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Apr 27 1926

DATE 12/17/21

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1. NAME BURNS, Mike V.

SERIAL No. 3135650

RANK Pvt.

ORGANIZATION Co.H., 111th Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Arg. Amer. Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse) 1232, Sec. 40

119 Sec.40 3  
GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

#14

Boureiulles

Meuse *Cy #1037*

GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES Verdun 35SE 269.9N 300.9E

CONCENTRATED TO 6/5/19 119 Sec 40 3  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Meuse Argonne 1232

CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

DATE OF DEATH Tag on body corroded. GRS placque on body data f-1/pfb  
*Sept 29, 1918*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME *Missouri*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

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SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

*M. B. Birdseye*  
M. B. BIRDSEYE  
1st Lt., Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION

12/17/21

31

27

Block C.

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

AUDITED BY  
10146

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

Robert O. Davis,  
Major General,  
The Adjutant General  
By *H*

CEMETERY

APR 30 1926

MAY 4 1926

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*BURNS* *3135650* *MICHAEL V.*  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

*Pvt.* *Co. H* *111<sup>th</sup> INF.*  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL *Sep 24, 1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL *40.85-00.6*

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

*Forest d'Argonne 1/10000*

GRAVE NUMBER

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?..... 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:

*Chaplain Conaty 1/10000*  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Remains of:

Name: BUHNS, Mike V.

Number 3135650

Rank: Unkn

Organization Co H 111th Inf

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group:

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From (Give complete location)

6 5th June 1919

B A Cty Grave 14 BOURIEULLES MEUSE

35 SE E 300.9 N 269.9

Reburied (Date)

In: (Give complete location)

5th June 1919

Grave No 119 Sec 40 Plot 3

ARGONNE AMER. CEMETERY NO. 1232

ROMAGNE MEUSE

1232

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

Burial poor; buried in uniform; body badly decomposed.

Was any identification tag found upon the body? Yes

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

UNFILED NO. D. 11038  
11028

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: Lt Lewis

R. H. ROSENTHAL

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

JMB

G.O. Group Unit

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Burns	3	2 12 8
	miles Cr.		
	CEMETERY	1	1
BURIED	GRAVE	2	31
	ROW	2	27
	BLOCK	1	3
STATE	Minn.	2	27
RANK	Private	1	2
DIVISION	28	2	28
ORGANIZATION	111	3	111
ARM	Inf.	1	1
MARTIAL	(Father) No	1	2
NAME	Burns	3	
	Edward F Burns		
	RR 1		
	RESIDENCE		
	West Watertown, Minn.		
	STATE	2	
	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER	no SRM	1	
ELIGIBILITY	no loco	1	
	Head 5-14-23	1	6
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

**AUDITED**

APR 14 1982

RS

ACCEPTANCE  
29/514/PJ.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Burns, Mike V 1232-F

July 8, 1930

Mr. Edward F. Burns,  
RR #2,  
West Watertown, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

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

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

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

No.

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

If so, give her name and address:

No.

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

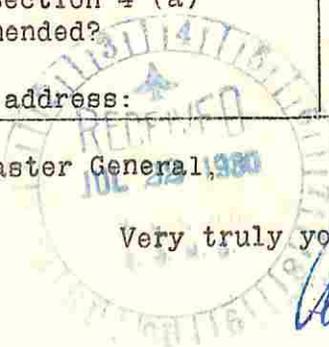
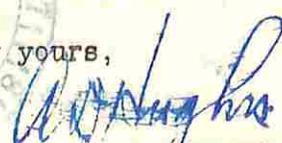
If so, give her name and address:

No.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment

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

Wetstons, Minn. July 6" 1929  
Mr. John T. Harris,  
Major U. S. Corps.  
Washington - D. C.

Dear Sir.

I am very sorry  
to report to you that Mrs.  
Mary Burns - mother of  
Pvt. Mike J. Burns Co. H-111"  
& Inf. died May 14" 1923

Very Respectfully yours

Edward F. Burns

{Father}



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

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Burns, Mike V.

June 29 1929.

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

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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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Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

In reply refer to:  
QM - 293 C-R

July 21, 1923.

Mr. Edward F. Burns,  
Watertown, P.O.  
Minn.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of Private Mike V. Burns, Company H, 111th Infantry, is Grave 51, Row 27, Block C, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-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 headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. The headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.

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

Very truly yours,

H. J. Conner,  
Assistant.



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----- Burns, Mike V. 3,135,650  
(Surname.) (Christian name in full.) (Army serial number.)

----- Pvt Co H 111 Inf  
(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased ----- 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? } ----- no  
(Yes or no.)

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

E. F. Burns Watertown, Minn  
(Name of person to receive remains.) (Express office.) (Telegraph office.)

-----  
(Number and street.) (City or town.) (State.)

(Sign here) ----- Mrs. Mary Burns

-----  
(Number and street or rural route.) (City, town, or post office.) (State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Original letter sent to--

Mr. Edward F. Burns,  
Watertown, Minn.

*checked*  
*FD-4-9-21*

*10-6-6*

*1232 - 6040 - 25 -  
Powers by - 63R*

RECORDED COPY

CAPTAIN W. FRANKLIN, 1ST INF. 28TH DIV.

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C° H. 111th Inf.  
28th Div.

BURNS, Mike V. Pvt 3I35650  
Home ?..

He was killed at about 8 PM Sept 26th, by an explosive bullet in the head; and died instantly. This was on the Chêne Tondu, in the forêt d'Argonne. Buried in the vicinity.

Informant : Williams, John W. Pvt 2300882  
C° H. 111th Div.

Home : ?;;

Searcher ; Bates, J.C. 1st Lt C.A.L.

HC

**FILE**

11/14/30/12

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-C

IN REPLY REFER TO \_\_\_\_\_

SUBJECT: Investigation.

TO: The Adjutant General,  
Washington, D. C.

1. To assist this office in an investigation being instituted to locate the grave of the soldier named above, it is requested that you furnish as much of the following information, as possible:

- (a) Local Board and Mobilization dental charts,
- (b) Any comrades statements on file as to the death and burial place.
- (c) Places of death and burial, if of record.
- (d) Chaplain's burial report.
- (e) Names and addresses of

For The Quartermaster General:



# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 30853

## I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BURNS, Mike V. Ser. No. 3135650  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. H. 111th Inf.  
 (c) Date of death 9-29-18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. hmp  
 CKR. B. J.

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

(a) Grave No. 119 Row --- Plot 3 Sec. 40 TYP. hmp  
 (b) Emerg. Address Edward F. Burns, (Father) Rt #2 West Watertown, Minn.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases /// CKR. B. J.

## IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt \_\_\_\_\_

(a) Name Mrs. Mary Burns (b) Relationship mother  
 (c) Address omitted  
 (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. E. F. Burns  
Watertown, Minn.  
exp + Tel - Watertown, Minn  
 (g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. -

Examiner's Initials lbr Date 4-9-, 1920.

## V. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_  
 confirming request in Par. IV., item \_\_\_\_\_, above, or requesting that \_\_\_\_\_  
no correspondence

Examiner's Initials lbr Date 4-9-, 1920.

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

E. F. Burns, father  
Watertown, Minn. 5-17-20. Cancels  
above request, Now desire body to remain in  
France.

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes  
 Examiner's Initials lbr Date 4-9-, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232 Sec. 40 SHEET No. 25

H.S. 4-22-21

*Accepted*  
4-9-21



REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF BURNS, Mike V. SERIAL NUMBER 3135650  
RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Co. H. 111th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Dec. 16th 1921 From (give complete location):  
Gr 119, sec 40, plot 3, cem 1232.

By: Group 1 Unit Section 1

3. Reburied (date): In (give complete location):  
Dec. 17th, 1921, Meuse Argonne Cemetery # 1232, Grave IX 31, Row 27, Block C.

By: Group Reburial S. Unit Nature of reburial Unlined Casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Decomposed, unrecognizable.  
Uniform, burlap and pine box.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:  
GPS plaque on body reads "Mike Burns, 3135650"

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to determine

(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.

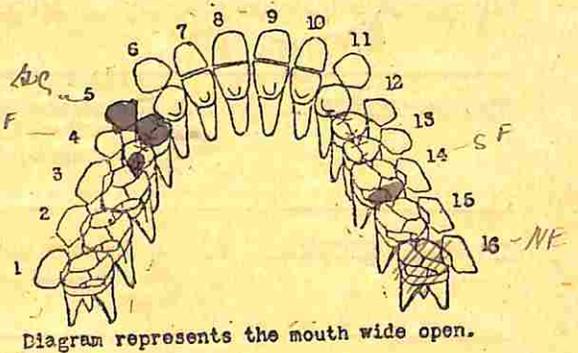
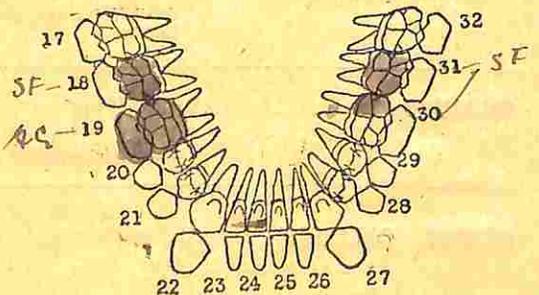


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



7. Disinterment supervised by N. N. Foster  
H.H. Foster

Approved: F. B. Daniel  
F. B. Daniel,  
(Title) Capt. G.M.C.

8. Reburial supervised by A. U. Dufault  
A. U. Dufault

Approved: James W. Younger  
James W. Younger  
(Title) Capt. G.M.C.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Dec. 16, 1921.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

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Records of G.R.S. Headquarters. Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

- 1. Name BURNS, Mike V.
- 2. No. 3135650
- 3. Rank Pvt.
- 4. Org. Co.H., 111th Inf.
- 5. D.D. 9-29-18
- 6. C.D. KIA
- 10. Name \_\_\_\_\_
- 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_
- 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_
- 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) D.B. None.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

- 7. Grave No. 119 Sec. 40
- 8. Plot 3 Row \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. \_\_\_\_\_
- 15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_
- 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_
- 17. None.

- 18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne American
- 19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Montfaucon
- 20. Dept. or County Meuse
- 21. Country France.
- 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232, Sec. 40

23. Disinterred (Date) Dec. 16, 1921. By H. H. Foster.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Mike V. Burns Serial No. 3135650  
 Rank Pvt. Organization Co. H, 111 Inf.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? No On body? Yes (Corroded)

John H. Crawford  
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant  
John H. Crawford.

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).

GRS plaque on body reads, "Mike Burns 3135650".

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed; features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Uniform, burlap and 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 Dec. 16, 1921. By H. H. Foster.

31. Casket sealed by H. H. Foster.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor H. H. Foster.  
H. H. Foster.

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. **C-18391**

32. Designation of body:

Name **Mike V. BURNS** Serial No. **3155660**

Rank **Pvt.** Organization **Co.H., 111th Inf.**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **House-Arg.Amer.Cty.#1232,Romagne-sous-Montfaucon,Meuse.**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **Dec. 16, 1921.** By **H. H. Foster.**

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, Captain, Q.M.C.**

36. Remarks **None.**

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) **Dec. 16, 1921.** d

To point of Concentration **Morgue, Romagne.**

Convoyer **W. J. Royed.** Signature Shipping Officer **J. Gerald Cole**  
Captain, C. A. 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 Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred **House-Argonne Cemetery, # 1232, Dec. 17th, 1921.**

42. Grave No. **31** Section

43. Plot, Block. **C.** Row **27.**

G.R.S. Representative

**James W. Younger**  
Capt. Q.M.C.



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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BURNS 3135650 MICHAEL V.  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Private CO H 111<sup>th</sup> INF.  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL Sept 27, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL 70.85-00.6

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

Forest & Argonne 710 000

GRAVE NUMBER

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?  Cross?

Headboard?  Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

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

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

(MARN=)

OMME VIENNE E-CHATEAU

(C 275) 35 S. 4. COOR E 800. 6

(N 270.80)

25 OCT 1918

REPORTED BY:

Chaplain Conaty 111<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> Reg.  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

30853

1. G. P. Form No. 1. Hq. G. R. File

2. Soldier's No. 3135630

3. BURNS MIEE V.  
Surname (In Block Letters) First Name and Initials

4. UNKNOWN H 111 INF.  
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. Unknown In Action  
Date of Death Cause, if known

6. Unknown  
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. Town or Commune (In Block Letters) Department

8. 29  
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

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

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

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

~~VIERNE-LE-CHATEAU (MARNE)~~

~~COORD~~ ~~275 SHIP 33SE COORD~~ { E-299.7 }  
~~COORD~~ { N-270.9 }

12. MAP VERDUN SE 35 270.9 N 299.7 E  
Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

SKETCH 8

13. Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed RASH AND LIEUT. COL. [Signature] U.S.A.C.

RASH  
1247

Group 1 Unit 305 G. R. S.

Address re to  
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE & STORAGE  
Munitions Building

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE  
WASHINGTON

30853  
FILE

June 10, 1920.

30853 -Inquiry (Burns, Mike V., Pvt.)

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

Mr. E. F. Burns, Watertown, Minn.

Cancellation of Former Request.

1. In reply to your letter of May 27, 1920, referred to this office by the Secretary of War with instructions to reply to same, you are advised that notation has been made of your desire to cancel your former request that the remains of your son, Private Mike V. Burns, Company H, 111th Infantry, be returned to the United States for final burial, and record has been made of your present wish that the remains of this soldier be permanently interred in France. Instructions have been sent to the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. in Europe, to have your wishes complied with.

2. In regard to the permanent cemeteries to be established in France, your attention is invited to paragraph 8 of Graves Registration Service Bulletin, attached.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Colonel, U. S. Army,  
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

DS

By:

BPM

CHARLES J. WYNNE,  
Captain, Q. M. C.

2 encls.

G. P. B. MAILED  
JUN 01 1920

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May 22, 1920.

My dear Mr. Burns:

The Secretary of War directs me to acknowledge your letter of May 17th and to advise you that he is having me refer your communication to the Graves Registration Service, in order that a fully reply may be made by the division of the War Department having the entire matter in charge.

In the meantime you may be interested to note the enclosed circulars and statements recently issued by the Secretary of War on the general subject of our soldier dead overseas.

Cordially yours,

Mr. E. F. Burns,  
Watertown,  
Minnesota.

James Purbin,  
Clerk of the Secretary.

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D. G. M. G.



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JANUARY 1st 1920	
CAPITAL \$ 10,000,000	
TOTAL GROSS ASSETS \$ 39,624,376	
RESERVES	
FOR UNEARNED PREMIUMS	\$ 14,854,828
FOR LOSSES AND ALL CLAIMS	2,304,724
RESERVE FOR CONTINGENCIES	100,000
FOR DIVIDEND	1,000,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 18,259,552
POLICY HOLDERS SURPLUS	\$ 21,364,824

Watertown, E. F. BURNS, Solicitor  
Mayer, Minn.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE  
MAY 20 1920  
WAR DEPARTMENT

Watertown, Minn. May 17" 1920

Hon. Sec. of War  
Washington, D. C.

Dear sir

Mike V. Burns Co-4- 111<sup>th</sup> Infantry  
was killed in the Argonne battle Sept 29"  
1918. The War Dept. wrote me if I wished his  
body to be sent home, and I answered yes.  
Now I understand those dead soldiers of ours  
are all buried in National Cemeteries in  
France. We have concluded not to remove  
the remains of our beloved hero, but let his  
remains where he made the great sacrifice  
for Democracy. So I wish you would  
cancel my order for my sons' body  
to be sent home + oblige

ASSISTANT AND CHIEF CLERK  
MAY 20 1920  
WAR DEPT.

Very Respect yours  
P.S. E. F. Burns

Watertown, Minn. P.O.

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

Date 6/7/20

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME Burns, Mike V.

Serial Number

RANK

ORGANIZATION

Co. H. 111th Inf.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	(1) Out. # 3135650.
2.	Date of Death.	(2) 9-29-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	(3) Killed in Action
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	(4) # 285
5.	Date buried.	(5) No record
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	(6) Reinterred from Grave 14, Amer Sta. City 1037, Bourges, France ✓ Reburied: 6-5-19 Grave # 119, Sec 40, plot 8 Argonne Amer. City 1232 Romagne-sous-Montfaucon France.
7.	Who reported burial?	(7) a yes
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	(8) b yes
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	(9) Edward K. Burns (father) R.R. # 2, West Watertown, Minn.
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	(10) 2-11-19; 2/21/20-107
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	(11) 2-22065.
12.	Has been notified? (Give date)	Released by Information Control Dept. Directory Cards 5x8 ✓ Cards 4x6
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	
15.	Inquiry made by?	

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

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

I. GENERAL INFORMATION on Cemetery No. (furnished by: ..... ) (date ..... )

Data sent Overseas .....  
Operations to commence (approx.) .....  
Operations to be completed (approx.) .....  
Bodies shipped from European Port .....  
Bodies arrived at Hoboken .....

II. CASE OF Burns Mike V. 3135650 Co H 111 Inf

The following information was abstracted (Date) ..... from:

SOURCE	CLK.	in OFFICE		CLK.	in OFFICE
A. G. O. Cards			Shppg. Inquiry (sent .....		
A. G. O. Corresp.			To .....		
G. R. S. corresp. relative to disp.			OSP S-S Corresp (see Remarks.)		

ago card DESIRES as to Disposition.

Name of Relative	RETURN.			
	N. C.	Pvt. Int.	REMAIN	SPECIAL
Widow				
Children (Name oldest first)				
✓ Father <u>Mrs Mary Burns</u>		✓		
Mother <u>Watertown</u>				
Brothers <u>Mum</u>				
Sisters				

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

REMARKS City 1232 has not been reported by the Audit Dept. J B & B. 4/7-20