

To The A. G. O.

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FULL NAME ..... BURNS, James S.D.

RANK..... 2nd Lieutenant ..... SERIAL.....

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION ..... 165th Infantry ..... 42nd attached to 88<sup>th</sup> Aero Gde

DATE OF DEATH..... Aug 11/18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME..... New York

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED..... awarded D.S.C.

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION.....  
Date Grave Row Block



608 Cemetery

file  
2-8-29  
ADJUSTED BY  
7-28-24

2012/28/25

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*BURNS*..... *James D.C.*  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)  
*2nd Lt. 169th Inf. Air Service*  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL..... *5-12-18*

PLACE OF BURIAL..... *Wheat Field*

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

*Church of Cherry Road  
near Small Plains  
going north to Marne*

GRAVE NUMBER..... *99*

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:

REPORTED BY: *John L. Burns*

*Chap. W. H. H. #1*  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

This portion to be forwarded to Adj. Gen'l., G. H. Q., A. E. F.

Co. 88th Aero Sqdn.  
7th Army Corps.

BURNS, James S. D., 2nd Lt.  
Home: 124 Featherbed Lane,  
Bronx, N. Y.

Lieut. Burns was observing in a plane driven by Lieut. Hitchcock in the photographic mission of Aug. 11, 1918, between the Vesle and the Aisne Rivers, France, north of Pismes. The formation of four Salomon planes, of which I was one, was attacked by twelve enemy pursuit planes. A stiff fight ensued but our planes were forced back over the line by superior numbers. Lieut. Burns was mortally wounded and died on the way to the hospital.

Informant: Babcock, Phillip R., Capt.,  
88th Aero Sqdn.  
Home: Litchfield, Conn.

Next of kin:  
Mrs. E. Burns,  
124 Featherbed Lane,  
Bronx, New York.

Signed: P. R. Babcock, Capt. AS. U.S.A.

ND



Place Saint-Joges-et-Nesles

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date April 18th 1921

1. REMAINS OF James S.D. Burns SERIAL NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
RANK 2d Lt. ORGANIZATION 88th Aero Sqdn

2. Disinterred (date): April 18th 1921 From (give complete location): Grave <sup>37</sup> 34 Sec P, Plot I Cem.608  
By: Group I Unit I

3. Reburied (date): April 19th 1921 In (give complete location): Grave 2I Sec P, Plot I, Cem.608  
By: Group I Unit I Nature of reburial Burlap and pine box

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Burlap and uniform Badly decomposed, Features not recognizable

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:  
Body of Lt Burns found under cross of Warnzello. J. Bickert Pvt. M.P. 11th M.G. Bn. Gr. 37 Sec P, Plot I. Gold chain and cross with name "James S.D. Burns Collar insignia. U.S.M.G. 165th Inf Collar insignia of the Aviation Corps found on body Also Sam Brown Belt

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) "

(c) Hair—Color "

Quantity "

Characteristics "

(d) Hair on face—Color "

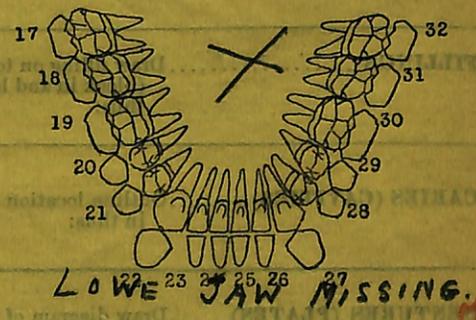
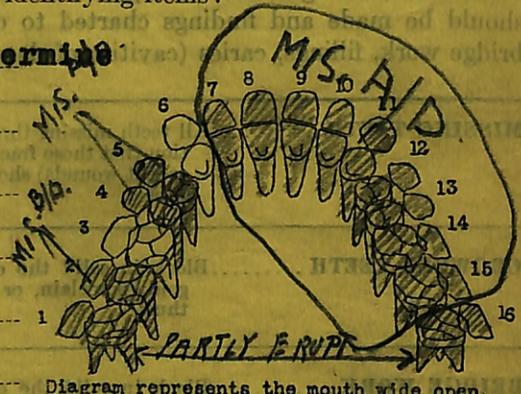
Location "

Quantity "

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Lower jaw missing



*Handwritten red text: 19 37627*

7. Disinterment supervised by Arthur W. Taggart, S.E.

Approved: R. E. Richardson, Ist. Lt. Q.M.C.  
(Title) Inspector

8. Reburial supervised by Arthur W. Taggart, S.E.

Approved: R. E. Richardson, Ist. Lt. Q.M.C.  
(Title) Inspector



Seringes- (Aisne).

June 13, 19.

James S D Burns.

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2nd Lieut

88 Area Squadron.

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June 13, 19.

Cemetery # 361 Grave 100.

June 13, 19.

Cemetery # 608 Seringes-et-Nesles (Aisne) Map 33 S.E.

Grave 34<sup>1</sup> Plot 1 Section P.

608

Due 3/20/22

Buried 5 feet deep. Body badly decomposed.

No. None on cr.

None.

Identified from information on grave marker.

MED N° D

11784

Sgt W W Darnell

1st Lt O W Forstberg.

304.

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	BURNS	3	278
BURIED	CEMETERY 608	1	2
	GRAVE 34	2	34
	ROW 16	2	16
	BLOCK 9	1	1
STATE	N.Y.	2	37
RANK	2nd Lieut	1	1
DIVISION	42	2	42
ORGANIZATION	165	3	165
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARTIAL	no	1	2
NAME	BURNS	5	278
RESIDENCE	STATE NY	2	37
	COUNTY NY	2	31
	CITY New York	3	101
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	good	1	1
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR. 1933	1	4
ACCEPTANCE	yes	1	1
	age		70

**AUDITED**  
 DEC 15 1931  
*KW*

*RM*

Name ..... BURNS, Mrs. Zenas

Paris Hôtel ..... HOTEL D' IENA  
AVENUE D' IENA

Home address ..... 124 Featherbed Lane, New York, New York

Party .....  Group ..... Unit

Date of arrival <sup>1</sup>5/25/33. SS.HARDING ..... Date of departure 6/8/33. SS.MANHATTAN

Relationship ..... Mother, age 70

Name of deceased ..... BURNS, James S. D.

Rank ..... 2nd Lieut Organization ..... 165th Inf.

Cemetery ..... OISE AISNE

34 A 16

REMARKS



PARTY "A".  
OISE AISNE GROUP.

1. Arrived at Le Havre, France, at 6:10 Pm May 25, on the SS President Harding, in charge of Capt. John O'Daniel, Inf., and Lt. Russell J. Nelson, Inf., and was met by Lt. Col. R.H. Jordan, Q.M.C. Left Le Havre at 6:56 PM and arrived at the Gare des Invalides at 10:48 PM. De-trained and spent the night at the Hotel d'Iena.
2. Friday, May 26, the morning was spent in conferences with the Conducting Officers. Lunch was held at the hotel and the pilgrim visited Sacre Coeur in the afternoon.
3. Saturday, May 27, the morning was free, lunch was held at the hotel and the pilgrim attended the ceremony at the Arc de Triomphe in the afternoon and later had tea at the Restaurant Laurent.
4. Sunday, May 28, the morning was free, lunch was held at 11:30 at the hotel, and at 1:40 PM she left for Meaux and Soissons. Stayed at the latter place for the night.
5. Monday, May 29, had lunch at the cemetery and returned to Soissons for the night.
6. Tuesday, May 30, visited the cemetery, lunched at Chateau Thierry, visited the A.M. Cemetery and returned to Soissons for the night.
7. Wednesday, June 1, lunched at Reims, returned to Soissons.
8. Thursday, June 1, lunched at Soissons, visited the cemetery, and spent the night at Soissons.
9. Friday, June 2, visited Piersfonds, lunched at Compiègne, visited Chantilly, and returned to Paris.
10. Saturday, June 3, the morning was free, lunch at the hotel and visited Versailles.
11. Sunday, June 4, went to church in the morning, lunched at the hotel and went on a night sightseeing trip.
12. Monday, June 5, went to the Lafayette Boulevard in the morning, Surames cemetery and the Bois. Visited Napoleon's Tomb in the Afternoon.
13. Tuesday, June 6, visited the Louvre in the morning, lunched at the hotel, and shopped in the afternoon.
14. Wednesday, June 7, went to Cluny in the morning, lunched at the hotel and went to Notre Dams in the afternoon.
15. Thursday, June 8, departed from the Gare des Invalides for le Havre, arrived there at noon and embarked on the SS Manhattan and sailed at 1:15 PM.

May 12, 1933

Mrs. Zenas Burns,  
124 Featherbed Lane,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

In letter from this office requesting whether or not you desire transportation from your home to the Hotel Commodore you advised that it would be necessary for this office to furnish transportation.

Please be ready with baggage at 2:00 P.M., Tuesday, May 16th, as arrangements have been made for a taxicab to call for you at that time.

You should not pay the driver any money, as payment will be made by this office.

Yours very truly,

GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR  
Captain Q.M.C.

JFM:LCM

J. F. M.

I will ~~will not~~ require transportation from my home to hotel.

124 Mrs. Senae Turner  
Featherbed Lane N.Y. C.

PHYSICAL AILMENTS

Party A - S. S. President Harding - May 17, 1933

<u>Page</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Ailment</u>
A-13	Wilson, Mrs. Ida Wyatt RR #2, Owingsville, Ky.	Heart trouble, Neuritis & Rheumatism
A-13	Reed, Mrs. Nonia c/o W. Berryman, RR #4, Winchester, Ky.	Health & eyes bad
A-15	Burns, Mrs. Zenas 124 Featherbed Lane, N.Y.C.	Arthritis in knee
A-16	Sisson, Mrs. Octa 565 Cline St., Columbus, Ohio	Recent broken arm and nervous breakdown
A-16	Mike, Mrs. Kate Route #2, Neillsville, Wisc.	Lame and sickly
A-19	Montello, Mrs. Pauline 1717-10th St., Omaha, Nebr.	Health poor
A-22	Livermore, Mrs. Clara B. G. 6 Berkman St., Worcester, Mass.	Had Cystitis in Oct. & Nov. 1932-Recovered. Anemic & Becomes exhausted easily
A-23	Gooding, Mrs. Frances 77 Hamilton Ave., New Rochelle, N.Y.	Feet in bad condition.

Pres. Harding

Burns, James S. D. 2nd Lt.

5-17-33

OA

✓ 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 pro-  
visions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs Zenas Burns

Mrs. Zenas Burns,

124 Featherbed Lane

(Name)

124 Featherbed Lane, New York City, New York.

(Town or City)

New York County

(State)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1332 95463

*N.Y.C. N.Y.*



IN CABIN WITH

Mrs Mary Wenieke- C-109-F and

Mrs Lulu Turnbull-~~C~~-109-C- Group OA

Mrs. .... BURNS, ZENAS ..... A-18 .....  
 City .... 124 FEATHERBED LANE NEW YORK ..... State .... N.Y. ....  
 Your Berth Is ..... Car ..... Train .....  
 Leave ..... Via ..... At ..... E. S. T. ....  
 Arrive At ..... At .....  
~~Leave ..... Via ..... At .....  
 Arrive At ..... At .....  
 Leave ..... Via ..... At .....  
 Arrive At ..... At .....  
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 Arrive At ..... At .....~~

*Local*

*NY*

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If you do not use any of the transport-  
 ation inclosed please return it to the  
 inclosed envelope.

PARTY "A"  
May 1st, 1933

Mrs. Zenas Burns  
124 Featherbed Lane  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

There are enclosed herewith two tags and four identification pasters which have been prepared for the purpose of protecting your baggage while in transit, and to insure its safe arrival at the hotel where you are to stop in New York City. Please attach the tags to the handle of each piece of your baggage and place a paster on each end of each piece of your baggage before leaving your home.

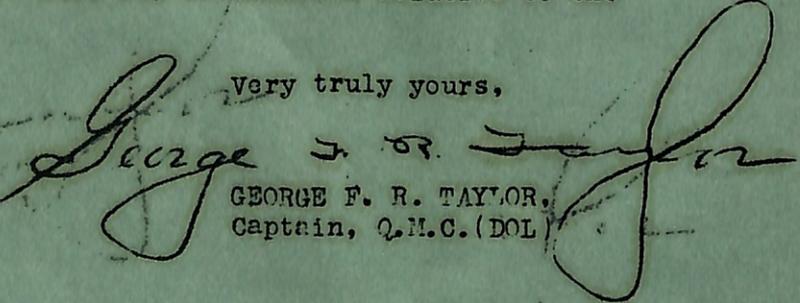
Reservations have been made for you to stop at the Hotel <sup>Comodore</sup> the night of May 16, 1933. Necessary transportation will be provided for you from your home to the hotel, unless you desire to travel by your own transportation. Please use the lower portion of this letter to express your desires regarding transportation from your home to the hotel, and return it in the enclosed self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

All mail intended to reach you between May 17, 1933, the day you sail from the United States, and June 8, 1933, the day you leave Europe, should be addressed to you in care of American Pilgrimage, 20 Rue Molitor, Paris (16), France; for example:

Mrs. Mary Smith,  
c/o American Pilgrimage,  
20 Rue Molitor,  
Paris (16), France.

There is also enclosed herewith information relative to the cemeteries in Europe.

Very truly yours,

  
GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR,  
Captain, Q.M.C. (DOL)

- 8 Incl.:
- 2 Baggage Tags
  - 4 Baggage Pastors
  - 1 Copy Cemeterial Information
  - 1 Self-addressed envelope

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I will  require transportation from my home to hotel.  
I will  not

OA

# MEDICAL RECORD

Party: A-15 S. S. HARDING MANHATTAN Eastbound Westbound

Name Burns, Mrs. Zenas

Home Address 124 Featherbed Lane, New York, N.Y.

Name and address of nearest relative or friend Mr. Zenas T. Burns, (Son)  
Fort Tilden, N.Y.

Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Age 70 M

History of present complaint: Pink Sheet Report; Arthritis in knee. May 16, 1933  
Right knee very much improved. J.H.A. M.C.  
MAY 18th 1933:- EXAMINED.

INSTRUCTIONS: This card will be prepared for each Pilgrim treated on ship, east or west bound. Cards to be included in report of Liaison Officer upon return to New York.

(OVER)

# MEDICAL RECORD

Party A Nurse E Campbell O. A. City

Station: Hotel I'ena, Paris

Date: May 26th 1933

Name Burns, Mrs. Zenas

Home address 124 Featherbed Lane, New York City,

Address of Nearest friend or relative Zenas T Burns ( son)

Fort Tilden, New York.

Religion Episcopalian Age 70

History of Present complaint: See pink slip dated May 5, 1933

Corns -right and left feet- pressure from shoe

INSTRUCTIONS. — This card will be started in all cases of Pilgrims requiring medical attention by the Medical Officer or Nurse first rendering such attention. Subsequently it will be carried by the nurse in attendance upon the group to which the Pilgrim is assigned. All Medical Officers rendering any assistance in the case will make an appropriate entry which will include date, time and signature. Upon final disposition of the case the Nurse in charge will deliver the card to the Office of the Chief Surgeon. Pilgrims sent to the American Hospital will be accompanied by this card properly completed, which will be authority for admission, in which case a duplicate card will be made and sent without delay to the Office of the Chief Surgeon.

(over)

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)

Treatment and Progress: (include dates)

Disposition: (include dates)

Remarks:

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)

May 26th. Arthritis, chronic, knee joints, bilateral, moderate  
Corns, feet bilateral  
WCM.

Treatment and Progress: (include dates)

May 26th Moderately restricted activity. W.C.M.  
Corns treated  
.. 27th Bunion pads applied feet more comfortable  
.. 28th Feet comfortable  
June 1st Bunion pads applied feet comfortable

Disposition: (include dates)

June 8th to Le Havre, Fitts

Remarks:

May 26th. Seen by Maj. Munly  
.. 27th .. ..  
June 6th. No treatment has been necessary aside from bunion pads.  
General condition has been good. Arthritis has caused no  
disability during the tour.

W.C. Munly.

PARTY  
A-15

EASTBOUND  
STATE

GROUP  
O.A.

70-M

NEW YORK

Mrs. **Burns, Zenas** ..... Address **124 Featherbed Lane** **New York**  
(Name of Pilgrim) (Street & No.) (City or Town)  
**N.Y.** **New York**  
(State) (County)

**Mr. Zenas T. Burns - Son** ..... Address **Fort Tilden**  
(Name of Nearest Kin) (Street & No.) (City or Town)  
**New York**  
(State) (County)

### ARRIVAL NEW YORK

VIA. R.R. **motor** ..... Train No. .... Date **May 16th, 1933**  
Hotel **Commodore** ..... Room No. **749**  
Roomed with **Mrs. Mary Wenieke** .....

### DEPARTURE NEW YORK

Date **May 17 1933** ..... Vessel **Harding** ..... Cabin No. **C-109-E**  
In Cabin with **Mrs. Mary Wenieke-C-109-F and Mrs. Lulu Turnbull-C-109-C** .....

(Over Westbound)

**WESTBOUND**  
**ARRIVAL NEW YORK**

Date **June 15, 1933** ..... Vessel **Manhattan** ..... Cabin No. **A-46-1** .....  
In Cabin with **Mrs. Mary Wenieke A-46-3** .....  
Hotel **Local - No room** ..... Room No. ....  
Roomed with .....

**DEPARTURE NEW YORK**

VIA. R.R. **Taxi** ..... Train No. .... Space ..... Car No. .... Date **6/16/33**

**REMARKS**

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(over Eastbound)

WAR DEPARTMENT

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS

**PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS**

**225 WEST 34TH STREET,**

**NEW YORK, N. Y.**

NAME MRS. ZENAS BURNS.....

ADDRESS 124 Featherbed Lane, New York, N.Y......

DATE June 16.....

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. Zenas Burns

Party **A**

O. A. Cmty

Nurse *E. M. Campbell. R.N.*

# MEDICAL RECORD

Station: *Hotel d'Leua - Paris*

Date: *May 26<sup>th</sup> 1933*

Name *Burns, Mrs. Zenas*

Home address *124 Featherbed Lane, New York City.*

Address of Nearest friend or relative *M<sup>r</sup> Zenas J. Burns (son)*

*Fort Tilden. N. Y.*

Religion *Episcopalian*

Age *70*

History of Present complaint: *Corns - II + h. feet (pressure from shoe across lower instep.)*

**INSTRUCTIONS.** — This card will be started in all cases of Pilgrims requiring medical attention by the Medical Officer or Nurse first rendering such attention. Subsequently it will be carried by the nurse in attendance upon the group to which the Pilgrim is assigned. All Medical Officers rendering any assistance in the case will make an appropriate entry which will include date, time and signature. Upon final disposition of the case the Nurse in charge will deliver the card to the Office of the Chief Surgeon. Pilgrims sent to the American Hospital will be accompanied by this card properly completed, which will be authority for admission, in which case a duplicate card will be made and sent without delay to the Office of the Chief Surgeon.

(over)

24/5/33.

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates) 1. Arthritis, chronic, Knees, bilateral, moderate.  
2. Corns, feet, bilat. WCM

26/5/33.

Treatment and Progress: (include dates) Moderately restricted activity. WCM

- 26/5/33 - Gauze + adhesive protection for corns - not satisfactory -
- 27/5/33 - Bunion pads applied = relief - Seen by Major Murrely.
- 28/5/33 - Comfortable.
- June 1<sup>st</sup> - Bunion pads applied = relief.

Disposition: (include dates)

4/6/33.

Remarks: No treatment has been necessary aside from bunion pads. General condition has been good. Arthritis has caused no disability during the tour. WCM.

**Post Office Department**

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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OFFICE  
**HIGH BRIDGE STA.**

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,  
or Post Office Box,

**MUNITIONS BUILDING**

**WASHINGTON,**

**D. C.**

6388

Burns, Jas. S.D.

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## RETURN RECEIPT

S.S. PRESIDENT HARDING 5-17-33

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

*Margaret Burns*

(Signature or name of addressee)

Burns, Jas. S.D.

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery *4/22/33*, 19

Form 3811

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

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QM 293 A-M  
Burns, James S. D. (QA)

March 31, 1933.

Mrs. Zenas Burns,  
124 Featherbed Lane,  
New York City.

Dear Madam:

In compliance with your request of recent date, arrangements have been made for you to occupy lower berths on the vessels to and from Europe.

You are assured that everything possible will be done for your comfort and welfare while on the journey and that special consideration will be given your physical condition at all times.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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PLEASE FILL IN THE INFORMATION CALLED FOR BELOW,  
AND MAIL THIS LETTER PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED  
ENVELOPE WHICH REQUIRES NO POSTAGE.

Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

Burns, James S. D. (OA)  
Burns, Mrs. Zenas  
124 Featherbed Lane,  
New York City, New York Co., N.Y.  
President Harding May 17, 1933.

Sir:

In the blank space below you will find the name,  
address, and relationship to me, of the person in the United  
States whom I desire to be notified in case I become  
seriously ill or other emergency arises while I am making  
the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress  
approved March 2, 1929.

Name James S. Burns ✓  
Address Foot-Hilden New York  
Relationship Son

Very truly yours,



Mrs James Burns  
Your name  
124 Featherbed Lane  
Your address  
N.Y.C.  
N.Y.

Chas. H. Ditz.  
Captain L. M. Coope.

accepts Harding  
May 17

R. E. L. M. 293. a. m  
Burns J. Ltd. (Oa)

Dear Sir.

If I am not too late in  
requesting, would ask for lower  
berth. My Dr. advises me not  
to climb upper berth, as I have  
arthritis in my knee. or cripple.  
but I might fall.

Sincerely

Mrs. Genas Burns.  
124 Featherbed Lane  
N.Y.C. N.Y.



Nov. 27 - 1932

Q.M. 293-A-M.

Burns, James S. D. (Q.A.)

Charles H. Dietz  
Captain Q. M. Corps.  
Assistant.

Dear Sir -

In reply to yours of Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> -  
I am in hopes now of making pilgrimage  
to my son's grave next summer.

Thanking you for your patience  
and courtesy



Sincerely -

Mrs James Burns

124 Featherbed Lane  
New York City.

✓  
Yes

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Burns, James S. D. OA

September 6, 1932.

Mrs. Senas Burns,  
124 Featherbed Lane,  
New York, N.Y.

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,

Encl:  
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Burns, James.S. D. (OA)

July 11, 1932.

Mrs. Zenas Burns,  
124 Featherbed Lane,  
New York City, N. Y.

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  
Burns James S. D. (OA)

November 18, 1932

Mrs. Zenas Burns,  
124 Featherbed Lane,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

In reply to a recent questionnaire you advised that you were undecided about making a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Lieutenant James S. D. Burns, during the summer of 1933.

In order that the best available accommodations may be secured for the mothers and widows it is necessary that steamship reservations be made several months in advance. It is therefore requested that you advise at this time whether or not you believe you will be able to make a pilgrimage next summer, in order that arrangements may be made accordingly.

Properly qualified personnel will be provided to care for your comfort and welfare should you make the journey and doctors and nurses will be available at all times.

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.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

September 6, 1932.

Burns, James S. D. OA

Mrs. Zenas Burns,  
124 Featherbed Lane,  
New York, N.Y.

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.

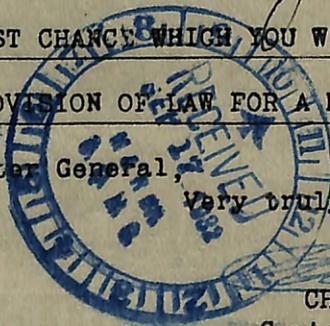
1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	<i>Undecided</i>
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: <i>70</i> Health: <i>Good</i>
3. Do you speak English?	<i>Yes</i>
4. What other language do you speak?	<i>None</i>

*Mrs Zenas Burns*  
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*  
CHAS. W. DIETZ,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

June 20, 1931

Burns, James S. D. Lt. 2nd(OA) M

Mrs. Zenas Burns,  
124 Featherbed Lane,  
New York City.

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    

Write answer here

*Mrs Zenas Burns*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Sign here

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Burns, James S. D. 2nd Lt 608 M

October 11, 1930

Mrs. Zenas Burns  
124 Featherbed Lane  
New York City

Dear Madam:

A reply has not been received to office letter of recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages in 1931, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	<i>No</i>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	<i>No</i>
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age <i>70</i> Condition of health <i>Fair</i>
4. Do you speak English?	<i>Yes</i>
5. What other language do you speak?	<i>None</i>

For The Quartermaster General:

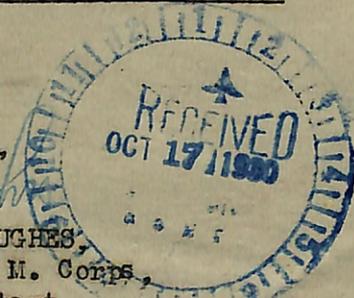
Very truly yours,

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

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*This is the third form that  
has been received*



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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burns, James S. D. 608 M

June 7, 1930

Mrs. Zenas Burns  
124 Featherbed Lane  
New York City, N. Y.

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)

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(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burns, James S. D. 608

February 10, 1930

Mrs. Zenas Burns,  
124 Featherbed Lane,  
New York, N. Y. Co.,  
New York.

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 Second Lieut. James S. D. Burns, 42nd Div., 165th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return 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?

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. 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.

*Mrs Zenas Burns*

*124 Featherbed Lane*  
*N.Y.C. N.Y.*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

October 7, 1929.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Burns, James S. D. 608 M

Mrs. Zenas Burns,  
124 Featherbed Lane,  
New York City.

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?	<del>(Yes)</del>	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	<del>(Yes)</del>	(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?	<del>(Yes)</del>	(No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age (Years)	Health (Good) <del>(Poor)</del>
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <del>(No)</del>	Other language (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burns, James S. D.  
608

Aug. 28, 1929.

Mrs. Zenas Burns,  
124 Featherbed Lane,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 21, 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.

Mother  
Mrs. Zenas Burns  
Belle Dean Burns  
124 Featherbed Lane

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

No

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burns, James S.D.

June 21, 1929.

Mrs. Zenas Burns,  
124 Featherbed Lane,  
New York, 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 **Second Lieutenant James S.D. Burns, 165th Inf. whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, 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 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,

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

QM 293 A-M  
Burns, James S. D. (OA)

March 31, 1933.

Mrs. Zenas Burns,  
124 Featherbed Lane,  
New York City.

Dear Madam:

In compliance with your request of recent date, arrangements have been made for you to occupy lower berths on the vessels to and from Europe.

You are assured that everything possible will be done for your comfort and welfare while on the journey and that special consideration will be given your physical condition at all times.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Burns, Jas. S. D. OA M

March 23, 1933.

Mrs. Zenas Burns,  
124 Featherbed Lane,  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

With reference to previous correspondence on this subject, you are informed that your passport has been received and will be delivered to you aboard ship.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Burns, Jas. S. D. OA M

March 23, 1933.

Mrs. Zenas Burns,  
124 Featherbed Lane,  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

With reference to previous correspondence on this subject, you are informed that your passport has been received and will be delivered to you aboard ship.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M  
Burns James S. D. (OA)

November 18, 1932

Mrs. Zenas Burns,  
124 Featherbed Lane,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

In reply to a recent questionnaire you advised that you were undecided about making a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Lieutenant James S. D. Burns, during the summer of 1933.

In order that the best available accommodations may be secured for the mothers and widows it is necessary that steamship reservations be made several months in advance. It is therefore requested that you advise at this time whether or not you believe you will be able to make a pilgrimage next summer, in order that arrangements may be made accordingly.

Properly qualified personnel will be provided to care for your comfort and welfare should you make the journey and doctors and nurses will be available at all times.

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.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

September 6, 1932.

Burns, James S. D. OA

Mrs. Zenas Burns,  
124 Featherbed Lane,  
New York, N.Y.

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.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Burns, James.S. D. (OA)

July 11, 1932.

Mrs. Zenas Burns,  
124 Featherbed Lane,  
New York City, N. Y.

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?

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(Sign here) \_\_\_\_\_

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

June 20, 1931

Burns, James S. D. Lt. 2nd(OA) M

Mrs. Zenas Burns,  
124 Featherbed Lane,  
New York City.

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,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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

Sign here

QM 293 A-M  
Burns, James S. D. 2nd Lt 608 M

October 11, 1930

Mrs. Zenas Burns  
124 Featherbed Lane  
New York City

Dear Madam:

A reply has not been received to office letter of recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cometerios of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the **mother** of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages in 1931, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age Condition of health
4. Do you speak English?	
5. What other language do you speak?	

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burns, James S. D. 608 H

June 7, 1930

Mrs. Zenas Burns  
124 Featherbed Lane  
New York City, N. Y.

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)

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(Sign here)

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Burns,

(Surname.)

2d Lieut.

James S. D.

(Christian name in full.)

88th Aero Sqdn.

(Rank and organization.)

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(Army serial number.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Mother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

No

(Yes or no.)

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

(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:

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Mrs. Belle D. Burns

124 Featherbed Lane

N.Y.C.

New York

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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QM 293 A-C

BURNS, James S.D. - 2nd Lt.

November 3, 1925

Mrs. Zenas Burns,  
124 Featherbed Lane,  
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

L.W. REDINGTON,  
Major, Q.M.C.,  
Assistant.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Burns, James S.D.

June 21, 1929.

Mrs. Zenas Burns,  
124 Featherbed Lane,  
New York, 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 **Second Lieutenant James S.D. Burns, 165th Inf.** whose remains are now interred in the **Cise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, 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 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.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burns, James S. D. 608

February 10, 1930

Mrs. Zenas Burns,  
124 Featherbed Lane,  
New York, N. Y. Co.,  
New York.

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 Second Lieut. James S. D. Burns, 42nd Div., 165th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return 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?

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. If he is ~~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.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Burns, James S. D. 608 H

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Zenas Burns,  
124 Featherbed Lane,  
New York City.

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

Burns, James S. D.  
608

Aug. 28, 1929.

Mrs. Zenas Burns,  
124 Featherbed Lane,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 21, 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.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE January 25, 1928.

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 S.D. *N.Y.*
- 2. No. -----
- 3. Rank 2nd Lieut.
- 4. Org. 88th Aero Sqdn. 42nd Div. *165th Inf.*
- 5. D.D. Aug. 11, 1918
- 6. C.D. K.I.A.
- 10. Name -----
- 11. No. -----
- 12. Rank -----
- 13. Org. -----
- 14. (a) D.D. -----
- (b) D.B. -----

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

- 7. Grave No. 34 Sec. -----
- 8. Plot Block A Row 16
- 9. -----
- 15. Grave No. ----- Sec. -----
- 16. Plot ----- Row -----
- 17. -----
- 18. Cemetery Oise-Aisne
- 19. Commune or town Seringes-et-Nesles
- 20. Dept. or County Aisne
- 21. Country France
- 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 608
- 23. Disinterred (Date) January 25, 1928 By H.E.N. Stine
- 24. Inscription on grave marker:
  - Name BURNS, James S.D. Serial No. -----
  - Rank 2nd Lieut. Organization 88th Aero Sqdn.
- 25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? no On body? no

*H.E.N. Stine*  
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).  
Sam Brown belt, 1 collar ornament, "U.S.N.G.", 1 collar ornament "165" (with crossed rifles underneath), one 2nd Lt. Bar, one collar ornament sewed on shoulder, gold or silver braid U.S., (with wing on one side, other wing missing).
- 27. Condition of body -----
- 28. Nature of burial Pine box and burlap.
- 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 January 25, 1928 By H.E.N. Stine
- 31. Casket sealed by H.E.N. Stine

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) *H.E.N. Stine*  
H.E.N. Stine.

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

32. Designation of body:

Name **BURNS, James S.D.** Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

Rank **2nd Lieut.** Organization **88th Aero Sqdh.**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **Oise-Aisne Cty., Serignes-et-Nesles, Aisne**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **January 25, 1928** By **C.E. Spahn**

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 *C. E. Spahn*  
**C.E. Spahn**

36. Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

To point of Concentration \_\_\_\_\_

(Name)

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_

By G.R.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_

To Permanent Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_

(Name)

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

40. Received: Date \_\_\_\_\_

G.R.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

41. Reinterred **January 25, 1928, Oise-Aisne Cty.**

(Date)

42. Grave No. **34** Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot **Block A** Row **16**

G.R.S. Representative *William E. Moore*  
**William E. Moore, Superintendent.**

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF BURNS, James S.D. SERIAL NUMBER.....  
 RANK 2nd Lieutenant ORGANIZATION 88th Aero Sqdn.

2. Disinterred (date) : January 25, 1928. From (give complete location) :  
Grave 34, Block A, Row 16.

By : Group..... Cty. Unit.....

3. Reburied (date) : January 25, 1928. In (give complete location) :  
Grave 34, Block A, Row 16.

By : Group..... Cty. Unit..... Nature of reburial..... Casket.

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

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :  
Sam Brown belt. 1 collar ornament: U.S.N.G. 1 collar ornament: 165 (with crossed rifles underneath); 1 2nd Lt. Bar; 1 collar ornament sewed on shoulder, gold or silver braid, U.S. (with wing on the side, other wing missing).

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) .....

7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, & 13 MAD

(b) Weight (estimated).....

(c) Hair—Color .....

4. & 5 MAD

Quantity .....

Characteristics .....

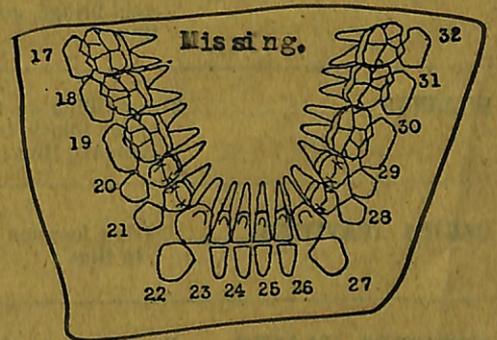
2 MAD  
1 PE

(d) Hair on face—Color .....

Location.....

Quantity .....

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



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

Lower jaw missing.

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

(Title) W. E. Moon

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

(Title).....

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 9588



I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BURNS, James S. D. Ser. No. --  
 (b) Rank 2nd Lt. Organization 165th Inf. ok (12-17)  
 (c) Date of death 8-11-18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA

DB  
TYP. DB  
CKR. gt

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

(a) Grave No. 34 Row - Plot 1 Sec. P TYP. DB  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Z. J. Burns, (Mother) 124 Leatherbed Lane, N.Y.

Due 3/20/22  
DB  
N.Y.  
CKR. gt

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

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt None  
 (a) Name Mrs. Belle D. Burns (b) Relationship Mother  
 (c) Address 124 Featherbed Lane, N.Y.C. N.Y.  
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No  
 (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 MH Date 12-13-, 1920.

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

Belle D. Burns, mother  
N.Y.C., N.Y., 124 Featherbed Lane dated spate she  
 confirming request in Par. IV., item -, above, or requesting that some weeks ago  
that the body of her son be returned.  
but since has changed to remains in France

Examiner's Initials MOM Date 12-13, 1920.

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes MOM

Examiner's Initials MOM Date 12-14-, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 608 SHEET No. 411

G. R. S. Form No. 115  
Amended April 6, 1920  
FORM 115 - A COMPLETED  
JAN 24 1921 - acp

CARDED

Make Form No. 114

Rev. 5-10-21 EP

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12-27  
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VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_, Checked by \_\_\_\_\_

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on JAN 15 1921, 1920

Par. 2 Not to be returned. (L.S.)

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*Investigation made by this office and  
grave location shown on Form 115 is correct.  
RB 4/25/22*



WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

CEMETERIAL DIVISION

WASHINGTON  
Hoboken, N.J.

B.7

FEB 2 1921

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

To: Mrs. Belle D. Burns, 124 Featherbed Lane, New York City.

SUBJECT: Remains of 2nd Lieut. James S. D. Burns, 165 Inf.

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

remain in Europe.

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.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Lieut. Colonel, U. S. Army.

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? \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Father			
Mother			
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

GRAVE LOCATION BOOK

9588  
9588

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BURNS, James D.C.  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

2nd Lt. 169th Inf. Air Service  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL: Feb 12, 18

PLACE OF BURIAL: Wheat Field

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

North of Cherry Road  
near small stream flowing  
west to Marne

GRAVE NUMBER: 99

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:

Cume. Cherry (air) c-90  
#9 N.E.

REPORTED BY: John P. Lewis  
Capt. W. H. Hobbs #1  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Name Burns James D.C.

Rank 2nd Lieut. Co. Air Service <sup>(Corps Regt.)</sup> 169th Inf.

Date of Death .....

Place .....

Cause .....

Date of Burial Aug. 12 1918

Grave No. 99 4th row

Cemetery American north of Les Evaux bet Chierry and  
Blesmes Meaux 49N.E. N.257.9 E.186.

Identified by <sup>{ Tag</sup> <sub>{ Papers</sub> <sub>{ Clothing }</sub> Tag on peg

List of Effects .....

Field Record Made by .....

Company 302, Graves Registration Service

A.G.#3

For additional data use reverse side

29 AOU Regt

Name Burns James S.D.

Rank Lt. Oberst. Co. 88th Quadrant <sup>(Corps Regt.)</sup>

Date of Death Aug 19 18

Place .....

Cause .....

Date of Burial Aug 19 18

Grave No. 100

Cemetery American Blesmes (Aune)

Identified by <sup>{ Tag</sup> <sub>{ Papers</sub> <sub>{ Clothing }</sub> .....

List of Effects .....

Field Record Made by .....

Company Group #2  
305, Graves Registration Service

For additional data use reverse side

31 AOU Regt

**FILE UNDER NO.** 9588, Burns, James S. D.

## INDEX SHEET

### SYNOPSIS

See Board of Review letter dated 8/20/21 and reply thereto. The letter referred to above and the Board of Review Proceedings dated 8/10/21, which are held in this Department pending completion of their cases, will be filed in File #300.4, Board of Review, Cty. 608.

**DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO.**

ECC

INSTRUCTIONS.—Under "Synopsis" make brief entry showing date of communication and from whom received and synopsis sufficient to identify the papers. When these index sheets become numerous under a subject they will be entered on the consolidated index sheet and then destroyed.

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WAR. DEPARTMENT  
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington

Enlistment Made

DEC 21 1920

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

File No. 9588 Requisition. File No. 12-14-20 Date

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cometarial 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 **Burns** ✓
- b. Christian name **James S. D.** ✓
- c. Serial Number
- d. Organization **88th Aero Squadron** ✓  
**165th Inf.**
- e. Rank **2nd Lt.** ✓
- f. Date of death **8-11-18** ✓
- g. Cause of death **DWRIA** ✓
- h. Authority (C.O.#) **224**
- i. Emergency address **Mrs. James Burns**  
**124 Feather Lane, New York City**
- j. Relationship **Mother**

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

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

CEMETERY NO: 608

SHEET NO: 411

TYPED BY: **lmw.**

BY:

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

G.R.S Form No. 8-W; Central Records  
Card Sec. #1, Liaison.  
Dec. 13, 1919

Memo For: G.R.S. representative, C.R.O.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

1. Items checked are to be completed:

Surname: Burns  
 Number: *no record*  
 First name: James S. D.  
 Rank: 2nd Lieut.  
 Company: 165 Inf.  
 Organization: 88th Aero Squadron  
 Date of death: Aug. 11, 1918  
 Cause: *wounded in action*  
 Place:

Location of hospital:

Number " "  
 Class " "  
 Emergency address: *Mrs J. J. Burns*  
 Relationship: *124 Leatherbed Lane*  
*new york, n.y.*  
*Mother.*

Authority:  
 Cablegram No: *1825* Oct 21, 1918  
 Telegram from:

dated:  
Reported to Washington:  
C.C.Nos.

(Underscore the "official" C.C.)  
Remarks:

*[Signature]* CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.

# 9588

Adjutant General  
War Department  
Washington  
D. C.

Dear Sir - Some weeks ago  
I filled out a card pict  
me, to have the body of  
my son. Lieut James D. Burns  
88 Aero Squadron - sent home  
since then I have recd photo  
of his resting place. Such  
a lovely spot near Garrettsville.  
Ans. 6/11/19  
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and is so well cared for  
I feel now I would like  
living to stay where he fell  
If I am not too late  
for the change would  
very much appreciate same.

Hoping for early reply -  
Sincerely

RECEIVED  
OFFICER'S DIVISION  
Belle D. Burns.

124 Featherbed Lane -  
New York City -  
N.Y.



A.G. 293.8  
Burns, James S. D.

June 18, 1919.

R.T. - 359.

Mrs. Belle D. Burns,  
124 Featherbed Lane,  
New York City.

Dear Madam:-

With reference to your letter of recent date, in which you state that you now wish to alter your decision that the body of your late son, Lieut. James S. D. Burns, be returned to the United States for burial, I am attaching hereto a new blank card, which it is requested that you fill in showing your present desire in the matter and return to this office as soon as convenient.

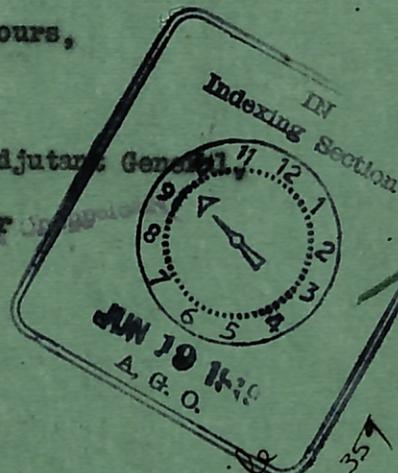
Trusting this is satisfactory, I beg to remain

Very truly yours,

The Adjutant General,

per [signature]

2 encls.



File  
Taylor - 359  
6/18/19.

