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G.R.S. Form #114-B

To The AF of M

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DATE March 27th 1922.

1. NAME BURNS, James J.

SERIAL No. 1757941

RANK Pvt.

ORGANIZATION Co.K. 310th Inf. 78 div

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty., Romagne-sous-
CTY. NAME Montfaucon (Meuse)

1232 Sec. 81
NUMBER

137

Sec. 81

3

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

107 Bac. Les Islettes,

Meuse *cty #586*

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES

Verdun 35 SE

260.88 N

300.55 E

CONCENTRATED TO

6/2/19

137

Sec 81

3

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

Meuse Argonne Cemetery

1232

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on body and cross.

DATE OF DEATH 11/2/18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME NY

data F-1.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

ccg.

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

1st Lt., Q.M. Corps,

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION March 27th 1922.

DATE

15

GRAVE

18

ROW

H

PLOT

Block

Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty #1232 Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

CEMETERY

Major General

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OCT 2 1926

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RETURN RECEIPT. 1232

Assured 6/21/30

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

X Mrs Margaret Burns
(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, 5-31 —, 1920

Form 3811

Deliver to addressee only
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Post Office Department

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PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300



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Q. M. GENERAL

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MUNITIONS BUILDING
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June 5, 1930

Mrs. Margaret Burns
352 East Street
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Please attach the enclosed tags to each piece of baggage, thus to protect the safe arrival of same in New York.

2 Bags
Upon your arrival in this City, you will be met at the Railroad Station by a United States Army Officer, in uniform, who will wear on the left sleeve of his coat a blue cloth band, showing a Gold Star and the word "Pilgrimage". This officer will escort you and your baggage to your Hotel in New York City.

For the Officer in Charge:

George F. R. Taylor
1st Lieut., Q.M. Corps
Assistant

Enclosures
2 tags

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Burns 1757941 James
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

1st Co K. 310 Inf.
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: E.H. #14

CAUSE OF DEATH: —

DATE OF BURIAL: Nov. 3 / 15

PLACE OF DEATH: Les Islettes

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

American Cemetery
Plot 2 Sect. E

GRAVE NUMBER: 102

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? yes Cross? —

Headboard? — Bottle? —

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: E.H.#14
Chas. L. Nause Chaplain

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

Burn James J.
Pot.

-33-

New York

GOLD STAR MOTHERS PILGRIMAGE

S.S. ROOSEVELT, JUNE 21, 1930

Erie County

Name: Mrs. Margaret Burns (H-3)

Address: 352 East St., Buffalo, N.Y.

Route: Lehigh Valley R.R. to New York

Lv. Buffalo Train No. 6	9.00 P.M., June 19
Ar. New York (Penna. Station)	8.10 A.M., June 20

Accommodations: Through Sleeper

Elapsed Time: 11 hours 10 minutes //✓

Date June 12th, 1919.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Remains of:

Name: BURNS, James J.

Number 1757941

Rank: Unkn

Organization Unkn

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group:

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

from (Give complete location)

6 2nd June 1919.

GRAVE #107, A.E.F. CEMETERY N

LES ISLETTES MEUSE

Map 35 SE 300.55 E 260.88 N.

Reburied (Date)

In: (Give complete location)

2nd June 1919.

Grave #137, Sec. 81, Plot 3.

ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY NO. 1232

ROMAGNE MEUSE

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

Burial good Buried in blanket Body in fair condition

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes

What other means of identification were found on the body? None

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found on bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct as is required by G.O. 170, G.H. 2, 1918., after being carefully examined for clues of identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: L5. Shelton

R. H. ROSENTHAL

2nd Lieut. Q.M.C.U.S.A.

G.O. Group

Unit

H. O'K

10984

BURNS, James J.

Party "H" - Itinerary - Meuse-Argonne Group

Sailed June 21, 1930 on SS ROOSEVELT. Major J. P. Cottrell in charge.

Arrived Cherbourg 5 a.m. June 29th. Met by Major Dailey, Capt. Mitchell, Capt. W. F. Dalton, Lieut. Gregory, Lieut. Freeman, Major Kinderman, three nurses and two civilian employees. Train left at 8.21 a.m. for Paris. Arrived Gare des Invalides at 2.30 p.m. Met by Lt. Col. Bartlett and members of the staff, with interpreters and nurses. Escorted to hotel. Remainder of day devoted to rest.

June 30th. Morning devoted to personal business; changing money, preparing laundry, etc. Left hotel at 3 p.m. for Arc de Triomphe. Wreath placed on tomb of the Unknown Soldier by Mrs. Wilhelmina Ohlson, who was selected by party for this duty. A wreath was also laid by Mrs. Anna Johnson on behalf of the N.Y. Fire Department. Proceeded to restaurant Laurent after ceremony where tea and reception tendered by U.S. Government was held. Returned to hotel. Evening free.

July 1st. 7.15 a.m. depart Montmirail, Chalons s/s, Marne, St. Menchould, Verdun.

July 2nd. Visited Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery. Returned to 3-4. Verdun.

July 5th. Visited Cemetery, Sulpes and Reims.

July 6th. Visited Reims Cathedral, Lunch at Reims. Chateau Thierry. Returned to Paris.

July 7th. Notre-Dame - Sacre-Coeur.

July 8th. Morning free. Napoleon's Tomb. Sightseeing Night Trip.

July 9th. Visit to Louvre - Versailles. Prepared for return trip.

July 10th. Due to the fact that the date of return was changed from July 10th to July 11th, this day was free and was devoted to shopping, etc.

July 11th. Left Hotel between 1 and 1.30 p.m. for Invalides Railway Station. Train left at 2.15 p.m. Accompanied by 5 officers, 1 doctor, 3 nurses and 1 civilian employee. Arrived Cherbourg 5.53 p.m. Sailed 7.25 p.m. on SS REPUBLIC. Major Cottrell in charge. Arrived Hoboken, N. J. 5 p.m. July 20th.

Mrs. Margaret Burns

NAME BURNS, MRS. MARGARET

S.S. REPUBLIC JUL 19 1930

HOME BUFFALO, ERIE COUNTY, N. Y.

R.R. L.V. to dest

STATION

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE Aug 14-30

M. J. Burns.
352 East St
Buffalo.
N. Y.

Name BURNS, Mrs Margaret

HOTEL AMBASSADOR

Paris Hôtel BOULEVARD HAUSSMANN

Home address 352 East St. Buffalo, Erie County, New York

Party H Group I Unit S.S. ROOSEVELT,

Date of arrival June 29, 1930 Date of departure S.S. REPUBLIC, July 11, 1930.

Relationship Mother

Name of deceased BURNS, James J

Rank Pvt Organization Co.K, 310th Inf

Cemetery Meuse-Argonne

REMARKS



WAR DEPARTMENT
 "PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"
 -- ROOM 901 --

225 West 34th St., New York, N.Y.

Party H
 Number 1400

BURNS, JAMES J. — MA.

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

MRS. MARGARET BURNS

Name of Traveler

Estimate cost of through Pullman.

BUFFALO, ERIE COUNTY,

New York, to BUFFALO, N.Y.

Home Address

NEW YORK

\$ 3.75

New York, to BUFFALO, N.Y.
 Destination.

Via LV TO DEST.

JULY 21, 1930
 Date of Departure

	Road	Tr. NO.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	car	U.S.G. Order NO.	Est. Cost
LV	PENN STA	5	7/21	830PM	h. 5	27	1022057	3.75
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TOTAL 3.75

Remarks: :

Escorted to train by Capt Merrill Ross

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Burns,</i>	<i>BUR</i>	3	<i>2 12 8</i>
<i>James J.</i>	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>1</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>15</i>	2	<i>15</i>
	ROW <i>18</i>	2	<i>18</i>
	BLOCK <i>2</i>	1	<i>8</i>
STATE	<i>New York</i>	2	<i>37</i>
PANK	<i>Pnt</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>78</i>	2	<i>78</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>310</i>	3	<i>310</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Burns,</i>	<i>BUR</i>	5	<i>2 12 8</i>
<i>Mrs. Margaret</i>	STATE <i>Ny</i>	2	<i>37</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Erie</i>	2	<i>15</i>
	CITY <i>Buffalo</i>	3	<i>016</i>
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Good</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO. YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>Yes</i>	1	
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QM 293 AM
Burns, James J. Pvt. 1232 M

August 27, 1930

Mrs. Margaret Burns,
852 East Street,
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of the testimonial dated July 9th, which you and the other mothers and widows who sailed on the SS Roosevelt, June 21st were so kind as to send regarding your pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe.

It is gratifying to know that the officers of the Army, the nurses and personnel connected with your group rendered such courteous and efficient service. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages and has expended every effort that those making the journey might have a comfortable and pleasant trip. I feel however, that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation shown by the mothers and widows who are making the pilgrimage.

I am indeed pleased to receive such complimentary remarks concerning the care and consideration shown the women making the journey by the personnel connected with the pilgrimage.

Sincerely yours,

J. L. DeWITT,
Major General,
The Quartermaster General.

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RETURN NEW YORK

DATE JUL. 20. 1930

352 East St.,
Buffalo, N.Y. Erie Co.

Mother Burns, Mrs. Margaert

NAME HOME ADDRESS

RETURN ON S. S. **S/S REPUBLIC** HOTEL **ASTOR** ROOM NO. *100*

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE JUL 21 1930

ROAD *LV* TRAIN *5* CAR *27* BERTH or SEAT *LS*

REMARKS
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STATE

....NEW YORK....

BURNS, JAS. J.

M
 NAME ... Burns, Mrs. Margaret HOME ADDRESS 352 East St.,
 Buffalo, Erie County
 NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN *M. J. Burns Same*

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE *June 20* HOTEL *McAlpin* ROOM NO. *1410*

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE ... *June 21, 1930* VESSEL ... *S. S. ROOSEVELT* ... CABIN NO. *206-E*
 DESTINATION ... *CHERBOURG, FRANCE* CEMETERY ... *MEUSE-ARGONNE*

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICIAL BUSINESS



PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300.



PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

H
NAME Burns, Mrs Margaret

ADDRESS 352 East St. Buffalo, N.Y.

DATE _____

TO: OFFICER-IN-CHARGE,
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

I BEG TO INFORM YOU THAT I HAVE RETURNED
TO MY HOME SAFELY AND IN GOOD HEALTH.

SINCERELY,

(SIGNED) Mrs Margaret Burns

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300

No. 9270

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____

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OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

882880 M. GENERAL

Return to _____

Street and Number, }
or Post Office Box, }

MUNITIONS BUILDING
(NAME ON SENDER)

Post Office at _____

State _____

Washington, D. C.

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6-21-30

1232

RETURN RECEIPT.

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

X Mrs. Margaret Burns

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, *6-5-*, *1930*

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burns, James J. 1232-M
Roosevelt 6-21

May 10, 1930

Mrs. Margaret Burns,
352 East St.,
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not furnished the name of your Emergency Addressee as requested in letter of instructions from this office.

It is requested that in the blank space below you write the name and address of the person in the United States whom you desire to be notified in case you become seriously ill or other emergency arises while you are making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Name

Michael J. Burns ✓

Address

352 East St. Buffalo N.Y.

Please fill in the above and mail it TODAY in the self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



A. D. Hughes
A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, U. S. Army,
Assistant.

Encl.
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 10, 1930.

Burns, James J. 1232 M

Mrs. Margaret Burns,
352 East St.,
Buffalo, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

The following instructions prepared by the Secretary of State contain the necessary instructions to be followed by you in obtaining the passport or travel document to be utilized in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. Please read the directions carefully and call in person upon the nearest Passport Agent or clerk of a Federal or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens. Passport Agencies are located in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle. In large cities there are usually two or more courts and at each county-seat a state court authorized to accept these passport applications.

When you make this call be sure to take with you the four photographs called for in the instructions together with your invitation as a means of identification. You should take with you to the passport office at this time a friend who is an American citizen and who has known you for several years. The passport Agent or clerk of the court will mail your application to the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C., who will issue the passports and travel documents and will deliver them to The Quartermaster General to be held by him until your arrival in New York.

The instructions prepared by the Secretary of State are as follows:

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than 2½x2½ inches in size and such documentary

evidence of her American citizenship as she may have in her possession. In the absence of evidence of citizenship, her application should be witnessed by a credible person residing in the same community who is an American citizen, has known her for a long period of time and is able to swear to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that she is a citizen of the United States.

"A mother or widow who does not owe allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Pilgrimage Travel Document through a clerk of a Federal court or a State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens or through a Passport Agent upon the form of application prescribed for that purpose, entitled APPLICATION FOR A PILGRIMAGE TRAVEL DOCUMENT, issued under the Act of March 2, 1929, submitting therewith four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3 x 3 inches in size and not less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size. When making application she should be accompanied by a credible witness who has known her for a period of two years or more.

"The Act of March 2, 1929, provides that no fee shall be charged for the execution of an application for a passport or travel document or for the issue of a passport or travel document to a mother or widow making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces are now interred.

"Special Pilgrimage Passports and Pilgrimage Travel Documents when issued by the Department of State will be forwarded to the War Department.

"Applicants resident in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle should execute applications at the Passport Agencies in those cities."

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Burns, James J. 1232 M

October 7 , 1929.

Mrs. Margaret Burns,
352 East St.,
Buffalo, N. Y.

Packed
 JUN 21 1930

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.

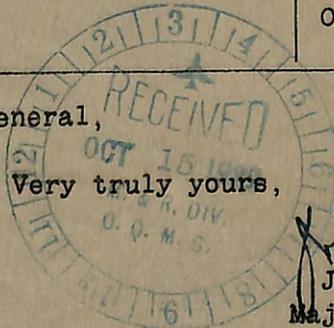
In order that the report referred to may be made and plans completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested that you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office by return mail in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

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) 59	Health (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes)	(No) Other language German (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


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



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Roosevelt
6/21/30
1232

Burns, James J

I Accept the invitation extended
(Accept or decline)

me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of the Government of the United States under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Margaret Burns

(Name)

352 East Street, Buffalo, Erie County, New York.

(Town or City)

(State)

July 17, 1909.

Q M 213 A-C.

Private James J. Burns.

was not married.

Respectfully yours
Mrs. Margaret Burns.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29, 1929.

Burns, James J.

Mrs. Margaret Burns,
352 East Street,
Buffalo, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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 mother of the late **Private James J. Burns, Co.K, 310th Inf. whose remains are now interred in the Meuse Argonne American Cemetery, Remagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.**

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

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is 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.

QM 293 AM
Burns, James J. Pvt. 1232 M

August 27, 1930

Mrs. Margaret Burns,
352 East Street,
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of the testimonial dated July 5th, which you and the other mothers and widows who sailed on the SS Roosevelt, June 21st were so kind as to send regarding your pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe.

It is gratifying to know that the officers of the Army, the nurses and personnel connected with your group rendered such courteous and efficient service. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages and has expended every effort that those making the journey might have a comfortable and pleasant trip. I feel however, that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation shown by the mothers and widows who are making the pilgrimage.

I am indeed pleased to receive such complimentary remarks concerning the care and consideration shown the women making the journey by the personnel connected with the pilgrimage.

Sincerely yours,

J. L. DEWITT,
Major General,
The Quartermaster General.

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X 330.13 PILGRIMAGE, GOLD STAR

U.S. QUARTERMASTER CORPS DIV.

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1930 AUG 29 AM 11 08

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 12, 1930.

Burns, James J. 1232 M

Mrs. Margaret Burns,
352 East St.,
Buffalo, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

Somewhat heavier clothing is required to be worn in Europe than is necessary in the United States, in order to be comfortable. During the summer in Europe it is cool during the day and the nights are frequently chilly. Considerable rain is usually encountered during this time.

In order that you may be comfortable at all times, regardless of the condition of the weather, and may avoid missing any of the sights or any part of the itinerary which has been planned for you, the following suggestions are made.

The clothing which you will take with you should be slightly heavier and warmer than you would normally wear in the United States during the summer and should be strong and durable. It is essential that you take with you the necessary equipment to afford protection from the cold and dampness. Be sure to take at least two pairs of comfortable shoes to provide a change in the event your feet become wet, a pair of rubbers, an umbrella, and a sweater or some warm wrap to be used should the weather become uncomfortably cool. It is very desirable that, in addition to the sweater, you have with you a full length coat of medium weight for general wear.

The shortages of suitable facilities for laundry and the frequency of the moves you will make while in Europe will make it impracticable to secure as frequent service of this nature as may be desired. You should therefore provide yourself with sufficient underwear, nightgowns, stockings and handkerchiefs to meet your requirements should it be impossible to have your washing done more frequently than once in two weeks.

If you will read carefully the suggestions made above, and comply with them, it will add greatly to your comfort throughout the trip and will assist the Government in carrying out successfully its plans for conducting the pilgrimage. This letter is being sent to every mother and widow who has accepted the invitation sent to her by the Government to visit the grave of her son or husband.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Burns, James J. - 1232

June 4, 1930.

Mrs. Margaret Burns,
352 East St.,
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements have been completed for your transportation to New York City on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe. One week before your departure the railroad ticket agent, of the first road shown below, will deliver your railroad and pullman ticket to you. Your route to New York will be as follows:

Lv. Buffalo	Lehigh Val.	Train No. 6	9:00 P.M.	June 19
Ar. New York	(Penna. Station)		8:10 A.M.	June 20

All railroad employees have been instructed by their officials to see that you are shown every courtesy and given assistance, particularly at points where it is necessary to change cars.

Should you not receive your ticket six days before the date shown for your departure please take up at once with the ticket agent and if he does not have your ticket, telegraph this office, collect, to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Burns, James J. 1232-M
Roosevelt 6-21

May 10, 1930

Mrs. Margaret Burns,
352 East St.,
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not furnished the name of your Emergency Addressee as requested in letter of instructions from this office.

It is requested that in the blank space below you write the name and address of the person in the United States whom you desire to be notified in case you become seriously ill or other emergency arises while you are making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Name

Address

Please fill in the above and mail it TODAY in the self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Burns, James J. 1232H
Roosevelt 6-21

8
May 1930

Mrs. Margaret Burns,
352 East St.,
Buffalo, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

Requests for stop-overs on return from the pilgrimage to the American cemeteries in Europe are being received by this office, in some cases, too late to take action.

Transportation arrangements for the round-trip are made a month before departure and requests for stop-overs on return must be in this office at that time.

Stop-overs can not be allowed on the trip to New York or in Europe, but may be allowed at any point on return from New York provided there is no additional cost or, if there is, that it is paid in advance by the pilgrim.

If you desire stop-overs at any point on return, please advise this office AT ONCE as to the cities where you desire to stop and we will be glad to arrange accordingly, or advise you if there is any additional cost to be paid by you. Send your request direct to this office and do NOT include it with your passport application.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Apr 11 10, 1930.

Burns, James J. 1232 X

Mrs. Margaret Burns,
352 East St.,
Buffalo, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

The following instructions prepared by the Secretary of State contain the necessary instructions to be followed by you in obtaining the passport or travel document to be utilized in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. Please read the directions carefully and call in person upon the nearest Passport Agent or clerk of a Federal or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens. Passport Agencies are located in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle. In large cities there are usually two or more courts and at each county-seat a state court authorized to accept these passport applications.

When you make this call be sure to take with you the four photographs called for in the instructions together with your invitation as a means of identification. You should take with you to the passport office at this time a friend who is an American citizen and who has known you for several years. The passport Agent or clerk of the court will mail your application to the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C., who will issue the passports and travel documents and will deliver them to The Quartermaster General to be held by him until your arrival in New York.

The instructions prepared by the Secretary of State are as follows:

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than 2½x2½ inches in size and such documentary

evidence of her American citizenship as she may have in her possession. In the absence of evidence of citizenship, her application should be witnessed by a credible person residing in the same community who is an American citizen, has known her for a long period of time and is able to swear to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that she is a citizen of the United States.

"A mother or widow who does not owe allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Pilgrimage Travel Document through a clerk of a Federal court or a State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens or through a Passport Agent upon the form of application prescribed for that purpose, entitled APPLICATION FOR A PILGRIMAGE TRAVEL DOCUMENT, issued under the Act of March 2, 1929, submitting therewith four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3 x 3 inches in size and not less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size. When making application she should be accompanied by a credible witness who has known her for a period of two years or more.

"The Act of March 2, 1929, provides that no fee shall be charged for the execution of an application for a passport or travel document or for the issue of a passport or travel document to a mother or widow making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces are now interred.

"Special Pilgrimage Passports and Pilgrimage Travel Documents when issued by the Department of State will be forwarded to the War Department.

"Applicants resident in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle should execute applications at the Passport Agencies in those cities."

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

Burns, James J. 1232-M

March 24, 1930

Mrs. Margaret Burns,
352 East Street,
Buffalo, New York.

Dear Madam:

This letter, which contains general information regarding the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, is being sent to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during the calendar year 1930. The general plan for the conduct of the pilgrimage is shown in the Pilgrimage Regulations, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. In addition to the information shown in the regulations, the following explains in detail some of the most important things connected with the pilgrimage.

Formal invitations are being extended to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during 1930. In so far as practicable, these invitations are being extended with a view to keeping the women from each state together and the order in which the invitations to the women from the several states are issued is based on a drawing by lot which was held about one month ago. Inclosed with each invitation is a card for acknowledgment and it is quite important that you accept or decline this invitation promptly in order that the necessary railroad, steamship and hotel reservations may be arranged. The government will defray all the necessary expenses of the pilgrimage, including railroad fare, hotel accommodations, steamship fare and all other incidental expenses. It will not provide anything other than the necessary expenses so that you should bring with you such funds as you may desire to use for making small purchases and for other uses distinctly of a personal nature.

Arrangements have been made with the American Railroad Association which assures us the united support and cooperation of all of the railroads in the United States in handling the movement to and from New York City. The local ticket agent will secure your railroad and sleeper ticket and will make the necessary pullman reservations. Before your departure from your home we will mail you a check, sufficient to pay for your meals and other travelling expenses while enroute to New York. Your railroad ticket will provide for a round trip from your home to New York and upon arrival in New York the army officer in charge of the New York office will collect the return trip stub and hold it until your return to New York from Europe.

Upon arrival in New York, you will be met by an army officer

and escorted to a first class hotel where reservations have been made. The duration of your stay in New York will be from 24 to 48 hours. At the proper time, you will be escorted to the steamship upon which passage has been engaged for Europe. All of the women making this trip will be provided with cabin class accommodations aboard steamers which means that from two to four will be quartered in the same stateroom. If you have any friend that you would like to be quartered with we will endeavor to arrange it if you will communicate with this office.

The ocean voyage will last about 8 days and when the ship docks at Cherbourg, France, each party will be met by officers especially detailed for the purpose and taken in a special train to Paris where first class hotel accommodations have been reserved. The first day in Paris will be a day of rest. On the 2d day, the women of each party will place a wreath on the tomb of the French unknown soldier. In the afternoon there will be a reception in which the French war mothers, government officials, and prominent civilians will participate. The following morning the groups going to the different cemeteries will leave Paris, travelling in motor busses, and proceed to the cemeteries where they will remain for about 7 days. Twenty-five women will be assigned to each bus and an army officer will have charge of the bus. The itineraries to and from the cemeteries and the daily itineraries while at the cemeteries have been varied so as to take in points of historical interest as well as some parts of the battlefields where American troops were engaged. Upon return to Paris, each party will remain for about 5 days and during this time an opportunity will be given to see the points of historical interest in Paris and vicinity. The entire duration of your stay in Europe will be 14 days, and the itineraries have been so arranged that each day will be provided for. Except in case of illness or other unavoidable cause it will not be possible for any woman making the pilgrimage to remain in Europe for a longer period than 14 days nor to leave the party with which she is travelling unless she is prepared to pay all of her expenses after leaving the party since the Act of Congress authorizing the pilgrimage specifically states that the government shall not pay the expenses of any woman who willfully leaves her party.

Upon return to the United States each ship will be met in New York City by army officers who will escort the mothers and widows to the trains which will take them home. Before leaving New York each woman will be provided with her return railroad ticket, a sleeping car ticket and funds to cover the cost of meals and other travelling expenses.

Army officers are being used as guides and escorts throughout this entire movement and care has been taken to select officers who will see that proper care is taken of the women who are entrusted to their charge. Arrangements have been made for taking care of women who may be taken sick during the pilgrimage and also to care for the remains of any who may die and provision has been made for returning the remains of any who may die to their homes. It is essential that each woman making the pilgrimage furnish The Quartermaster General with an emergency address of some relative or friend to be notified in the event of an emergency. Medical care will be provided by civilian agencies. If such care is needed in New York City it will be furnished by the hotel physicians or

by local hospitals. Aboard ship, medical care will be provided by the ship's doctors and in Paris arrangements have been made with the American Hospital for the hospitalization and treatment of any women who may need it. In addition to this, six doctors of the regular army will be on duty throughout the pilgrimage.

Baggage will be limited to not to exceed two pieces of hand baggage and the articles taken should be such as will be required for a trip of about one month. Laundry service can be obtained in New York and Paris. Since the climate of Europe is much colder than that of the United States, each woman should provide herself with sufficient warm clothing to stand the motor bus trip and the visit to the cemeteries.

Since it is necessary for this office to make all reservations for your accommodations throughout this pilgrimage, it will be greatly appreciated if you will make prompt reply to any communications received from this office.

To: The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.
Regulation.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Burns, James J. 1232 M

Mrs. Margaret Burns,
352 East St.,
Buffalo, N. Y.

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,

Encl.
Act
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

June 29 1929.

Burns, James J.

Mrs. Margaret Burns,
562 East Street,
Buffalo, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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 mother of the late Private James J. Burns, Co.K, 310th Inf. whose remains are now interred in the Meuse Argonne American Cemetery, Romagny-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since re-married it is 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.

Burns,

(Surname.)

James J.

(Christian name in full.)

1,757,941 ✓

(Army serial number)

Pvt.

(Rank and organization.)

Co. K,

310th Inf.

State your relationship to the deceased

~~Father~~ Mother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

Yes

(Yes or no.)

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

Yes

(Yes or no.)

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

M. Stephen

(Name of person to receive remains.)

American Western Union

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

266 East St.

(Number and street.)

Buffalo

(City or town.)

New York

(State.)

(Sign here)

Mrs. Margaret Burns

359

(Number and street or rural route.)

East St.

(City, town, or post office.)

Buffalo

New York

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

4/21/21
Checked

Drawn by L.G.
1232 - 8.80 - 26
4-21-21

Sept. 20, 1923.

Mr. Michael Burns,
352 East St.,
Buffalo, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the ~~permanent grave of~~ ^{Private James P. Burns, Company K, 310th Infantry,} Block H, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagnous-Montfaucon, 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. 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.

You are assured in effecting removal of the remains, the utmost care and reverence were exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed 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. H. CHEAL,
Assistant.

WTR

In

O.Q.M.G.
Central Mail & Files Bldg.



SEP 21 1923
H.B.

8887
COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #49412

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BURNS, James J. Ser. No. 1757941
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. K, 310th Inf.
(c) Date of death 11-2-18 (d) Cause of death DWRITA
TYP. aeu
CKR. 30

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

(a) Grave No. 137 Row - Plot 3 Sec. 81 TYP. aeu
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Margaret Burns, Mother, 352 East St., Buffalo, N.Y.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases _____ CKR. 30

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt _____

(a) Name Mrs. Margaret Burns (b) Relationship mother
(c) Address 352 East St. Buffalo, N.Y.
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? yes
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at no
(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. M. Stephan,
266 East St. Buffalo, N.Y.
Amer. Exp. - N.Y. Del.
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. -

Examiner's Initials D.H. Date 4-21-1920

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

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

Examiner's Initials _____ Date _____, 1920.

VI. G. R. S. FILES, CORRESPONDENCE—shows as follows: Let. of 1-28-19, from Mrs.
Margaret Burns (mother) 352 East St., Buffalo, N.Y.
no request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes

EM Examiner's Initials D.H. Date 4-21-1920

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 1232, Sec. 81 SHEET No. 26

CARDED

Handwritten notes:
checked
4/21/20
AM



RECEIVED BY MAIL UNIT

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made _____, 1920.

Typed by _____, Checked by *gpc*, _____, 1920.

5-2-21
JUN 3 1921

VIII. FINAL ACTION: *MAY 9 1921*

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 1920
letter on *5-2-*, 1920

Cemetery Division
Overseas Paper Subscription

Section - 81
Par. 1 - To be returned (JEX)

IX. CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

From 1/29 to hold body Fred Wash. Feb 21 B.7.

6/1/21 PROPOSED CABLEGRAM NO. *310* TO EUROPE-BODY TO REMAIN *6/7/21*

Let from Europe 7/5/21 states return cancelled as per cable ^{at} 10/31/21

G.R.S. FORM #114-A.

STATION Romagne Cemetery 1232.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE November 3
~~October 19th~~, 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 BURNS, James J.
2. No. 1757941
3. Rank Pvt.
4. Org. Co.K. 310th Inf.
5. D.D. 11.2.18
6. C.D. DOWRIA

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 137 Sec. 81
8. Plot 3 Row --
9. _____

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

18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne American
20. Dept. or County Meuse
22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232 Sec. 81

19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Montfaucon
21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) Oct 19th 1921

By ED. LAVELLE.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name James J. Burns.
Rank Pvt

Serial No. 1757941
Organization Co K 310 Inf.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? No On body? Yes.
On peg over body? Yes.

Ed M. Moody
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). Tags agree with A.G.R.S. records. Tag reads, James J. Burns. 1757941." Plaque on box reads same.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Blanket and wooden box.

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 Oct 19th 21 By ED. LAVELLE.

31. Casket sealed by ED. LAVELLE.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

Ed Lavelle
ED. LAVELLE.

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-14506

32. Designation of body:

Name BURNS, James J. Serial No. 1757941

Rank Pvt. Organization Co.K, 310th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse-Argonne American Cty. #1232,
Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse)

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Oct 19th 1921 By ED. LAVELLE

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 F. B. Daniel
F. B. DANIEL CAPT. Q.M.C.

36. Remarks

None.

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

To point of Concentration Morgue Romagne.

Convoyer W. J. ROYED. (Name)
Signature Shipping Officer G. F. SPANN
G. F. SPANN CAPT. Q.M.C.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery

Convoyer (Name)
Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred, Meuse Argonne Cty 1232, Mch 27, 1922

42. Grave No. 15 (Date)
Section

43. Plot Block H Row 18

G.R.S. Representative A. E. Dewey

A. E. Dewey, 1st Lt, QMC.

AUDITED BY



REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF BURNS, James J. SERIAL NUMBER 1757941
 RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. K. 310th Inf.

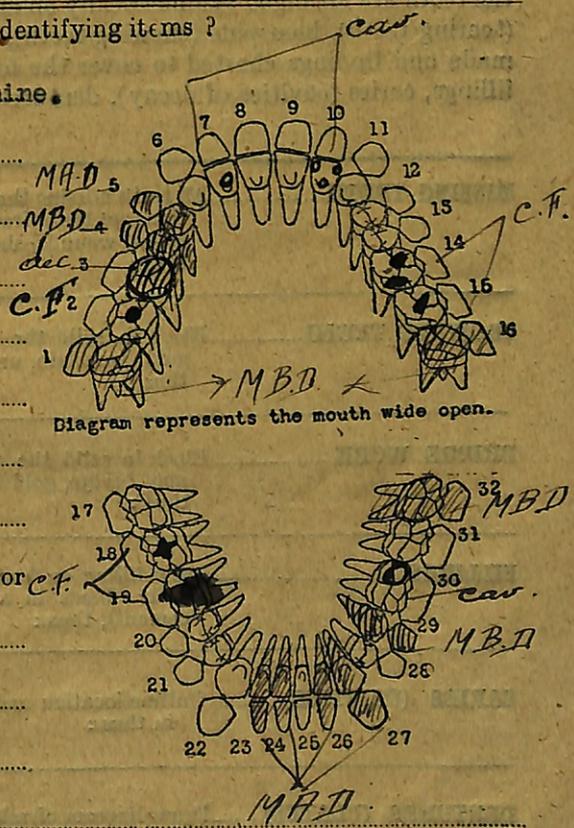
2. Disinterred (date): Oct. 19, 1921 From (give complete location): gr 137, sec 81, plot 3.
 By: Group 5 Unit sec 1

3. Reburied (date): Mch 27, 1922 In (give complete location): Meuse Argonne Cty 1232, gr 15, bl H, row 18
 Reburial S lined casket
 By: Group Unit Nature of reburial

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
wooden box and blanket. badly decomposed, features not recognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? yes On grave marker? no
Tag on peg over body? Yes
 (b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:
Tags agree with G.R.S. records. Tag reads "James J. Burns 1757941" Plaque on box reads same. No Form 114-A

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items?
 (a) Height (actual measurement) impossible to determine.
 (b) Weight (estimated) do
 (c) Hair—Color do
 Quantity do
 Characteristics do
 (d) Hair on face—Color do
 Location do
 Quantity do
 (e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) do
 (f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) none visible.



7. Disinterment supervised by Ed. Lavelle Approved T. B. Daniel
Ed Lavelle. Title Capt. Q.M.C.

8. Reburial supervised by W. B. Shield Approved W. B. Shield
W. B. Shield Title Lt. Q.M.C.



May 31, 1921.

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

Re: Burns, James J., Pvt.,
Serial Number 1757941,
Co. K, 310th Infantry.

Mr. Michael J. Burns,
352 East Street,
Buffalo, New York.

Dear Sir:

Your shipping inquiry dated May 23, 1921, requesting that the remains of the deceased soldier named above be left in France has been forwarded to the Cemeterial Division, Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C., for necessary action.

It is requested that any further communications concerning the disposition of the remains be addressed to that office for reply.

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

BY:

S.P. F. C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

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G. H. S.
JUN 3 1921

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

CEMETERIAL DIVISION

WASHINGTON

This is not a notice that
body has arrived in U.S.

APR 7 1921

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

To: Mrs. Margaret Burns, 352 East St., Buffalo, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. James J. Burns, Ser. No. 1757941, Co. K, 310th Inf.

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above-named soldier
be returned to the United States and shipped to M. Stephan, 266

East Street, Buffalo, N. Y.

Remain in Europe 5/26/21 E.C.

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 the 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.

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

PROPOSED CABLEGRAM NO. 310 TO EUROPE-BODY TO REMAIN

6/1/21 6/7/21

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*



	NAME OF	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Father	<i>Michael J. Burns</i>	<i>352 East Street</i>	<i>Buffalo</i>	<i>N. Y.</i>
Mother	<i>Margaret Burns</i>	<i>352 East Street</i>	<i>Buffalo</i>	<i>N. Y.</i>
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Charles E. Burns</i>	<i>2371 Niagara St</i>	<i>Buffalo</i>
	2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Leo J. Burns</i>	<i>352 East St.</i>	<i>Buffalo</i>
	3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>St. Robert Burns</i>	<i>352 East St.</i>	<i>Buffalo</i>
	4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Wm. Thomas Burns</i>	<i>352 East St.</i>	<i>Buffalo</i>
	5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Donald F. Burns</i>	<i>352 East St.</i>	<i>Buffalo</i>
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Mrs. Mary G. Lagarus</i>	<i>200 Thompson St.</i>	<i>Buffalo</i>
	2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Margaret V. Burns</i>	<i>352 East St.</i>	<i>Buffalo</i>
	3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Catherine G. Burns</i>	<i>352 East St.</i>	<i>Buffalo</i>

Date *May 23, 1921*

Signature *Michael J. Burns*

Address *352 East St.*

Relationship *father.*

May 23, 1921

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

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1. ~~As stated on first page of this sheet.~~
2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to _____ (Name.) _____ (State.) _____ (R. R. station.)
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 Michael J Burns
Mrs. Margaret Burns

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.

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Station _____ Date _____, 192

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 BURNS, James J. 10. Name _____
- 2. No. 1757941 11. No. _____
- 3. Rank Pvt. 12. Rank _____
- 4. Org Co. K, 310th Inf. 13. Org _____
- 5. D. D. 11-2-18 14. (a) D. D. _____
- 6. C. D. DORIA 15. (b) D. B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment.

- 7. Grave No. 137 Sec. 81 15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
- 8. Plot 3 Row - 16. Plot _____ Row _____
- 9. -- 17. _____

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8/7/21
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- 18. Cemetery Argonne American.
- 19. Commune or town ROMAGNE-sous-MONTFAUCON.
- 20. Department or county Meuse.
- 21. Country France. 22. G. R. S. Headquarters Code No. 1232-Sec. 81

23. Disinterred _____ (Date.) By _____

24. Inscription on grave marker { Name _____ Serial No. _____
Rank _____ Organization _____

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.)

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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) _____

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27. Condition of body _____

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Overseas Project Sub-Station

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 James J. Burns Serial No. 1757941
Rank Pvt. Organization Co. K, 310th Inf.

33. CONSIGNEE—Name M. Stephan,

Address 266 East St., Buffalo, N.Y. (Amer. Exp. & Tele.)

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 _____ (Boat.)

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 _____

G.R.S. FORM 129
Transmittal Supplementary Advice
Hoboken to Washington

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

May 26, 1921.

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

Name Burns, James J. Ser. No. 1757941

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. K, 310th Inf.

Cemetery No. 1232 Sec. 81 Cable Reference No. (Sheet No.) 26

Request shown below dated May 23, 1921 is latest in this case:

Name of Relative	<u>Return</u>	<u>Remain</u>	<u>Special</u>
	to	in FRANCE	

Widow None

Children _____

Guardian _____

Father Michael J. Burns, 352 East Street, Buffalo, New York.

Mother _____

Brother _____

Sister _____

Others _____

Body to ~~be shipped to port~~ for interment in: Permanent American Cemetery.

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Cable Letter June 1, 1921 forwarding advice to Europe dispatched _____ 1921.

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Recorded, Cemeterial Div., U. S. M. G.
File # 293.8 - 49412

Burns, James J.

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Burns 1757941 James
(Surname) (Number) (First Name and Initials)

Cpt. Co K 310 Inf.
(Rank) (Organization)

PLACE OF DEATH: E. H. # 14

CAUSE OF DEATH: —

DATE OF BURIAL: Nov. 3 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: Les Islettes

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

American Cemetery
Plot. 2 Sect. L

GRAVE NUMBER: 102

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? yes Cross? —
Headboard? — Bottle? —

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: E. H. # 14
Chas L. Nourse Chaplain
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

4941 ✓
Soldier's No. 1757941

Name BURNS, JAMES J.

Rank Pvt. Co. K (Regt.)
(Corps) 310th Inf

Nov. 2nd 1918

Wounds

Date of Death

Cause

Nov. 3rd 1918

American

Date of Burial

Cemetery

LES ISLETTES

MEUSE

Town or Commune

Dept.

Grave No. 102 Plot 2 Sec. L

Tag buried with body

Tag attached to Peg

Charles L. Mourse E. H. 14

Chaplain - ~~Burial Officer~~ (which?)

Galen M. Willis Cpl. G.M.C.

Signature

Rank

Group 4 Unit 310 G.R.S

Form .004.5. forwarded
23 April, 1919.

File # 49412

Buffalo N.Y. 1/28/19
Chief, Graves Registration
Service.

Headquarter Services of Supply
A. P. O. 717

American C. F. France
Gentlemen.

Kindly send Photograph
and Grave Location of
Pvt. James John Burns
Co. H. 310th Infantry
to me his Mother

Mrs. Margaret Burns
352 East St. Buffalo N.Y.

