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DATE \_\_\_\_\_

1. NAME BURNS, Richard W. SERIAL No. 2242675

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. L, 103rd Inf.  
& DIVISION 41926

GRAVE LOCATION St. Mihiel American Cty, Thiaucourt, M-et-M. #1233  
CTY. NAME NUMBER

78 GRAVE Sec. 20 2 PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 8 American Military Meuse Cty 233  
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES Commercy Map B, 217.8N, 348.1E.

CONCENTRATED TO 6/19/19 78 Sec. 20 2  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT  
St. Mihiel 1233  
CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on cross.

Data F-1

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

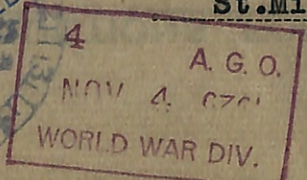
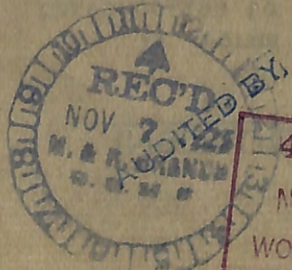
DATE OF DEATH June 16, 1918 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Miss DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED no  
SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR I. H. Joffe, 1st Lt., MC.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Aug. 18, 1922 31 12 Block B  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

St. Mihiel American No. 1233, Thiaucourt  
CEMETERY



# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Burns* *2242675* *Richard W.*  
.....  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

*Private* *Co. L. 123 U.S.*  
.....  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL..... *June 20 1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL..... *American Military Cemetery*

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

*M. H. #39 - Vestuzey's*  
*House*

GRAVE NUMBER..... *8*

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?..... Cross?..... *X*

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: *Roger B. T. Anderson*

*Captain*

*Mobile Hospital 39*

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

This portion to be forwarded to Adj. Gen'l. C. H. O. A. E. F.

*26 JUN 1918*

Co L. 103rd Infantry  
26th Division

BURNS Richard Pvt. 2242675  
Home : R No 4 Kilgore , Tex.

" He was killed the time Roerick was by the same shell . He never knew what struck him . Death was instantaneous . This was at Kivray June 16th 1918 .

No information available as to burial . "

Informant : Ferris, Walter E. Cpl. 240487  
Co L. 103rd Infantry  
Home : Paola , Kan.  
February 13th 1919

Searcher : A.G. Butzer , Chaplain

Emergency Address :-  
W.W. Burns (Father)  
R No 4 Kilgore , Tex.

C.F.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Remains of :

NAME: BURNS Richard W. NUMBER: 2242675  
RANK: Pvt ORGANIZATION: Co.I. 103 Inf.

DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL MADE BY GROUP: UNIT:

DISINTERRED: (Date) FROM: (Give complete location)

10th June 1919 Grave 8, AMER. MIL. CTY.  
VERTUZEY MEUSE

52 SW E 348.1 N 217.8

REBURIED (Date)

IN: (Give complete location)

19th June 1919

Grave 78, Sec. 20, Plot 2.

ST MIHIEL AMERICAN CEMETERY #1233

THIAUCOURT MetM/

1233

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

Burial good, Buried in box

Was one identification tag found upon the body ? No

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

**ARMED** 11879  
No.

Note:

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

Supervised by: Lt Glos

R. H. ROSENTHAL  
2nd Lieut. O.M.C.U.S.A  
C.O. Group            Unit

Entered on list

*Burns*

Burns, Richard W.

Private, Co. L., 103rd Inf.

Died: June 16, 1918, Amexforce of  
wounds recieved in action.

In line of duty. Not the result  
of own misconduct.

EA--W.W. Burns (father)  
R.F.D. No. 4,  
Kilgore, Texas.

A.G.O., July 25, 1918.

Write nothing below this line.

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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Burns</i>	<i>BUR</i>	3	<i>2 12 0</i>
<i>Richard W.</i> BURIED	CEMETERY <i>1233</i>	1	<i>3</i>
	GRAVE <i>31</i>	2	<i>31</i>
	ROW <i>12</i>	2	<i>12</i>
	BLOCK <i>B</i>	1	<i>2</i>
STATE	<i>Miss</i>	2	<i>28</i>
RANK	<i>Pvt</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>26</i>	2	<i>26</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>103</i>	3	<i>103</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Burns,</i> <i>Samantha</i>	<i>BUR</i>	3	<i>2 12 0</i>
RESIDENCE <i>618 Park St.</i> <i>C/o B F. Morton</i>	STATE <i>Ark.</i>	2	<i>03</i>
	COUNTY <i>Pulaski</i>	2	<i>60</i>
	CITY <i>Little Rock</i>	3	<i>021</i>
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER	<i>Father</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Good</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NO. OF SONS		1	
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	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE 29/514/PJ.	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i> <i>70</i>

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Burns, Richard W StM

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# RETURN RECEIPT

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

*Samantha Burns*

(Signature or name of addressee)

*Mrs. B. F. Norton*

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of Delivery

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WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-M

Burns, Richard W 1233

January 5, 1933

Mrs. Samantha Burns,  
618 Polk St.,  
c/o B.F. Morton,  
Little Rock, Ark.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE IN 1933? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Yes) or (No)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sign here

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.:  
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

October 11, 1932

Burns, Richard W. SMI

Mrs. Samantha Burns,  
618 Polk St.,  
c/o B. F. Morton,  
Little Rock, Arkansas

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:

3. Do you speak English?

4. What other language do you speak?

Age:  
Health:

Sign here

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:  
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Burns, Richard W. (STM)

July 11, 1932

Mrs. Samantha Burns,  
RD 7, Box 96,  
Texarkana, Ark.

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.

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

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

Burns, Richard W. Pvt. Co. L. 103 Inf. Miss.

XC-23669

*copy*  
Mother - Samantha Burns

~~mail ret. from Rd 7 Box 96 Fayetteville, Ark.~~

618 Polk st  
90 B. F. Morton  
Little Rock,  
Ark.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Burns, Richard W. (StM)

Sept. 7, 1932.

Mrs. Samantha Burns,  
~~RD 7, Box 96,~~  
Texarkana, Ark.

*618 - Palk St.  
C/o B. F. Morton  
Little Rock  
Ark*

Dear Madam:

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

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

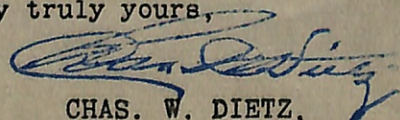
1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:  
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Burns, Richard W. (STM) M-

October 1, 1931

Mrs. Samantha Burns,  
RD 7, Box 96,  
Texarkana, Ark.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

In order that the records may be complete, 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.

<i>On account of my age.</i>	
1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage <i>in 1932?</i> <i>do not desire to make the trip</i>	<i>70 yrs -</i>
2. Please state your age and condition of health: <i>70 yrs. Fair.</i>	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English? <i>yes -</i>	<i>Health Fair according</i>
4. What other language do you speak? <i>none</i>	<i>to age.</i>

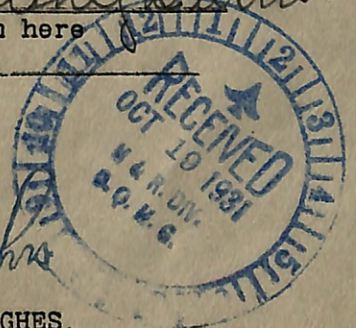
*Mrs Samantha Burns.*  
Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:  
Env.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Burns, Richard W. Pvt. (StM) M

June 13, 1931.

Mrs. Samantha Burns,  
R. D. #, Box 96,  
Texarkana, Ark.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Burns, Richard W - 1233 M

June 4, 1930.

Mrs. Samantha Burns,  
RFD 7, Box 96,  
Texarkana, Ark.

Dear Madam:

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

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

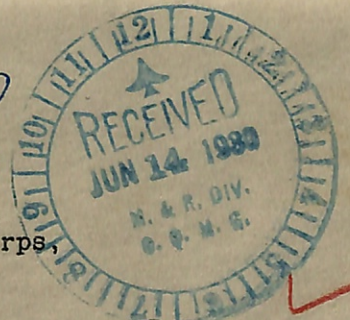
As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope, which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? No

(Write answer here)

*Mrs. Samantha Burns*  
(Sign here)

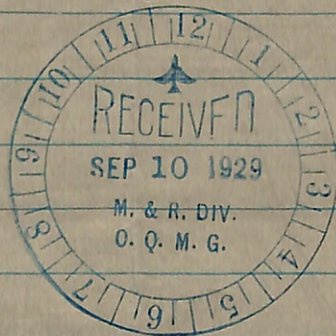
DEAR SIR to MY SHAME I HAVENT SEEN  
SAMTHA BURNS BUT ABOUT 4 TIMES IN  
10 YEARS

YOU CAN GET HER ROUTE ADDRESS  
FROM THE VETERANS BUREAU

W W BURNS

OVERTON TEX RD #

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW THE CAUSE OF  
MY ADDRESS A BEING OVERTON TEX  
AND SAMTHA BURNS ES TEXARKAN  
I WILL TELL YOU



BURNS, Richard W

Pvt. Co L 103 Inf

SN 2242-675 DB-6-18

VETERAN SINGLE

Mother. Mrs Samantha Burns

RD 7 Bx 96

TEXARKANA,  
ARK.

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IN REPLY to QM 293 A-C

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

August 28, 1929.

Burns, Richard W.  
1233

2242675-6-16-18

Mr. W. W. Burns,  
Route #4,  
Overton, Texas.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 27, 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

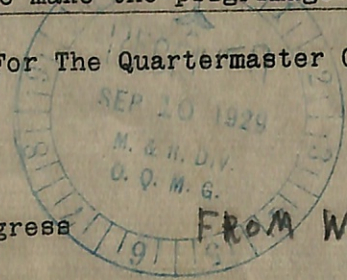
1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried? If so, give her complete address:	RICHARD W BURNS HAD NO WIFE
2. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.	SAMTHA BURNS IS HIS MOTHER IF SHE DESIRES MAKING THE TRIP OVER CAE I KNOW NOT HER ADDRESS IS TEXARKAN
3. If survived by a widow, or mother does she desire to make the pilgrimage?	I KNOW NOT WHAT ROUTE IF ANY

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope



FROM WILLIAM W BURNS

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May 27, 1929.

Burns, Richard W

Mr. W. W. Burns,  
Route # 4,  
Overton, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, entitled an Act "To enable the mothers and widows of the deceased soldiers, sailors and marines of the American forces now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries".

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Private Richard W. Burns, Co. L, 103rd Inf., whose remains are now interred in the St. Michael American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Mourthe-et-Moselle, France.

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

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relative is a stepmother, mother through adoption, or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. If he was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

For your reply, you may use the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Act of Congress.  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Burns, Richard W. (StM)

Sept. 7, 1932.

Mrs. Samantha Burns,  
RD 7, Box 96,  
Texarkana, Ark.

Dear Madam:

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4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

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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, Richard W. (STM)

July 11, 1932

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

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

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

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

October 11, 1932

Burns, Richard W. SM

Mrs. Samantha Burns,  
618 Polk st.,  
c/o B. F. Morton,  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Sign here

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

For The Quartermaster General,  
Very truly yours,

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

Encl:  
Env.

0444

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QQMG M&R BFR

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Burns, Richard W. (STM) M-

October 1, 1931 ed

Mrs. Samantha Burns,  
RD 7, Box 96,  
Texarkana, Ark.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

In order that the records may be complete, 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 1932?	
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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:  
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Burns, Richard W. Pvt. (StM) M

June 13, 1931.

Mrs. Samantha Burns,  
R. D. #, Box 96,  
Texarkana, Ark.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 4, 1930.

Burns, Richard W - 1253 M

Mrs. Samantha Burns,  
RFD 7, Box 96,  
Texarkana, Ark.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Burns, Richard W 1233- M

Mrs. Samantha Burns,  
Texarkana, Ark.

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

August 28, 1929.

Burns, Richard W.  
1233

Mr. W. W. Burns,  
Route #4,  
Overton, Texas.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated **May 27, 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.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
**Burns, Richard W**

May 27, 1929.

**Mr. W. W. Burns,  
Route # 4,  
Overton, Texas.**

Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, entitled an Act "To enable the mothers and widows of the deceased soldiers, sailors and marines of the American forces now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries".

The records of this office show that you are the <sup>father of the</sup> late Private Richard W. Burns, Co. L, 103rd Inf., whose remains are now interred in the St. Michael American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

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

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relative is a stepmother, mother through adoption, or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. If he was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

For your reply, you may use the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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BURNS

2242675 ✓

Burns  
(Surname.)

Richard W.  
(Christian name in full.)

Co L, 103 INF  
(Army serial number)

Pvt

Co L 103 Inf  
(Rank and organization.)

METHODIST

State your relationship to the deceased. FATHER

MOTHER

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

No

(Yes or no.) NO

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

(Yes or no.) YES

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

WE DESIRE IT TO REMAIN IN FRANCE

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

TEX

FATHER

MOTHER

OVرتون.TEX

KILGORE

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

WILLIAM WASHINGTON BURNS

SAMANTHA BURNS

(Number and street or rural route.)

4

(City, town, or post office.)

KILGORE

(State.)

TEXAS

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Please enclose the letter accompanying this card.

(Number and street of your home)

(City, town, or Post Office)

(State)

(Name of person to receive letter)

Drawn by - BIR

(Name of person to receive letter)

11233-479

2-1-21

How below as to where they should be sent:

If you desire the remains interred at the home of the deceased, give full information as to where they should be interred in a national cemetery? (Check one)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you desire them to be buried in a national cemetery? (Check one)

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

State your preference to the deceased

(Print full name)

(Signature)

(Print name in full)

(Write serial number)

Letter following above  
No. 11233-479  
BIR-63  
to return to U.S.

*W. E. ...*

BURNS, Richard W., Pvt.

March 3, 1924

Mr. William Washington Burns,

Route #4,

Overton, Texas.

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

This American military cemetery is one of those to be maintained by the United States for all time in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of dignified design, with the name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.

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

Very truly yours,

1-Incl.  
Record card.

Q.M.G.  
Central Mail & Files Bldg



MAR 8 1924

H. B.

Assistant.

R. L. FOSTER

MPK  
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# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 5046



**I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:**

(a) Name BURNS, Richard W. Ser. No. 2242675  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. I, 103rd Inf. <sup>H-31-2</sup>  
 (c) Date of death 6-16-18 (d) Cause of death DWHIA K/A

TYP. DB  
 CKR. 31

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

(a) Grave No. 78 Row - Plot 2 Sec. 20 TYP. DB  
 (b) Emerg. Address W.W. Burns, (Father) Rt. #4, Kilgore, Texas.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases -- CKR. 31

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

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

(a) Name William Washington Burns (b) Relationship Father  
 (c) Address Rt #4, Kilgore, Tex.  
 (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 lbr Date 2-1-, 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 2-1-, 1920.

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

*new address* Overton, Texas 5/20/20 sends letter of acknowledgment. No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes 31

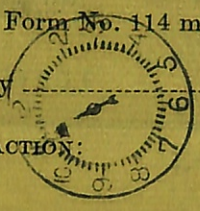
Examiner's Initials 31 Date 2-2-, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1233 SHEET No. 479

CARDED

*MB* FEB 26 1921

VII. G. R. Form No. 114 made \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.  
 DIVISION  
 TYPED BY \_\_\_\_\_, CHECKED BY \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.



MAR 3 1921

RECEIVED  
 FEB 17 1921

VIII. FINAL ACTION:  
 Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
 letter on **FEB 18 1921**, 1920

Par. 2 Not to be returned.

*EW*

IX. CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: *F-120 - no date - William Washington Burns - father w/K - P.F.D. #4 Overton, Texas - leave in Europe - H 7/18/21*  
*eciv*

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Aug. 18, 1922

## REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

## DISINTERMENT

## COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters. <sup>jw.</sup>

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BURNS, Richard W. 10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. No. 2242675 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Rank Pvt. 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Org. Co.L, 103rd Inf. 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_  
 5. D.D. June 16th 1918 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
 6. C.D. DWRIA (b) D.B. None

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 78 Sec. 20 15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. Plot 2 Row \_\_\_\_\_ 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_ 17. None

18. Cemetery St. Mihiel American 19. Commune or town Thiaucourt  
 20. Dept. or County M-et-M. 21. Country France  
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. # 1233

23. Disinterred (Date) Aug. 18, 1922 By C.P. Keating

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name BURNS, Richard W. Serial No. 2242675  
 Rank Pvt. Organization Co.L. 103rd Inf.

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

Signature Junior Technical Assistant

## PREPARATION

C.T. Brown

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).

Tag on body reads: Richard W. Burns, 2242675.27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.28. Nature of burial Wooden box and uniform.29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Aug. 18, 1922 By C.P. Keating31. Casket sealed by C.P. Keating

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

C.P. Keating

AUDITED  
 800A  
 10/18/23

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. **C-29473**

32. Designation of body:

Name **Richard W. BURNS** Serial No. **2242675**


R nk **Pvt.** Organization **Co.L, 103rd Inf.**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **St.Mihiel American Cty #1233, Thiaucourt, M-et-M.**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **Aug.18, 1922** By **C.P.Keating**

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 

**G.E.Davis, 1st Lt., Q.M.C.**

36. Remarks

**None**

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) **Aug.18, 1922**

To point of Concentration

(Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

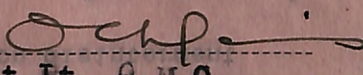
38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery **St.Mihiel Amer.1233, Thiaucourt, France.**

(Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer 

**G.E.Davis, 1st Lt., Q.M.C.**

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred **August 18, 1922**

(Date)

42. Grave No. **31** Section

43. Plot **Bk. B** Row **12**

G.R.S. Representative 

**A.E. DEWEY, 1st, Lieut, QMC**

BEFORE OF DISINTERMENT PRESERVATION SHIPMENT AND RETURN OF BODY

To be prepared in duplicate

DATE FOR RETURN

G.R.S. FORM #114-V

SHIPMENT PRESERVATION AND RETURN

Place Thieu Court France

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date August 18 1922.

1. REMAINS OF BURNS, Richard W.

SERIAL NUMBER 2242675

RANK Pvt

ORGANIZATION Co L 103 Inf

2. Disinterred (date) :

From (give complete location) :

August 18 1922 Gr. 78 Sec 20 Pl 2 Cem 1233

By : Group 3

Unit Sec 1

3. Reburied (date)

August 18, 1922

In (give complete location) : Gr. 31, Row 12, Bk. B

Cemetery 1233, Thieu Court (M H T M)

By : Group Reburial

Unit

In casket and shipping case  
Nature of reburial

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

wooden box and uniform badly decomposed features  
unrecognizable

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? yes

On grave marker? no

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

tag on body reads "Richard W. Burns 2242675"

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) impossible to det.

(b) Weight (estimated) -do

(c) Hair—Color -do

Quantity -do

Characteristics -do

(d) Hair on face—Color -do

Location -do

Quantity -do

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

silver filling 1

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

skull shattered etc

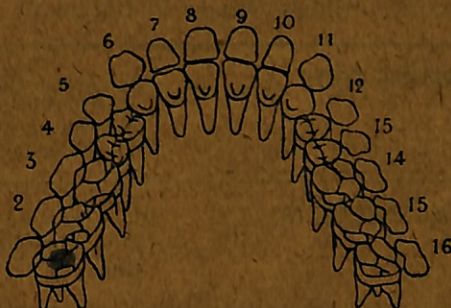
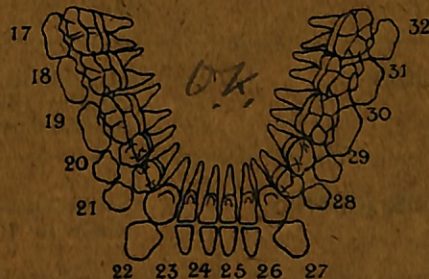


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



7. Disinterment supervised by C P Keating

Approved : O E Davis

C P Keating

(Title) 1st Lieut OMC

8. Reburial supervised by H. L. KRAMER

Approved : A. E. DEWEY

concentration

(Title) 1st. lieut. OMC

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 5046

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name... BURNS, Richard W. Ser.No. 2242675.  
(b) Rank... Pvt. Organization... Co. L, 103rd Inf. Cause of death  
(c) Date of death... 6-16-18. death ... DIED A/A.

OK 3/1/21

TYP... DB  
3/1

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

(a) Grave No... 78 Row ... Plot... 2 Sect... 20 TP... DB  
(b) Emerg. Address W.W. Burns, (Father) Rt. #4, Kilgore, Texas.

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

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

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.....

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on... 192... letter of transmittal on... 192...)

Par. 2 Not to be returned.

FEB 18 1921

MAR 1- 1921

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. .... 192...

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of Relationship Desires Action taken  
and Source... and name.....

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VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. .... 192...

COUNTRY G.R.S. FORM 115-A August, 1920

CEMETERY NO.

SHEET NO.

S/666/LML FRANCE

12 33

479

PRIORITY 104

MB FEB 26 1921

# GRAVE LOCATION BOOK

## LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Burns*, *2242675* *Richard W.*  
 (Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)  
*Private* *Co L 103 U.S. Inf*  
 (Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL *June 20 1918*

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

*M. H. #39* *Verdun*  
*France*

GRAVE NUMBER *8*

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: *Roger B. T. Anderson*  
*Captain*  
*Mobile Hospital 39*  
 (Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

G.R.S. #106  
DISPOSITION OF BODY

War Department  
Office of the Quartermaster General.  
Graves Registration Service.  
Washington, D.C.

For information of:

- (a) The Adjutant General of the Army
- ✓ (b) G.R.S., Paris, France,
- (c) Office Files.
- (d) Photographic Section.

Case of:

**Pvt. Richard W. Burns,**  
**#2242675, Co. L., 103rd Inf.**

Grave Location:

**Grave #78, Section 20, Plot 2,**  
**St. Mihiel American Cemetery,**

Request for action checked below:

- (a) Return of Body to the U.S.
- (b) Permanent Burial in France.
- ✓ (c) Cancellation of former requests.
- (d) Change of address.
- (e) Photograph of grave,

has been made by:

**Mr. W.W. Burns,**  
**Overton, Texas.**  
**R.F.D. #4**

1: By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.  
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

NS-2992/L

G.R.S. #106  
DISPOSITION OF BODY

War Department  
Office of the Quartermaster General.  
Graves Registration Service.  
Washington, D.C.  
**File #5046**

For information of:

- (a) The Adjutant General of the Army
- (b) G.R.S., Paris, France,
- (c) Office Files.
- (d) Photographic Section.

Case of: **Pvt. Richard W. Burns**  
**Co. L - 103rd Inf.**  
**Serial #2242675**

Grave Location:

**Grave 78 - Sec. 20 - Plot 2 -**  
**St. Mihiel - American Cty #1233**  
**Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle.**

Request for action checked below:

- (a) Return of Body to the U.S.
- (b) Permanent Burial in France.
- (c) Cancellation of former requests.
- (d) Change of address.
- (e) Photograph of grave,

has been made by:

**Father - W.W. Burns,**  
**Overton, Texas.**  
**R.F.D. #4.**

1: By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.  
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

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Burns Richard W. #2242675

Pvt. Co. L. 103rd Inf.

BURIED AMERICAN CEMETERY  
Vertuzey, Meuse

Grave 8

233

B 566

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BURNS, RICHARD W. #2242675

Pvt. Co. L, 103rd Inf

Buried at Vertuzey, Meuse

233 ✓

8 821

August 11th, 1921, etc.

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

Mr. William Washington, Burns,  
R.F.D. #4,  
Overton, Texas.

Re:- Burns, Richard W., Pvt.,  
Serial No. 2242675,  
Co.L, 103rd Inf.

Dear Sir:-

Our Shipping Inquiry Form #120, of recent date, requesting that the remains of the deceased soldier named above be left in France for burial in a permanent American Cemetery has been forwarded to the Cemeterial Division, Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington, D.C., for necessary action.

The Cemeterial Division, Washington, D.C., will furnish you the grave location in the permanent American cemetery as soon as possible after the body has been placed therein.

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

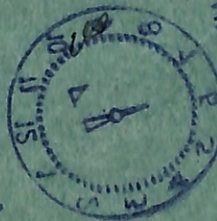
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COR. BR. G. R. S. *em* BY:

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

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

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Return this form to Washington

- 1. Form 115 corrected by *H-3-31-21*
- 2. Form 115 A corrected by *Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army*
- 3. Reg. Rec. corrected by *Adjustment* Washington

**FILE**

WAR DEPARTMENT

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A-*6*  
Information requested of *C.O.* Date 2/3/21.

File No. *5046* Registration.

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)  
 To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.  
 Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

- a. Surname Burns, *OK*
- b. Christian name Richard W. *OK*
- c. Serial Number 2242675. *OK*
- d. Organization Co. L, 103rd Inf. *OK*
- e. Rank Pvt. *OK*
- f. Date of death 6/16/18. *OK*
- g. Cause of death DWRIA. *K.I.A.*
- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- i. Emergency address
- j. Relationship

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- a. Age of enlistment *Adjustment Made*
- 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

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File No. *5046*

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CW.  
CEMETERY NO: 1233.

SHEET NO: 479.  
TYPED BY: rln.

S/713/LML

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

BY: *[Signature]*  
H. W. CONNER,  
1st. Lieut., Q.M.C.



CEMETERIAL DIVISION

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DEAR SIR IN RESEPT ~~OF~~ YOURS ~~OF~~  
THE FIRST I WILL SAY THAT I  
APPRISE IT VEAREY MUCH AND  
WITH GRATE SMYPATHY AND I AM  
GLAD TO KNOW THAT MY DEAR SON  
IS BEING CARED FOR AND ALL OTHERS  
I HOP THEY WILL NOT BE NO MORE  
WAR TO CAUSE SORROW A MONGE  
FATHERS AND MOTHERS WE HAVE  
GIVE OUR NOBLES SONS<sup>T</sup> SHED THERE  
BLOOD ON THE BATTELFELDES OF  
FRANCE I HAVE ALL HOPS OF MEETING  
MY DEAR BELOVED SON HIE A BOVE  
THE STAIRS

MY ADDESS IS OVERTON RT 4 TEX  
I HAVE MOVED FROME KILGORE  
EATHER PLACE I WILL GIT IT  
W W BURNS OVERTON TEXAS

RFD#4

RICHARD W M BURNS

CO L 103TH INF

MY DEAR SON

W W BURNS



July 2, 1920.

295.8 Cem. #5046 (Burns, Richard W., Pvt.).

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

Mr. W. W. Burns, Overton, Texas. R.F. D. #4.

Grave of Pvt. Richard W. Burns.

1. In reply to your letter of May 20th, 1920, you are advised that the records of this office contain your request that the body of your son, Private Richard W. Burns, be permanently buried in France. Your attention is respectfully invited to paragraph 8, Graves Registration Service Bulletin (10-D-W) attached, which gives you information concerning permanent cemeteries to be established in France. You may rest assured that the grave of your son will always be properly and tenderly cared for by the United States Government.

2. Your change of address has been noted in the files of this office and all future communications will be addressed accordingly.

3. We are returning herewith the letter sent you by the American Red Cross. You may wish to keep this as a remembrance.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

By-

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

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I HOPE AND TRUST IN THE LORD THAT  
WE WILL MEET A GAINE SOME DAY  
BUT WE WONT MEET ON ERTA NO MORE  
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I WILL MORN THE LOSS OF MY DEAR  
SON UNTELL THE LAST DAY I LIVE  
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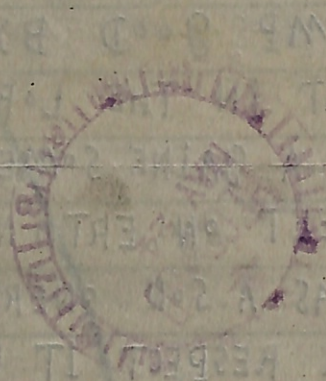
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W. W. BURNS

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I AM PARLYZED AND HAVENT THE  
USE OF MY SIGHT TO WRIT AND HANT  
TO MAKE LETTER LIKE THIS  
LEFT HANDED

DEAR SIR I HAVE NOT THE SPAS ON THE  
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RFD # W. W. BURNS



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

APR 8 1921

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

TO: Mr. William Washington Burns, R F D #4, Overton, Texas.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Richard W. Burns, Ser. No. 2242675, Co. I, 103rd Inf

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

soldier remain in France.

*no change  
cmbo*

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

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

CEMETERIAL DIVISION

GEO. H. PENROSE,  
 Colonel, Q. M. C.



If all blank spaces below are not filled out, it will necessitate a return of this paper and a SERIOUS DELAY in the shipment of this body. State in each case WHETHER or not these relatives are STILL LIVING.

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Was soldier married? \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF	NO. AND STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's widow	<i>noted</i>		
1	<i>115</i>		
Soldier's children	<i>7/18/21</i>		
(Name oldest first)	<i>ecm</i>		
2			
3			
Father			
Mother	<i>See Reverse of 2nd sheet</i>		
1			
Brothers,			
(Name oldest first)			
2			
3			
1			
Sisters,			
(Name oldest first)			
2			
3			

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Important - CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper

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

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

2. To be returned to the U.S. and shipped to \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Name)

(R.R. station) \_\_\_\_\_ (State)

3. To be returned to the U.S. and buried in \_\_\_\_\_ National Cemetery.

4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

1. If definite instructions for the disposition of a body are not received from the next of kin within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.
2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.
3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT OF KIN IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.
4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest next of kin in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.
6. If YOU are not the nearest next of kin, please ask the nearest next of kin, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
7. If YOU are not the nearest living next of kin and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.
8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
9. Use the inclosed envelope-pay no postage.

Note:-INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DISPOSITION OF REMAINS will be issued by this office upon the properly executed authority of the legal next of kin in each case. The widow is the first person having disposition of the remains of her husband. Should there be no widow or children, the father and, in turn (upon his decease), the mother, is the proper authority. The brothers, in order of seniority, and then the sisters in order of seniority, if there are no brothers, rank next in authority to decide. Under an opinion rendered by the Judge Advocate General of the Army, if a widow has remarried she forfeits her right, and the next of kin as given above will make decision.

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

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YES I DESIRE THAT RICHARDS W BURNSES

BODDY REMAIN IN FRANCE

FATHER AND MOTHER

WILLIAM WASHINGTON BURNSES A LIVE

SAMANTHA BURNSES A LIVE

OVERTON RD TEXAS

Note: INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DISPOSITION OF REMAINS will be issued by this office on the property executed authority of the legal next of kin in accordance with the law for the first person having disposition of the remains of a soldier. There shall be no widow or children, the father and, in turn (upon his death), the mother, as the proper authority. The order of seniority, and the order of seniority, if there are no brothers, rank next in seniority, shall be determined by the Judge Advocate General at the Army. Under an opinion rendered by the Judge Advocate General at the Army, the widow was permitted the lifetime her right, and the next of kin of the deceased will have decision.

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