

G.R.S. Form #114 B

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APR 27 1923

DATE Dec. 8, 1921.

1. NAME BURKS, William S

SERIAL No. 1821362

RANK Pvt

ORGANIZATION Co E 319th Inf

GRAVE LOCATION American Cemetery & DIVISION 80 Senoncourt Meuse 607

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

25

Section D

1

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

Not known

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES

Nothing of record

CONCENTRATED TO

Not known

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.

DATE OF DEATH

Oct 21, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

Va.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

Nothing of record

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

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Wm M. Cline

Wm M. CLINE
Captain Q.M.C.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Dec. 8, 1921.

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

Block

Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, (Mense).

AUDITED BY

M. M. E.

3-3-23

Major G. Davis,
The Adjutant General's Office,
Cemetery

MAY 4 1926

APR 30 1926
WORLD WAR DIV.

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Burks 1821362 William S.
.....
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).
Pvt. Co. E, 319 Inf
.....
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Evacuation Hospital #8
Petit Maujouy, Meuse.

CAUSE OF DEATH: GSW mult

DATE OF BURIAL: Oct. 21, 1918.

PLACE OF DEATH:

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

American Cemetery 1½ K east of
Senoncourt, Commune of Senoncourt,
Meuse.

GRAVE NUMBER: 25, Section D

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? No Cross? Yes

Headboard? No Bottle? No

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY: *Chas B Lore*

CHAS. B. LORE

Capt. Q. M. C.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

This portion to be forwarded to Central Records Office, A. G. O., A. E. F.

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	BURKS	3	218
	William S.		
BURIED	CEMETERY 1232	1	1
	GRAVE 7	2	07
	ROW 34	2	34
	BLOCK C	1	3
STATE	Virginia	2	54
BANK	Pvt	1	2
DIVISION	80	2	80
ORGANIZATION	319	3	319
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARTIAL	no	1	2
NAME	Burks	3	218
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	
	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Dead - 7-14-32	1	6
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

AUDITED

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IN REPLY
REFER TO

WAR DEPARTMENT

QM 293 A-M

Burks, William S. (MA)

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

Mrs. William S. Burks,
c/o Dr. E. L. Marshall,
Big Island, Virginia.

Rec'd

January 5, 1933.

Dear Madam:

During the past three years, numerous communications have been forwarded you relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

Under the law, 1933 is the last year you may make the pilgrimage at the expense of the Government, and it is imperative that this office have an expression from you as to whether or not you desire to take advantage of the opportunity afforded you.

It is requested therefore you answer the following inquiry, sign your name, and return this letter to this office.

Mrs. Emma S. Burks died July 14, 1932

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE IN 1933?

(Yes) or (No)

William S. Burks
~~her husband~~
her husband

Sign here

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

For The Quartermaster General,



Very truly yours,

CHAS. W. DIETZ,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

Encl.:
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No Reply

QM 293 A-M

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON

Burks, William S. (MA)

October 12, 1932.

Mrs. William S. Burks,
c/o Dr. E. L. Marshall,
Big Island, Va.

Dear Madam:

Your Government has provided an opportunity for all Mothers and Widows of deceased members of the American Forces who were lost, buried at sea, or whose remains are now interred in Europe, to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. This was done in the hope that all who may make the pilgrimage will derive a measure of comfort and solace from the visit.

You are numbered among those who are privileged to make this pilgrimage.

During July and September of this year, inquiries were addressed to you as to whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage to Europe. To these inquiries no reply has been received from you.

You probably do not realize how important it is that a reply be received from you. If we do not receive replies, it becomes very difficult to make the necessary and proper arrangements for those who are to make the trip, as everything must be arranged in advance. Consequently, it is just as important for the Government to know the names of those who do not desire to take advantage of its offer as it is to know the names of those who do.

Will you please devote a few moments of your time to write either the word "YES" or "NO" in the following space _____, thus indicating whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage during 1933 and sign your name here _____. Use the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage, and return this sheet.

This reply will assure your Government that no worthy Mother or Widow has failed to receive its offer in commemoration of a loved one departed, and will greatly assist in making the necessary preparations for those of them who wish to take advantage of the privilege.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

CHAS. W. DIETZ,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Burke, Wm. S. (MA)

Sept. 7, 1932.

Mrs. Wm. S. Burke
c/o Dr. E. L. Marshall
Big Island, Va.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

In order that your desires may be of record, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

CHAS. W. DIETZ,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

Encl:
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Burks William S (MA)

July 8 1932

Mrs William S Burks
o/o Dr E L Marshall
Big Island Va

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries Of Europe during the years 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933 for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces who were lost or buried at sea or whose remains are interred in Europe.

Your attention is particularly invited to the fact that this is the last opportunity you will have to make the pilgrimage under the provisions of the above mentioned Act. Unless you take advantage of this LAST chance to make a trip in 1933 you will receive no benefit from the Act. There is no provision of law which will permit the Government to make a money allowance to any mother or widow who does not choose to make the pilgrimage.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU GIVE THE MATTER YOUR MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BEFORE REACHING A DECISION, BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE TRIP AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

In order to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations for the mothers and widows making the journey in 1933, reservations for steamship transportation must be made by this office several months in advance. It is requested that you answer the questions below by writing "Yes" or "No" or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question. When you have answered the question, sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. PLEASE DO NOT DELAY, as it is essential that the information be in this office promptly.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make the pilgrimage during the years 1930, 1931 or 1932. There is enclosed a circular of information WHICH YOU SHOULD READ VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING YOUR DECISION.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

CHAS. W. DIETZ,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933?

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

QM 293 A-M
Burks, William S. (MA) M

December 29, 1931.

Mrs. William S. Burks,
c/o Dr. E. L. Marshall,
Big Island, Virginia.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

The records that you have stated you do not feel your health would permit you to make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private William S. Burks. In the event your health has improved, it is believed you should feel no hesitancy in making the journey as competent personnel will be provided to care for the mothers and widows from the time of their arrival in New York until their return thereto. Medical attendants and all other necessities will be arranged for and in the event you decide to make the trip, you are assured everything possible will be done for your comfort and welfare. During the summers of 1930 and 1931 many mothers of advanced age and in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited therefrom.

In view of the foregoing, it is possible you may change your mind and desire to make a pilgrimage. If so, it is requested you advise this office as promptly as possible in order that proper arrangements may be made for you to make the journey in 1932. In the absence of a reply from you, your name will be added to the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the trip in 1933.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:
Env.

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Post Office Department

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No. 925341

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No. _____

Return to Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,
or Post Office Box,

MUNITIONS BUILDING

WASHINGTON,
BURKS, WILLIAM S (MA)

D. C.

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE
AVOID PAYMENT OF
POSTAGE

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OFFICE

BIG FALLS, N. J.
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AND DATE OF DELIVERY

RETURN RECEIPT

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

William S. Banks

(Signature or name of addressee)

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery

Jan 9, 19 *33*

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Burks, William S. Pvt. (M-A) M

June 11, 1931.

Mrs. William S. Burks,
c/o Dr. E. L. Marshall,
Big Island, Virginia.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1932 to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question.

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? *no not able*

Write answer here

Mrs. William S. Burks

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burks, William S. 1232 M

June 7, 1930

Mrs. William S. Burks
c/o Dr. E. L. Marshall
Big Island, Va.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank space following the question.

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope, which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all mothers and widows who are not making the pilgrimage in 1930, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,



Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? Mo

(Write answer here)

Mrs. William S. Burks
(Sign here)

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Burks, Wm. S 1232 -M

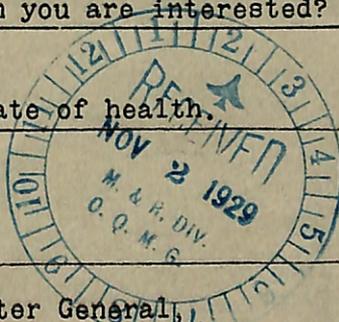
Mrs. Lemma S. Burks,
c/o Dr. E. L. Marshall,
Big Island, Va.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress not later than December 15, 1929. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

In order that the report referred to may be made and plans completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested that you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office by return mail in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes)	(No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <u>73</u> Health (Years) (Good) (Poor)	
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No) Other language (Specify language spoken)	



For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.
Act
Envelope

Oct 10 - 1929

Mr John, J. Harris,

Dear Sir,

I took
this matter up with
Mr Carter Glass our Senator
thinking my daughter
would be allowed to
take the trip as she
is the only child we
have, I hope you will
excuse delay, it will be
impossible for my wife to
take the trip she is in
very bad health.

hope this will be satisfactory

yours truly

W. S. Burkes

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OCT 11 1929

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burks, Wm. S.
1232

Sept. 4, 1929

Mr. William S. Burks,
Big Island, Va.
c/o Dr. E. L. Marshall

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 29, 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:

No

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.

Lemma S. Burks

Big Island Va

Own Mother

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

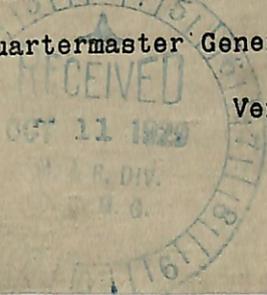
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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope



QM 295 A-C
Burke, Va. S.

August 13, 1929

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6-29-29

Mr. William S. Burke,
% Dr. E. L. Marshall,
Big Island, Va.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 3, 1929, relative to the Gold Star Mothers' and Widows' Pilgrimage to Europe, and wherein you request that you be furnished a photograph of the grave of your son, the late Private William S. Burke, Company E, 319th Infantry, in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in France.

It is regretted to advise you there is no appropriation available for the taking of photographs of graves in the American cemeteries in Europe. However, when the Red Cross completed its work of photographing the graves in 1920, they left some photographic supplies in the office of the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Quartermaster Corps, in Europe. If these are still available it may be possible to obtain a photograph of the grave of your son. Accordingly, the Chief of the service in France has this day been requested to have a photograph made of your son's grave and forwarded to this office. If received, I shall be pleased to transmit it to you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OM 295 A-C
Burke, Wm. S.

August 13, 1929

SUBJECT: Photograph of grave.

TO: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q. M. Corps,
20 Rue Molitor, Paris, France.

1. If practicable, it is requested that this office be furnished a photograph of the grave of the late Private William S. Burke, Company B, 31st Infantry, who is buried in Grave 7, Row 34, Block G, of the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in France.

For The Quartermaster General,

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

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Photos sent 3/27/30 per M + R file
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1232
6-29-29

Aug 3 - 1929

War Department

O, M 243, A, C

Dear Sirs

I received a letter from you some time ago in regard to my wife taking a trip to Europe. I would like very much for her to be able to take the trip. I am sorry to say she is in very bad health and has been for several years, we would appreciate a picture of his grave if you could send it to us
Thanking you for your kindness
Yours very truly
W. S. Burk.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Burke, Wm. S.

June 29 1929.

Mr. William S. Burke,
Big Island, Va.
c/o Dr. E. L. Marshall

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 father of the late Pvt. William S. Burke, Co. E. 319th Inf. whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, 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,

2 incls.
Act of Congress,
Envelope.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Burks, Wm. S. (MA)

Sept. 7, 1932.

Mrs. Wm. S. Burks
c/o Dr. E. L. Marshall
Big Island, Va.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

In order that your desires may be of record, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

CHAS. W. DIETZ,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

Encl:
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Burks William S (MA)

July 8 1932

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c/o Dr E L Marshall
Big Island Va

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Your attention is particularly invited to the fact that this is the last opportunity you will have to make the pilgrimage under the provisions of the above mentioned Act. Unless you take advantage of this LAST chance to make a trip in 1933 you will receive no benefit from the Act. There is no provision of law which will permit the Government to make a money allowance to any mother or widow who does not choose to make the pilgrimage.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU GIVE THE MATTER YOUR MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BEFORE REACHING A DECISION, BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE TRIP AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

In order to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations for the mothers and widows making the journey in 1933, reservations for steamship transportation must be made by this office several months in advance. It is requested that you answer the questions below by writing "Yes" or "No" or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question. When you have answered the question, sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. PLEASE DO NOT DELAY, as it is essential that the information be in this office promptly.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make the pilgrimage during the years 1930, 1931 or 1932. There is enclosed a circular of information WHICH YOU SHOULD READ VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING YOUR DECISION.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

CHAS. W. DIETZ,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

2 Encls.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933? _____

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

QM 293 A-M
Burks, William S. (MA) M

December 29, 1931.

Mrs. William S. Burks,
c/o Dr. E. L. Marshall,
Big Island, Virginia.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

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MAN - MC
In view of the foregoing, it is possible you may change your mind and desire to make a pilgrimage. If so, it is requested you advise this office as promptly as possible in order that proper arrangements may be made for you to make the journey in 1932. In the absence of a reply from you, your name will be added to the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the trip in 1933.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AMM
Burks, William S. Pvt. (M-A) M

June 11, 1931.

Mrs. William S. Burks,
c/o Dr. E. L. Marshall,
Big Island, Virginia.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1932 to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

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To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question.

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? _____
Write answer here

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burke, William S. 1232 M

June 7, 1930

Mrs. William S. Burke
c/o Dr. E. L. Marshall
Big Island, Va.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank space following the question.

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope, which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all mothers and widows who are not making the pilgrimage in 1930, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? _____
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

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QM 293 A-C
Burks, Wm. S.

March 27, 1930.

Mr. William S. Burks,
% Dr. E. L. Marshall,
Big Island, Va.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of August 3, 1929, for a photograph of your son's grave in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in France, please find enclosed herewith two prints of a photograph which has been taken recently.

For your further information your son's remains are permanently interred in Grave 7, Row 34, Block C, of the above named cemetery.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

E. 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
Burks, Wm. S.

August 13, 1929

SUBJECT: Photograph of grave.

TO: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q. M. Corps,
20 Rue Molitor, Paris, France.

1. If practicable, it is requested that this office be furnished a photograph of the grave of the late Private William S. Burks, Company E, 319th Infantry, who is buried in Grave 7, Row 34, Block C, of the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in France.

For The Quartermaster General,

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

293. Burks, William S., Pvt. 1st Ind.
March 6, 1930. To: The Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington,
D.C., U.S.A.

In compliance with the above instructions, a photograph has been taken of the grave of the late Private William S. Burks, 319th Inf., 80th Div., and two prints are forwarded herewith.

2 Encls.
Photographs.



Richard T. Ellis
Richard T. Ellis,
Colonel, Quartermaster Corps
United States Army,
Chief.



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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO OM 208 A-0
Burke, Wm. S.

August 13, 1930

SUBJECT: Photograph of grave.
TO: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, G. M. Corps,
20 rue Mottier, Paris, France.

1. If practicable, it is requested that this office be furnished a photograph of the grave of the late Private William S. Burke, Company B, 312th Infantry, who is buried in Grave 7, Row 34, Block C, of the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in France.

For The Quartermaster General,

A. D. HUBBS,
Captain, G. M. Corps,
Assistant

203 Burke, William S., Pvt. 1st Inf.
March 6, 1930. To: The Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

In compliance with the above instructions, a photograph has been taken of the grave of the late Private William S. Burke, 312th Inf., 30th Div., and two prints are forwarded herewith.

Richard T. Ellis,
Colonel, Quartermaster Corps,
United States Army,
Chief.



2 Encs.
Photographs.

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Colonel, Quartermaster Corps
United States Army,
Chief.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Burks, Wm. S 1232 -M

Mrs. Lemna S. Burks,
c/o Dr. E. L. Marshall,
Big Island, Va.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress not later than December 15, 1929. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

In order that the report referred to may be made and plans completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested that you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office by return mail in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes)	(No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age (Years)	Health (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No) Other language (Specify language spoken)	

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age Health (Years) (Good) (Poor)	
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No) Other language (Specify language spoken)	

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burks, Wm. S.
1232

Sept. 4, 1929

Mr. William S. Burks,
Big Island, Va.
c/o Dr. E. L. Marshall

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 29, 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,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

QM 293 A-C
Burks, Wm. S.

August 15, 1929

SUBJECT: Photograph of grave.

TO: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q. M. Corps,
20 Rue Molitor, Paris, France.

1. If practicable, it is requested that this office be furnished a photograph of the grave of the late Private William S. Burks, Company B, 519th Infantry, who is buried in Grave 7, Row 54, Block C, of the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in France.

For The Quartermaster General,

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

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QM 293 A-C
Burks, Wm. S.

August 13, 1929

Mr. William S. Burks,
% Dr. E. L. Marshall,
Big Island, Va.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 5, 1929, relative to the Gold Star Mothers' and Widows' Pilgrimage to Europe, and wherein you request that you be furnished a photograph of the grave of your son, the late Private William S. Burks, Company E, 319th Infantry, in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in France.

It is regretted to advise you there is no appropriation available for the taking of photographs of graves in the American cemeteries in Europe. However, when the Red Cross completed its work of photographing the graves in 1920, they left some photographic supplies in the office of the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Quartermaster Corps, in Europe. If these are still available it may be possible to obtain a photograph of the grave of your son. Accordingly, the Chief of the service in France has this day been requested to have a photograph made of your son's grave and forwarded to this office. If received, I shall be pleased to transmit it to you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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
Burks, Wm. S.

June 29 1929.

Mr. William S. Burks,
Big Island, Va.
c/o Dr. E. L. Marshall

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 father of the late Pvt. William S. Burks, Co. E. 319th Inf. whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, 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,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

In reply refer to:
293 C-R

March 21, 1923.

✓ #42648
Mr. William S. Burks,
c/o Dr. A. L. Marshall,
Big Island, Va.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of the late Private William S. Burks, Company E, 319th Infantry, is Grave 7, Row 34, Block C, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse, France.

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, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. 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.

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 maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

H. J. Conner,
Assistant.

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Central Mail & Files Bldg.



REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place SENONGCOURT, (M-use).

Date November 14th, 1921

1. REMAINS OF BURKE, William S. SERIAL NUMBER 1821362

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. E., 319th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Nov. 14, 1921 From (give complete location):

Grave 25, Section D., Plot 1, Cemetery 607.

By: Group 2 Unit Field Section 3.

3. Reburied (date): Dec. 8th, 1921. In (give complete location):

Grave 7, Row 34, Block C, Cemetery 1232.

By: Group Reburial S Unit _____ Nature of reburial Lined Casket

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

Shroud.

Badly decomposed; recognition impossible.

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.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine MF.12,13.

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to estimate

(c) Hair—Color None visible
Quantity None
Characteristics None visible

(d) Hair on face—Color None visible
Location None visible
Quantity None

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

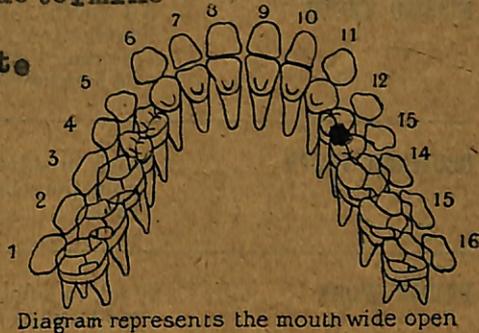
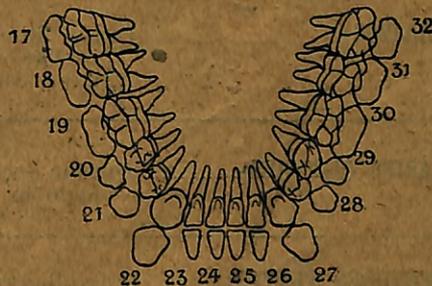


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



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

None visible.

7. Disinterment supervised by [Signature] Approved: [Signature]

H.L. HURLBUT.

W.H. ROACH, 1st Lt. QMC.

8. Reburial supervised by [Signature] Approved: [Signature]

A. U. Dufault,

(Title) James W. Younger
Captain Q.M.C.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Nov. 14-21

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, William S
- 2. No. 1821362
- 3. Rank Pvt.
- 4. Org. Co. E. 319th Inf
- 5. D.D. Oct. 21, 1918
- 6. C.D. DOW

- 10. Name _____
- 11. No. _____
- 12. Rank _____
- 13. Org. _____
- 14. (a) D.D. _____
- (b) D.B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

- 7. Grave No. 25 Sec. D
- 8. Plot 1 Row _____
- 9. _____

- 15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
- 16. Plot _____ Row _____
- 17. None.

- 18. Cemetery Amer.
- 20. Dept. or County Meuse
- 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 607

- 19. Commune or town Senoncourt
- 21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) November 14-21

By H.L. Hurlbut

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name William S. BURKS

Rank Pvt.

Serial No. _____

Organization Co. E. 319th Inf.

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

S. J. Palma
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).
None.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed recognition impossible.

28. Nature of burial shroud Found under cross.

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 Nov. 14-21 By H.L. Hurlbut

31. Casket sealed by H.L. Hurlbut

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) H.L. Hurlbut

AUDITED BY

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. **C-12981**

32. Designation of body:

Name **Burks, William S.** Serial No. **1821362**

Rank **Pvt** Organization **Co. E, 319th Inf**

33. Consigned to: **Officer in Charge Operations,**

Name of Permanent Cemetery **Meuse Arg. Amer. Cty. #1232 Romagne-sons-Montfaucon**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **Nov. 14-21** By **H. L. Hurlbut**

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 **W. H. Roach, 1st Lt. OMC.**

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) **November 14-21**

To point of Concentration **Verdun, Meuse.,**

Convoyer **James Flynn** Signature Shipping Officer **W. H. Roach, 1st Lt. OMC.**

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date **Nov 14-21**

By G.R.S. Representative **J. P. Glandon, Capt. OMC.**

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date **Nov 21, 1921**

To Permanent Cemetery **Meuse Argonne 1232**

Convoyer **George Gansman** Signature Shipping Officer **R. G. ... 1st Lt. OMC.**

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred **Meuse Argonne Cemetery 1232** (Date) **Dec. 8th, 1921.**

42. Grave No. **7** Section

FR 43. Plot **Block C** Row **34**

G.R.S. Representative **James W. Younger**

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James W. Younger,
Captain G.M.C.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 42648

*1-26-22 Examined
For Concentration
Messrs Argonne 1232
att 7/16/22*

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BURKS, William S. Ser. No. 1821362
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. E, 319th Inf.
(c) Date of death 10-21-18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA

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

(a) Grave No. 25 Row - Plot 1 Sec. D TYP. DB
(b) Emerg. Address William D. Burks, (Father) Big Island, Va.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases -- CKR. aan

No card in file 1-24-21 MRS

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. _____

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 WMS Date 1-24-21, 1920.

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

(father) William S. Burks
Big Island, Va. 1/25/19, desires body
returned also photograph

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes PF

Examiner's Initials PF Date 1-24-, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE

CEMETERY No. 607 SHEET No. 39

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

Make Form No. 114

G. R. S. Form No. 115
Amended April 6, 1920

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VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made 2-3-21, 1920.

Typed by _____, Checked by JOR, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 1920
letter on 1/29/21, 1920

Par # 1 - To be returned - #0

IX. CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

Letter 7/4/21 - Mother - W. S. Burkes Big Island Va. says local paper stated son's body was to be returned. States they have not requested return of body but if it is returned desire it buried in Arlington. Wisher reply add 25: Dr. E. L. Marshall Big Island Va. due to illness in family. MAR 2-1921

MAR 3 1921 PROPOSED CABLEGRAM NO. 221 TO EUROPE-BODY TO REMAIN

Gr. 20 - 7/21/21 - William S. Burkes, father n/15 Big Island, Virginia - Seaside Oregon #7/19/21

Location Index

Discrepancies

Name

Discrepancies

Name _____

Rank _____

Serial No. _____

Org. _____

Remarks:

A. G. O. Card & Corr. _____

Discrepancies

Name _____

Rank _____

Serial No. _____

Org. _____

Remarks:

G. R. S. Corr. _____

Discrepancies

Name _____

Rank _____

Serial No. _____

Org. _____

Remarks:

OK no report 1-25-21 B

Checkers _____

Discrepancies

Name _____

Rank _____

Serial No. _____

Org. _____

Remarks:

Handwritten notes and signatures in green ink, including 'E.A.', '1-25-21', and 'AMB'.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, AND SHIPMENT OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records Office Chief G. R. S.

Discrepancy found upon examination of body.

1. Name BURKS, William S.
 2. No. 1821362
 3. Rank Pvt.
 4. Org Co. E, 319th Inf.
 5. D. D. 10-21-18
 6. C. D. DWRJA

10. Name _____
 11. No. _____
 12. Rank _____
 13. Org _____
 14. (a) D. D. _____
 15. (b) D. B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment.

7. Grave No. 25 Sec. D
 8. Plot 1 Row --
 9. --

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
 16. Plot _____ Row _____
 17. _____

18. Cemetery American,
 19. Commune or town SENONCOURT,
 20. Department or county Meuse,
 21. Country France.
 23. Disinterred _____ (Date.)
 24. Inscription on grave marker { Name _____ Rank _____ Organization _____

22. G. R. S. Headquarters Code No. 607
 By _____
 Serial No. _____
 25. Was identification disk found on grave marker? _____ On body? _____

Signature of Junior Technical Assistant.

(The following space is reserved for notations to be made by office Chief Graves Registration Service.)

Cable Ref. Number 39.

PREPARATION

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

27. Condition of body.....

28. Nature of burial.....

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.) By.....

31. Casket sealed by.....

Signature of Embalmer (Supervisor).....

SHIPMENT (Show actual marking of box.) Box No.

32. Designation of body { Name BURKS, William S. Serial No. 1821362
Rank Pvt. Organization Co. E, 319th Inf.

33. CONSIGNEE—Name Quartermaster General, Graves Registration Service,
Address Hoboken, New Jersey.

34. Casket boxed and marked..... (Date.) By.....

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.....

36. Remarks.....

37. Shipped from cemetery..... (Date.) To..... (Point of concentration.)

Convoyer..... Signature Shipping Officer.....

38. Received at point of concentration..... (Date.)

Signature Receiving Officer.....

39. Shipped from point of concentration..... (Date.)

To..... (Port.) Convoyer.....

Signature Shipping Officer.....

40. Received European port..... (Date.)

Signature of G. R. S. Representative.....

41. Shipped to..... (U. S. port.) On..... (Box No.)

Date..... Convoyer..... (Signature of Shipping Officer.)

42. Received..... (Date.) By G. R. S. Representative..... (Signature.)

43. Shipped to destination..... (Date.) { B/L or Express Order No.

Convoyer..... Shipping Officer.....

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CTM 607-39
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File

February 23, 1921.

293.8-Cem. #42648 (Burks, William S. Pvt.)

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division).
To: Dr. E. L. Marshall, Big Island, Virginia.
Subject: Private William S. Burks.

1. This office is in receipt of the enclosed copy of communication with the request that reply thereto be addressed to you.

2. The records of this office contain the request of Mr. W. S. Burks under date of January 28, 1919 that the remains of the late Private William S. Burks, Company E, 319th Infantry, be returned to this country for private interment, however, his present request for permanent interment in France will be complied with, provided there is no relative whose legal right to direct disposition has priority over his. It is desired that you call Mr. Burks' attention to paragraph #7 of the enclosed Cemeterial Division Bulletin No. 10 F-W on this subject.

3. The remains of the deceased are now interred in Grave #25, Section D, Plot 1, American Cemetery, Senoncourt, Department of Meuse, which cemetery will not be permanently maintained by the Government. According to the present schedule, the remains of our soldier dead now temporarily interred in this cemetery and which are to be permanently interred in France will be transferred at a later date to the Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse. When the transfer has been effected, the legal next of kin will be duly advised of the new grave location.

4. If the father, however, desires the remains returned to this country, he may direct interment in any National Cemetery in the United States where there are available grave sites at the time the remains are returned from Europe. The majority of our soldier dead that are being returned to this country for interment in National Cemeteries will be interred in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Va.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:



CHARLES J. WYNNE,
2nd Lieut., Q. M. C.

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August 10th, 1921.

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

Mr. William S. Burks,
c/o Dr., E.L. Marshall,
Big. Island, Va.

Re:- Burks, William S. Pvt.,
Serial No. 1821362,
Co.E, 319th Inf.

Dear Sir:-

Our Shipping Inquiry Form #120, dated April 21st, 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:

MAILED
AUG 10 1921
COR. BR. G. F. S.

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,
Officer in Charge.

ew BY:

F. C. PALLAS. *mks*
Executive Assistant.

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G. H. S.

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Quartermaster General

WAR DEPARTMENT 607-39
 OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
 CEMETERIAL DIVISION
 WASHINGTON.

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FROM: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O.Q.M.G.
 TO: Mr. Williams S. Burks, c/o Dr. E.L. Marshall, Big Island, Va.
 SUBJECT: Remains of ~~Pvt. Williams S. Burks, Ser. No. 1821362, Co.E. 319 Inf~~

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

~~Soldier remain in France~~

no change cms

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.C.

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? No

CEMETERIAL DIVISION

NAME OF	NO. AND STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's widow	1		
Soldier's children (Name oldest first)	2		
	3		
Father <u>William S. Burks</u>	<u>c/o Dr. E.L. Marshall</u>	<u>Big Island</u>	<u>Virginia</u>
Mother <u>Mr. " "</u>	<u>" "</u>	<u>" "</u>	<u>" "</u>
1			
Brothers, (Name oldest first)	2		
3			
1			
Sisters, (Name oldest first)	2		
3			

Date April 21, 1921 Signature William S. Burks
 Address Big Island, Va. Relationship Father

Important - CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper

April 21

1921

I, the undersigned, am the Father 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 William S. Burkes

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.

COMPLETION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS A

File # 42648

See Form 115
att 7/10/22

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BURKS, William S. Ser. No. 1821362 TYP. DB
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. E, 319th Inf.
 (c) Date of death 10-21-18 Cause of death DWRIA

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

(a) Grave No. 25 Row - Plot 1 Sect. D TYP. DB
 (b) Emerg. Address William D. Burks, (Father) Big Island, Va.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases..... CKR nan

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

*G.P.S. Corres. - William S. Burks (father)
 Big Island, Va. 1-28-19 requests body returned
 to U.S. on 2-19-21*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by - (cable on 1/29 1921
 (letter of transmittal on 1/29 1921)

Par # 1 - To be returned - ~~to~~

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. MAR 12 1921 1921

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken
<i>Feb 14/1921</i>	<i>Father</i>	<i>Remain in France if not by express cable on way.</i>	<i>MAR 3 1921 OVERSEAS ADVISE</i>
<i>Feb</i>	<i>W.S. Burks</i>		<i>2/21 body to remain 3/7/21 H.G.</i>

Letter 4/26/21 from Europe states return has been cancelled as per cable. P. 5/31/21

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

COUNTRY
 G.R.S. FORM 115-A
 August , 1920
 S-666/MB FRANCE

CEMETERY NO.

SHEET NO.

607

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FEB 17 1921 F.L.

CEMETERIAL DIVISION
REGISTRATION SECTION

FILE

November 7, 1921 1921

MEMO FOR:

Cards Department.

1.

CASE OF:

Co. F. 319th Infantry
ORGANIZATION (Old)

BURKS #1321362 William S. - 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.			D-
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)

5 X 8 White Card File No. 110644 Canceled to 5 X 8 White Card File No. 42648
BURKS, # 1321362 William S.

BY: D. T. Dodson,

Adjustment Section.

(Department)

5 x 8 card was sent to file.

Corrections made
on Organization
File Card:

By K.B.
S/3324/LML

42648

concentrated

from

61680

110644

4-7648
GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Burks 1821362 William S.
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Pvt. Co. E, 319 Inf
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Evacuation Hospital #8.
Petit Maujouy, Meuse.

CAUSE OF DEATH: CSW mult

DATE OF BURIAL: Oct. 21, 1918.

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

American Cemetery 1 1/2 K east of
Sononecourt, Commune of Sononecourt,
Meuse.

GRAVE NUMBER: 25, Section D

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? No Cross? Yes
Headboard? No Bottle? No

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:
Was one buried with body? Yes
Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker? Yes
If name unknown and tags missing, description and marks should be given here:

NAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY: Chas B Lore
CHAS. B. LORE

(Signature of Reporting Officer) Capt. Q. M. C.

This portion to be sent to Chief of Graves Registration Service.

NOV 1918

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

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Burbes 1821362 William S.

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Pvt. Co. F. 319th. Inf.

(Rank). (Organization).

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FILE.

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NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

This portion to be sent to Chief of Graves Registration Service.

42148 ~~61682~~

NAME...BURRS...182136...WILLIAM, S.

RANK...PVT.... CO. E...REGT. 319 INF.....

DATE OF DEATH...10--21--18--.....

PLACE...SENONCOURT...MEUSE.....

CAUSE.. - - - - -
- - - - -

DATE OF BURIAL...10--21--18--.....

GRAVE NO.25...PLOT NO I....SEC. D.....

CEMETERY...AMERICAN MILITARY.....

IDENTIFIED BY.....INDT. TAG.....

607

FIELD RECORD MADE BY. SGT. SR.GD.....

James W Roberts

COMPANY. 301. GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE.

ADJUSTMENT MADE

NOV 7 1921

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WAR DEPARTMENT

Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

FILE

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A

Information requested of A.G.O.

Date October 19-21

File No. 110644 Registration.

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

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

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

- a. Surname ~~Burbs~~ ^{Burkes} ✓
- b. Christian name William S. ✓
- c. Serial Number 1821362 ✓
- d. Organization ~~C. P. 319th Inf.~~ ✓
- e. Rank Pvt. ✓
- f. Date of death Oct. 21/18 ✓
- g. Cause of death D.W.R. 2. a. ✓
- h. Authority (C.O.#) CC 482-SP48-299 ✓
- i. Emergency address Wm. S. Burkes, Big Island, Va. ✓
- j. Relationship Father ✓

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

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
- 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
lower right lower left

Donnelly, Dms, 10/24/21,
P.S., Wg. 8.

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

CEMETERY NO:

SHEET NO:

TYPED BY:

REC'D MAIL SECTION,
W.W. Div., A. G. O.
OCT 20 1921 3

BY: H. J. Conner

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

Rec'd World War Division.

S/3310/LML

OCT 21 1921

FILE

*File
J.P.*

February 23, 1921.

293.8-Cem. #42648 (Burks, William S. Pvt.)

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MAILED

FEB 23 1921

G.R.S.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

*Copy forwarded to Hoboken
2/26/21 J.S.*

CHARLES J. WYNNE,
2nd Lieut., Q. M. C.

MVB

HW

1 Encl.

Big Island, Virginia
February 14, 1921

Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. O. M. G.
File # 293.8
42648

Burks, Wm Sherman

Quartermaster General
Cemeterial Division
Munitions Building
Washington, D.C.

Call

Re: William Sherman Burks
Serial Number: 1821362
Died A.E.F. Oct. 21, 1918

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Dear Sir:-

Several weeks ago a notice appeared in a local paper stating that the body of my son, the man named above, would be returned to the states for burial.

We have not requested the return of the body, and have received no official communication to the effect that it will be returned.

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Please address the envelope containing your reply to:

Dr. E.L. Marshall
Big Island, Virginia

Dr. Marshall will turn the letter over to me. We do not wish the mother to know any thing of the communications.

Very truly yours,

W.S. Burks
W.S. Burks

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NOTED ON 115
M.P. 2-17-21

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CEMETERIAL DIVISION

Date ~~2-18-21~~ 2-19-21.

To ~~Mr. Cole~~ *Ing. Sec. att. G. E. W.* Room

- All Officers,
- Lt. Col. Pierce, Chief
- Lt. Col. Davis, O. R. C.
- Captain Greeley
- Lieut. Conner
- Lieut. Daniel
- Lieut. Hanson
- Lieut. Ross
- Lieut. Wynne

Has Europe been advised not to return body?

- Mr. Robb - Principal Clerk
- Mrs. Hodges - Personnel Clerk *no notation*
- Mr. Houghton - Files
- Mr. Saxton - Cemeterial Branch *to that*
- Mr. Grant - Inquiry Branch
- Mr. Plotner - Supplies *effect on 124*

Prepare reply(Sec'y of War *Europe will*
 for(General Rogers *be advised*
 signature of(General Krauthoff *to hold body.*
 (Lt. Col. Pierce
 (Lt. Col. Davis
 (Capt. Greeley

FOR: *Until my R is determined.*

- To note
- Information. Need not be returned
- Information and return
- Action or reply
- Approval
- Returned
- Remarks and recommendation
- Suspension to.....
- File
- Investigation and report
- Copies.....(State number)
- Papers in case
- Personal conference
- Draft of letter or endorsement
- Signature
- Check for correction
- See other side for remarks

Final return to: ~~Ing. Sec.~~

From: ~~Ing. Sec. (G. W.)~~ *Cole (HC 71).*

NOTE: This form may be used a number of times on same case by crossing off previous marks and inserting new marks (and date) in different colors.

File Number 42648

TO: REGISTRATION BRANCH, G. R. S.

Date 2-18-21

FROM: INQUIRY BRANCH.

Please furnish information as checked (✓) below regarding the following soldier:

NAME: *Burks, William Sherman* Serial Number 1821962

RANK: ORGANIZATION:

No.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with records?	No. - <i>Burks, William S., Pvt., Co. E. - 319th Inf.</i>
2.	Date of death.	(2) 10-21-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	(3) DW RDA
4.	Number of casualty cablegram.	(4) 299
5.	Date buried.	(5) 10-21-18
6.	Grave location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of cemetery or commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	(6) Grave 25, Sec. D, Plot 1, Amer. Cty. # 607, Senoncourt, Meuse.
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G. R. S.?	
9.	Report as to grave marker.	(10) a - yes R - yes.
10.	Identification tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	(11) William S. Burks (father) Big Island, Va.
11.	Complete emergency address?	
12.	Has been notified? (Give date.)	(12) 12-27-18
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 number?	(14) D-94521
15.	Inquiry made by.	

RELEASED BY INFORMATION CONTROL DEPARTMENT.

.....X..... Confirmed.
..... Unconfirmed.

Rik.

N. B.—All proper names to be typewritten, or printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
WASHINGTON

Burks

2/18/21

ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY

..... Change of Address.
(G. R. S. Form 106.)

..... Instructions for Disposition of Remains.
(Par. 7, Bul. 10-F-W.)

..... Monument.
(Par. 10, Bul. 10-F-W.)

..... Photographs.
(Par. 12, Bul. 10-F-W.)

..... Discrepancies in Inscription.
(Par. 11, Bul. 10-F-W.)

Permanent Burial in—
..... (a) France.
(G. R. S. Form 106.)

..... Personal Effects.
(Par. 13 (a), Bul. 10-F-W.)
(G. R. S. Form 111.)

..... (b) Other Countries.

..... Accrued Pay.
(Par. 13 (b), Bul. 10-F-W.)
(G. R. S. Form 111.)

✓ **Return of Bodies from—**
..... (a) France.
(Par. 4, Bul. 10-F-W.)
(G. R. S. Form 106.)

..... Maintenance.
(Par. 9, Bul. 10-F-W.)

..... (b) Other Countries.

..... Liberty Bonds.
(Par. 13 (c), Bul. 10-F-W.)
(G. R. S. Form 111.)

..... Expenses of Shipment.
(Par. 6, Bul. 10-F-W.)

..... War Risk Insurance.
Par. 13 (d), Bul. 10-F-W.)
(G. R. S. Form 111.)

..... Conveying Bodies from Hoboken.
(Par. 8, Bul. 10-F-W.)

..... "Zone of the Interior."
(Par. 5, Bul. 10-F-W.)

✓ Permanent Cemeteries. *Arlington*
(Par. 9, Bul. 10-F-W.)

Remarks:

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NOTE.—In addition to information furnished on Nos. 1, 6, 11, and 12, G. R. S. Form 101-A (Information Blank), supply data on the following:

Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15.

✓ *M. V. M.*
.....
Analysis Clerk.

To: Inquiry Section.
From: Overseas Project Sub-Section.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION on Cemetery No. 607 (furnished by: MJP) (date 2/17/21)
Data sent Overseas body to be returned (see trans) 1/29/21
Operations to commence (approx.) March 1921
Operations to be completed (approx.) _____
Bodies shipped from European Port _____
Bodies arrived at Hoboken 1821362

II. CASE OF Burke William L. Pvt. Co E, 319th Inf.
The following information was abstracted (Date) 2/17/21 from: Form # 115-

SOURCE	CLK.	in OFFICE		Clk.	in OFFICE
A. G. O. Cards	<u>MJP None</u>		Shppg. Inquiry (sent <u>None</u>)		
A.G.O. Corresp.	<u>✓</u>	<u>✓</u>	To _____	<u>MJP No</u>	
G.R.S. Corresp. relative to disp.	<u>MJP yes</u>		OSP S-S Corresp. (see Remarks.)		

no A.G.O. card and corresp.
DESIRES as to Disposition.

Name of Relative	RETURN			REMAIN	SPECIAL
	N. C.	Pvt.	Int.		
Widow					
Children (Name oldest first)					
Father					
Mother					
Brothers					
Sisters					

Body to be shipped to _____
_____ was shipped (Date) _____

REMARKS City 607 trans letter written 2-1-21 Exhumed
Commence March 1921. BAB 2/14-21
Consent 2/14/21 noted on Form # 115-
G.R.S. corresp 1/28/19
(over) returned also photograph.
O.K. - 74C

See original letter attached to
 M.R. 2/17/21

Europe will be advised to hold
 body, 2-19-21 E.C.

REMARKS

Date of receipt (Date)

Body to be referred to

State					
Country					
Referral					
Referral					
Origin (Name of case file)					
Notes					
Name of Referral	N. C.	Ref.	Inc.	Memor.	Speciat
	RELATION				

DESIGNS as to Disposition

Referral to Dept.					
G. E. S. Collected					
V. C. O. Collected					
V. G. O. Collected					
SOURCE	CHK	IN OFFICE		CHK	IN OFFICE

The following information was extracted (Date)

Flow:

II. CASE OF

Bodies arrived at Hoboken

Bodies referred from Milwaukee Post

Operations to be completed (approx.)

Operations to commence (approx.)

Date sent to Bureau

I. SUMMARY INFORMATION on Cemetery No. (Interfered by)

(Date)

From: Cemetery Project sub-section

To: Inquiry Section

Follow up no.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM -
 DISPOSITION -
 G. E. S. FORM 1254

CENETARIAT DIVISION
 CEMETERY REGISTRATION SERVICE
 REGISTRATION SECTION

OFFICE FILE NO.
 FILE NO.

C O P Y

293.8 Cem. Div., #42648, BURKS, William Sherman

Big Island, Virginia
February 14, 1921

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Cemeterial Division
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W. S. Burks

NOTED ON 113
M. P. 2-17-21

Adjustment, de

-25-21

Mr. Wilson:

JAN 27 1921.

42648

File No.

Burke, William S.

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Mr. Charles E. Pierce, Ent. 4/28/19.

My Dear Sir,

your letter received a few days ago I was so glad to hear from you and to know that you had our dear sons grave in charge I hope some day we can have his body brought home if we are shure we will get the right one he was our only boy and its so hard to give him up we have been trying to hear the particulars of his death ever since we got the cable gram he was dead but havint heard a word until we got your letter we dont know but our boy left in his Co and he wrote us he was wounded but not serious that is all we have heard

we are so very anxious to hear
all the particulars he lived
some 17 days after he was wounded
from the papers we think so strange
that some one didnt write us
if he wasnt able to write we
wrote to the red cross but
havent heard any thing.

now my dear friend would
you please try to find out
what hospital he was sent
to and see if you can find
out the nature of his wound
and why he didnt write or get
some one to write we are so
anxious to know every thing and
if he said any thing about us
I do hope you can find out
all the particulars from some
one and let us know it would
be such a comfort to us to
hear, he was all the help
we had and we miss him
so much.

we would certainly like
to have a Photograph of our
sons grave and hope you
will send us one as soon
as you can hope we may
hear from you soon and
you may be able to get
the information I ask of
you and we will certainly
appreciate your kindness

yours very truly
William S. Bucks
Big Island
Va

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Burks, Wm S.
Pvt. Co.E. 319th Inf.

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Mr. Wm. S. Burke (Father)
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G.R.S. FORM NO. 12

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

FROM : ADJUTANT GENERAL.
TO : C. O. Co. F 319th. Inf.
SUBJECT : Information for burial Register.

1. You are directed to transmit without delay to the Chief, Graves Registration Service, the information indicated on enclosed Graves Location Blank as necessary for the completion of official records.

By Command of General Pershing:

Robert C. Davis
Adjutant General.

Note:

In case this item is checked, you will note hereon:

Nearest relative of deceased:

Relationship: _____

Address: _____