

MMB

FEB 10 1926

DATE

1. NAME BURKS, Foster N.

SERIAL No. 1306588

RANK Pvt.

ORGANIZATION MG Co. 117th Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION British Mil.Cty. <sup>30th</sup> Tincourt-Boucly, Somme

#51-A

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

13

A

8

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Gr. 13, Row C, Plot 8, Tincourt (Form 1-A dated Mar. 4, 1919)

Somme

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES 13 S.W. E.163.1 N.359.4

CONCENTRATED TO Dec. 27, 1920 13

A

8

Form 16-A dated 12/27/20 signed E.W.Austin, Major, FA.

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

Tincourt (Somme)

51-A

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

Form 16-A dated 12/27/20 shows disinterred from Grave 3, Cross 13, Row C, Plot 8, Cem 51-A, two tags buried with body. No other means of identification.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS None of record.

DATE OF DEATH

DATE

9-18

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

W. R. BUCKLEY, Captain, QMC.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION

October 10, 1922

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Block C

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

Robert C. Davis, Major General, The Adjutant General, By E.C.P.

Somme American Cemetery #636, Bony (Aisne).

CEMETERY

AUDITED BY

FEB 13 1926

4 A.G.O. FEB 10 1926 WORLD WAR DIV.

Rec'd World War Div.

3 MAR 24 1928

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Burkes, Foster	3	218
BURIED	CEMETERY	1	5
	GRAVE	2	08
	ROW	2	05
	BLOCK	1	3
STATE	Tenn	2	48
RANK	Pvt	1	2
DIVISION	30	2	30
ORGANIZATION	117	3	117
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARITAL	No	1	2
NAME	Burkes, Howard	3	
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	
	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER	no loco	1	
ELIGIBILITY	no SM	1	6
NATIVITY	Dead	1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

**AUDITED**  
 SEP 19 1932 MB

29/514

MB

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burke Foster N 636-F

July 7, 1930

Mr. Wm H. Burks,  
Chapel Hill,  
Tennessee

Dear Sir:

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:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Burks, Foster N.  
636

August 27, 1929.

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Chapel Hill,  
Tenn.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 16, 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:

*Deceased has  
never married*

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.

*Deceased mother  
has died since  
he entered the war.*

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

*W. H. Burks*  
*John T. Harris*  
JOHN T. HARRIS,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
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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.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Envelope.

*Burks*

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Envelope.

Q. M. G. E. R. I. V.  
MAY 16 1929  
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QM 295 A-C

January 3, 1927.

**BURKS, Foster N. - Private**

**Wm. H. Burks,  
Chapel Hill, Tennessee.**

**Dear Sir:**

The Quartermaster General desires to invite your attention to the inclosed card which gives the permanent cemetery location of the soldier's grave in which you are interested.

This American overseas military cemetery is to be maintained by the United States for all time. The graves will be permanently marked by white headstones inscribed with the name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves, as soon as possible, and without necessity for special action or request on the part of relatives.

Please be assured that in effecting removal of the dead, the utmost reverential care was exercised by those who performed this sacred duty. For the future, these graves will be perpetually maintained by the Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

1 Incl.  
Record card.

**F.H. POPE,  
Colonel, Q.M.C.  
Assistant.**



25/560/EYS

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Oct. 19, 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 BURKS, Foster N. 10. Name \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. No. 1306588 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Rank Pvt. 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Org. MG Co.117th Inf. 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. D.D. 10-9-18 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. C.D. D.O.W. r.i.a. (b) D.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

- 7. Grave No. 13 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Plot 8 Row A 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. \_\_\_\_\_ 17. no discrepancy

- 18. Cemetery British Mil.Cty. 19. Commune or town Encourt-Boucly
- 20. Dept. or County Somme 21. Country France
- 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. #51-A
- 23. Disinterred (Date) Oct. 19, 1921 By E.L.Reid

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Foster N. Burks Serial No. -

Rank Pvt. Organization M.G.117 Inf.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? no On body? yes (2)

*E.L. Reid*  
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant  
 W.D. Wall Jr.

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)  
**Body previously reburied by Field Section. No bottle record, but 2 metal strips agree with form 114-A. Disc on body, slightly corroded reads: "Foster N. ---ks, 1306588, Pvt. --- Inf." (Two discs pinned to burlap.)**

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Skeleton disarticulated. Features unrecog.

28. Nature of burial Burlap and wooden box.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? \_\_\_\_\_

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Oct. 19, 1921 By E.L.Reid

31. Casket sealed by E.L.Reid

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) E.L.Reid *E.L. Reid*

**AUDITED BY**  
*W.D. Wall Jr.*

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-12183

32. Designation of body:

Name BURKS, Foster N. Serial No. 1306588

Rank Pvt. Organization MG Co. 117th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Somme Amer. Cty. Bony, Aisne 636

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Oct. 19, 1921 By E.L. Reid

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 J.J. Powers, 1st Lt. QMC

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Oct. 19, 1921

To point of Concentration Roisel, Somme

Convoyer Frank Atwell Signature Shipping Officer J.J. Powers, 1st Lt. QMC

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration Date Oct. 19, 1921

By G.R.S. Representative Hubert W. Beyette, Capt. QMC

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Oct. 19, 1921

To Permanent Cemetery No. 636 Bony, Aisne

Convoyer Frank Atwell Signature Shipping Officer Hubert W. Beyette, Capt. QMC

40. Received: Date Oct 19, 1921

G.R.S. Representative W.E. More

41. Reinterred October 10, 1922 (Date)

42. Grave No. 9 Section

43. P10TX Block C Row 5

G.R.S. Representative D.E. Lowry, 1st Lt. QMC

Place

Oct. 19, 1921.

Date

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1306588

1. REMAINS OF BURKS, Foster N. SERIAL NUMBER M.G.Co., 117 Inf. RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION

2. Disinterred (date): Oct.19,1921, Gr.13,Pl.8, Row A, Brit.Mil.Cem.51-A, Tincourt-Boucly. From (give complete location):

By : Group 4 Unit F.S.8

3. Reburied (date): 10/10/22 In (give complete location): Grave 9 Row 5 Block C, Somme Cemetery, #636, Bony (Aisne)

By : Group Reburial Unit Reg. Casket, Shipping Case. Nature of reburial

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment : Badly decomposed. Features unrecognizable. Skeleton disarticulated. Burlap and wooden box.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes, 2. On grave marker? No.

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks : Body previously reburied by Field Section. No bottle record, but two metal strips agree with form 114-A.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items ?

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weigh, (estimated) Impossible to estimate

(c) Hair—Color None visible

Quantity

Characteristics

(d) Hair on face—Color None visible

Location

Quantity

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) None visible

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty)

Impossible to determine.

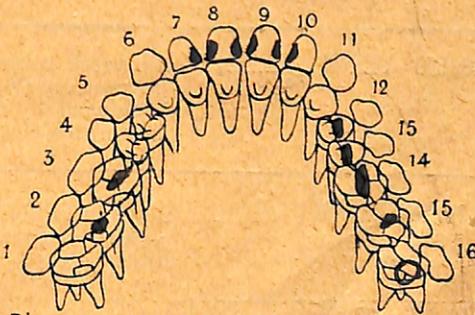
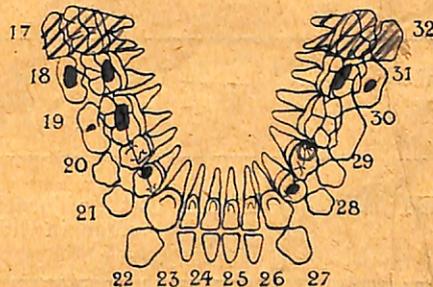


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



(2&3 SF, 7&8 porc.fil., 8&9 (GF, 2&10 porc.fil., 12, 13, 14, 15 SF, (16 Cav., 17&32 NE, 18&19&31, 28 SF, (29 Cav., 30 MBD, 31 SF

W.D.Wall, Jr., Checker.

7. Disinterment supervised by E. L. Reid, Sup. Emb.

Approved: J. J. Powers, 1st Lt. QMC (Title)

8. Reburial supervised by B. A. Bradford

Approved: D. E. Lowry, 1st Lt. QMC (Title)

**REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL**

Date 12/27/20

1. REMAINS OF Foster N. Burks SERIAL NUMBER 1306588

RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION M. G. Co. 117th Inf

2. Disinterred (date): From (give complete location):

12/27/20 Grave 3, Cross 13, Row C, Plot 8, Cem 51-A

By: Group 4 Unit Sect. 7

3. Reburied (date): In (give complete location):

12/27/20 Grave 13, Row A, Plot 8, Cem 51-A

By: Group 4 Unit Sect 7 Nature of reburial Pine box Burlap

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:

Burlap Badly decomposed

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes (2) On grave marker? No

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

None

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items?

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to estimate

(c) Hair—Color None 'Teeth 1 cavity, 2, 3,

Quantity None 4, 5, 14 & 15 silver

Characteristics None

(d) Hair on face—Color None

Location None

Quantity None

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or

missing parts) None

Teeth 17, 28 & 29 silver

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty)

Impossible to estimate

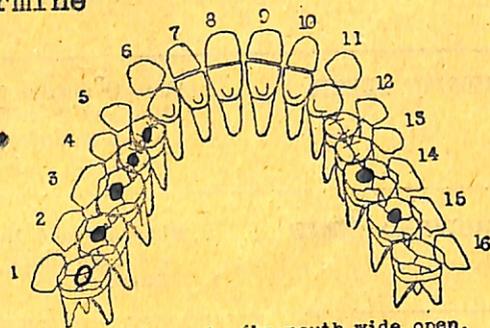
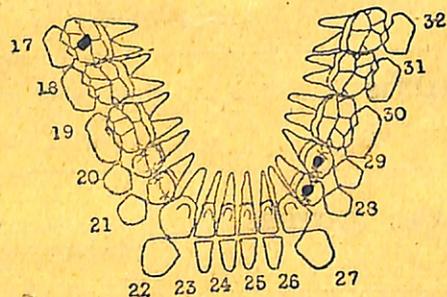


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



*Burks, Foster, N.*

*7-30287*

7. Disinterment supervised by A. E. Dewey Approved: [Signature]  
2nd Lieut. A. E. DEWEY, Q. M. C. (Title) [Signature]

8. Reburial supervised by A. E. Dewey Approved: [Signature]  
(Title) [Signature]

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #37075

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BURKS, Foster W. Ser. No. 1306588  
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization M. G. Co. 117th Inf. TYP. JDB  
(c) Date of death 10/9/18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA CKR g.m.c.

MHS 3/21/21

OK MHS 3/21/21

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

(a) Grave No. 15 Row C Plot 8 Sec. TYPHAB  
(b) Emerg. Address Wm. H. Burks, (Father) Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, Tenn.

MHS 3/21/21

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

NO CARD

CKR 10/13

No card in file JDB 8/25/20

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt

(a) Name (b) Relationship  
(c) Address  
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.?  
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at  
(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S.  
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S.

See suspension

OK 2/25

Examiner's Initials Date, 1920.

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

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

No Correspondence

Examiner's Initials Date, 1920.

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes HW

Examiner's Initials Date, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 51-A SHEET No. 26

JDB acp 4-2-21

checked by Imm. 3-21-21

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_, Checked by \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

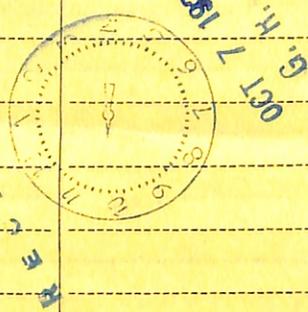
VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on 8/31, 1920

*Part # 2. not to be returned. (ECS)*

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*rest of kin*  
 Form 120-9-8-20, Wm H. Burks (father) requests  
 Body remain in France 11-9-13-20  
 9-22-20 Letter asking father whether demand is survived  
 by widow or children and if so to furnish names and  
 addresses of each 9-24-20 ECL  
 9/27/20 - Letter from W. H. Burks, father, says  
 soldier was unmarried - (12-1-20-28)

FORM 115 RETURNED BY BROKEN - BODY  
 TO REMAIN IN EUROPE. 7/12/21  
 10-7-21

SEP 1 1920

51-A--26  
ltw.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON

*Rush Answer*

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C.  
To: Wm. H. Burks, Chapel Hill, Tenn.  
SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Foster N. Burks.  
M.G. Co. 117th Inf. Ser.No. 1306588

*noted  
7115-9-8-20  
a.e.k.*

The records of this office show that you have ~~requested that his body~~  
not expressed your wishes as to disposition of the remains.

*Remain in France a.e.k.*

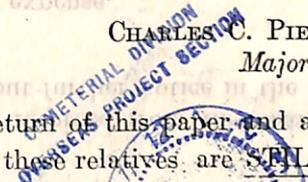
If these are not the correct instructions, please correct them. Make corrections on reverse side of this sheet.

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Major, U. S. A.

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 these relatives are STILL LIVING.



NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN	STATE.
Soldier's widow			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Father	<i>Wm. H. Burks</i>	<i>Chapel Hill</i>	<i>Tenn</i>
Mother	<i>Sadie Pauline Burks</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1 <i>Will Hugh Burks</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>
	2 <i>Terre Lyon</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>
	3	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1 <i>Gella Marie Blockwell</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>
	2		
	3		

Date *Sept. 8 - 1920* Signature *Wm. H. Burks*

Address *Wm. H. Burks  
Chapel Hill Tenn* Relationship *Father*

Sept. 8, 1920.

I, the undersigned, am the Father and nearest living relative of the within-named soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:

(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

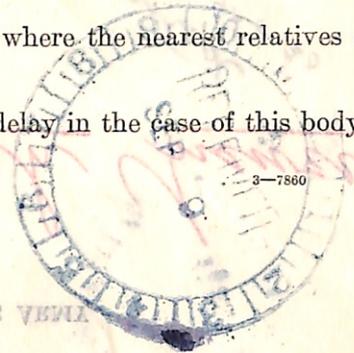
1. As stated on first page of this sheet.
2. ~~To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to~~ \_\_\_\_\_ (Name.)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (R. R. station.) \_\_\_\_\_ (State.)
3. ~~To be returned to the U. S. and buried in~~ \_\_\_\_\_ National Cemetery.
4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

Signature Wm. H. Bunker

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

1. If definite instruction as to the disposition of a body are not received from the nearest relative 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 living relatives 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 relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
7. If YOU are not the nearest living relative 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.

WASHINGTON  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WAR DEPARTMENT



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WAR DEPARTMENT  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION, GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
ROOM 347, PIER 2, HOBOKEN, N. J.

51-A-26

September 22nd, 1920.

File No. 293.8 Cemeterial Division.  
( Burke, Foster, N. )

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Chapel Hill,  
Tenn.

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Your early attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

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

BY: *C. D. Annis*  
C. D. ANNIS,  
1st Lieut. Q.M. Corps.



CEMETERIAL DIVISION

*See Back*

Chapel Hill Tenn  
War Department  
Room 350 Army Bldg  
Hoboken New Jersey

9/27/1920

rec'd on 10-1-20

Gentlemen  
In answer to this letter will say  
my son Fester N. Burks did not have  
any wife or children he was never  
married. Very truly yours J.H. Burks



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CEMETERY DIVISION, GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
WAR DEPARTMENT

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*M.M.M.* *CDJ*

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1st Lieut. Q.M. Corps.

*cc*

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37075 Hq. G. R. S. File

1. G. R. S. Form No. 1. 37075 Hq. G. R. S. File

2. Soldier's No. 1306558

3. Burks F. H.  
Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials

4. Pvt 117 Inf  
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. 50 OCS DOW  
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

6. 10/10/18 Tincourt Mil  
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. Tincourt  
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. 3 c 8  
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

9. Name Peg?  Cross?  Headboard?  Bottle?   
Check Method of Marking

10. Buried with Body?  Attached to Grave Marker?   
Identification Tags

11. If name unknown and tags missing, give marks and description.

12. REVIEWED  
OSP SS.  
Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

13. J. J. Josephine  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Group \_\_\_\_\_ Unit 302 G. R. S.

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5. 10-9-18  
Date of Death Cause, if known

6. 10-10-18 Tincourt British  
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. TINCOURT SOMME  
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. 13 Row C Plot 8  
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

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Cambrai 13, S.W., E.163.1.N.359.4.  
Map reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

13. REVIEWED  
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Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed J. J. Josephine  
Group \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_ G. R. S.

Burks F.H. #1306558

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Pvt., 117th Inf Regt

10/9/18

Buried Tincourt New Brit.

Cemetery 62c J 23 b 4.7.

Pl 8 R"Q"

Gr 3

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BURKS F 1306588

Pvt 117th Inf Rgt

Date Death 10/9/18

Place Burial Tincourt, Cem.



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Burks F.W. #1306588

Pvt. 117/Inf.Bn.

DD. 9.10.18

Buried Tincourt 62c.J.23.

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BURKS F.H. #1306558

Pvt 117th Inf U.S.A.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A-0  
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 3/22/21.

File No. Requisition.

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemetery Division)

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

**FILE**

(SPECIAL)

1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed, Request confirmation of all information shown.

- a. Surname Burks OK
- b. Christian name Foster OK  
~~(F.H.)~~
- c. Serial Number 1306588 OK  
~~(1306588)~~
- d. Organization M.G. Co., 117th Infi.
- e. Rank Pvt. OK
- f. Date of death 10/9/18 OK
- g. Cause of death DWRIA OK
- h. Authority (C.O.#) 291
- i. Emergency address zone H. Burkes  
Chapel Hill, Tenn.
- j. Relationship father

Noted on Form No. 115  
Date 3/31/21 MKS

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- a. Age of enlistment
- b. Color of eyes
- c. Color of hair
- d. Height
- e. Weight

Adjustment Made

DENTAL CHARTS

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

a. Strike out teeth missing

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
upper right upper left

APR 23 1921  
8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
lower right lower left

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f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)

*Donnelly, W.H.*  
*Enl. Pers. Sec. Wg. 8*  
*3/25/21.*

H. L. ROGERS,  
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.

BY:

*H. J. CONNER*  
H. J. CONNER,  
1st. Lieut., Q.M.C.

CEMETERY NO: 51-A

SHEET NO:  
TYPED BY:

26 MAR 25 1921  
JBC

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HEADQUARTERS,  
UNIT 302, G.R.S., AND DETACHMENT,  
AMIENS, FRANCE.

37075  
February 6, 1919.

FROM : C.O., Unit 302, G.R.S., & Det., British P.O. S-26, France.

TO : Chief, G.R.S., American E.F.

SUBJECT: Burial information - American Statistical Officer, Rouen.

1. Enclosed herewith find copies of two telegrams received from the American Statistical Officer at Rouen, requesting burial information relative to Sgt. Tip M. Allen, 117th Inf., and Pvt. Foster N. Burks, 117th Inf. G.R.S. Forms 1 are attached hereto, covering the cases. Same are submitted to you for reply to the American Statistical Officer, Rouen.

*J. F. Tompkins*

J. F. Tompkins,  
Capt., Cav., U.S.A.

C O P Y

TELEGRAM

Rouen, A.E.F.,  
January 15, 1919.

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TO:

Commanding Officer Unit 302, Graves Registration Service,  
Amiens, France.

AS 2387 PERIOD

RUSH ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION REGARDING GRAVE LOCATION OF  
PRIVATE FOSTER N BURKS ONE THREE NAUGHT SIX FOUR EIGHT EIGHT  
COMMA ONE ONE SEVEN INFANTRY THIRTY DIVISION DIED OCTOBER  
NINE AT NUMBER FIFTY EIGHT BRITISH CASUALTY CLEARING STATION  
PERIOD

AMERICAN STATISTICS  
ROUEN 945 PM

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American Statistics  
Rouen

Retel AS 2387 period Records show Pvt F H Burks 117th Inf buried  
grave 13 Row C Plot 8 British Cemetery Tincourt(Somme).

O. B.

CARSON.

C. M. NOETZEL  
2nd Lieut., OMC.  
ACL/ WK  
1:50 PM

Copy to:  
T & C  
G R S  
Sgt Daly Original

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AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F.  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE.

February 21, 1919.

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.  
TO: Captain R. A. McMillan, M.G.Co., 117th Inf.  
SUBJECT: Pvt. Foster N. Burks, M.G. Co., 117th Inf.

In reply to your letter of inquiry, with reference to the  
regretted death of this soldier, according to the records at these head-  
quarters he is buried in the British Military Cemetery of TINCOURT, in the  
Department of the SOMME. The grave is No. 3, Plot 8, Row C.

By direction

CHARLES C. PIERCE  
Lieut.-Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.

*M.B.D.*

Per MAURICE B. DIX,  
Captain, American Red Cross  
Representative assigned to  
Graves Registration Service.

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MACHINE GUN COMPANY  
117th Infantry

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American E.F.,  
January 17, 1919.

FROM : Commanding Officer, Machine Gun Company, 117th Infantry  
TO : Commanding Officer, Graves Registration Bureau  
SUBJECT : Location of Graves.

1. Request that you inform me of the exact location of the graves of the following named officer and men of this company who were killed in action on the dates and at the places set after their names:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ARMY SERIAL NO.</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>	<u>PLACE DEATH OCCURRED</u>
Henry A. Foote		1st Lt	Oct. 8, 1918.	North of Montbrehain, France.
John M. Carr	1306503	Sgt	Oct. 10, 1918	C.C.S. in rear of Bellicourt Sector
James M. Tillery	1306513	Sgt	Oct. 10, 1918	C.C.S. in rear of Bellicourt Sector
Claude B. Phillips	1306522	Sgt	Sep. 29, 1918	Near Bellicourt, France
John S. Alne	2185853	Pfc	Sep. 29, 1918	Near Bellicourt, France
Kenney J. Huff	1306554	Pfc	Oct. 8, 1918	North of Montbrehain, France
Claude L. Mingle	1306628	Pvt	Sep. 29, 1918	Near Bellicourt, France
Foster N. Burks	1306588	Pvt	Oct. 10, 1918	C.C.S. in rear of Bellicourt Sector

R. A. McMillan  
Captain 117th Infantry



TO: - REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S.

FILE NUMBER

37075

From:- *ARC*

Date: *4/25/19*

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME *BURKS, FOSTER N.*

NUMBER *1306588*

RANK *PVT.* ORGANIZATION *M. G. Co. 117 INF.*

No	Question	Reply
✓ 1	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	(1) BURKS, 1306588 Foster N. Pvt. Mach. Gun. Co. 117th. I
✓ 2	Date of Death	(2) 10-9-18
✓ 3	Cause and place of death	(3) W/A
4	Number of Casualty Cablegram	(4) CC #291
✓ 5	Date buried	(5) 10-10-18
✓ 6	Grave Location (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required	(6) Grave No. 3, Plot 8, Row C. Cemetery (Amer) Tincourt (Meus) #51-A
7	Who reported burial	
✓ 8	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	<i>B-yes</i>
✓ 9	Report as to Identification Tags	(9) 0
11	Who is nearest relative?	
✓ 12	Has N/R been notified? (Give date)	(12) Notified Dec-11-18
13	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14	What is the Photograph No?	

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*(BANK)*  
*4-29-19*

In Reply, all Proper names to be printed in MAIN BLOCK LETTERS.

CEMETERY DIVISION  
REGISTRATION SECTION

FILE

December 14 192 1

MEMO FOR:

Cards Department.

1.

CASE OF:

Mg. Co. 117th Infantry.

ORGANIZATION (Old)

BURKS 1306588 Foster Pvt.

(Name)

Correction or additional data changes as shown below have been made on the Registration Card of the above-mentioned soldier and a corresponding change will be necessary on the Organization Card:

ORGANIZATION (New)

FILE NO.

SURNAME

SERIAL NUMBER

FIRST NAME AND INITIALS

RANK

DATE OF DEATH

CAUSE OF DEATH

	Date	Place	F-1A No.
Orig.			D-
1st Reb.	12/27/20	51-A	D- 30281
2nd Reb.			D-
3rd Reb.			D-

(Note: In the above spaces below double line fill in ONLY the new date and data correcting previous information)

BY: Miss Lannon

Card.

(Department)

5 x 8 card was sent to file.

Corrections made  
on Organization  
File Card:

By A.B.  
S/3324/LML