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Quarter Master General
United States Army

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Dear Sir:

I have been told that I am eligible to go to France to see my brother's grave. His name was Isaac H. Burkert. He enlisted at Pottsville, Pa., Company C, 103rd Engineers, 28th Division, and died September 23rd 1918 from gas burns in a hospital near Paris. Will you please let me know whether I can go along with the other War Mothers who are going over this summer. I would like very much to see

his grave but cannot afford to make the trip. If necessary, I can prove relationship.

Mrs. Lula Batdorff
518 Schuylkill Avenue
Reading, Penna.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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DATE 2/8/50

NAME	RANK	SERIAL	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
BURKERT, Isaac W.	Pvt. 1/cl	1254945	Co. C 103rd Engrs.	Sept 22/18

STATE	CTY. NO.	GRAVE	ROW	BLOCK
Pennsylvania	34	27	5	B

	<u>Check relationship</u>	<u>Living - Deceased</u>	
NAME	MOTHER <u>No Record</u>	:	C-134 962 2/13 W
AND	STEPMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	
ADDRESS	MOTHER THRU ADOPTION (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	
	MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	
	WIDOW <u>No Record</u> (Who has not remarried)	:	
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		:	Sister:
		:	<u>Mrs. Carrie Downs</u>
		:	<u>4209 Decatur St.,</u>
		:	<u>Holmesburg, Sta.,</u>
		:	Phila., Pa.

Veterans Bureau Claim Number 29/156

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

DATE 2/8/30

NAME BURKERT, Isaac W. RANK Pvt. 1/cl SERIAL 1254945 ORGANIZATION Co. C 103rd Engrs. DATE OF DEATH Sept 22/18

STATE Pennsylvania CITY NO. 34 GRAVE 27 ROW 5 BLOCK B

	<u>Check relationship</u>	<u>Living - Deceased</u>		
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	MOTHER	:	:	:
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NAME		:	:	:
	MOTHER THRU ADOPTION	:	:	:
AND	(For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:	:
ADDRESS		:	:	:
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Burkert, Isaac W

May 6, 1929.

Mr. Harvey L. Burkert,
241 Paxson Avenue,
Schuylkill Haven, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, entitled an Act "To enable the mothers and widows of the deceased soldiers, sailors and marines of the American forces now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries".

The records of this office show that you are the brother of the late Private, first class, Isaac W. Burkert, Company C, 103rd Engineers, whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, France.

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother or widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish the full names and addresses of the mother and widow in order that action may be taken to extend invitations to them to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relative is a stepmother, mother through adoption, or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. If he was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

For your reply, you may use the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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December 22, 1930.

QM 293 A-M
Burkert, Isaac W. Pvt. 1cl. 34 S

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518 Schuylkill Ave.,
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Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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QM 293 A-M
Burkert, Isaac W. 34

December 12, 1930

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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July 12, 1930

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QM 293 A-M
Burkert, Isaac W. - 34

November 17, 1930

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For The Quartermaster General,

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A. D. HUGHES,
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QM 293 A-C
Burkert, Isaac W.

February 17, 1930

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A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burkert, Isaac W.
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August 9, 1929.

Mr. Harvey L. Burkert,
241 Paxson Avenue,
Schuylkill Haven, Pa.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 6, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage?

Write answers in space below

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried? If so, give her complete address:

2. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

3. If survived by a widow or mother does she desire to make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
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