

FULL NAME ..... BURNS, Wallace

RANK ..... Pvt.,

SERIAL ..... 3521756

~~3521765~~  
1-11-27

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION ..... Bty.E. 126th Field Artillery

34 Div.  
2/27

DATE OF DEATH..... Oct. 9, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME..... Texas

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION..... June 6-1922      9      1      A  
Date      Grave      Row      Block

Brookwood American Cemetery      107-E  
Cemetery

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME  
MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED.

none of record.

AUDITED BY  
B.W. 4-2-23

23/306/ARK

verified & found to be correct  
JH/ao / 1-10-27

OC 307 @ 12/10  
GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

Rp

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Burns, 3521765 W.  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Private 126th. Field Arty.  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL.....14th. Oct., 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL.....

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

Craigton Cemetery,

Glasgow, Scotland.

GRAVE NUMBER...Compartment H.H. No. 738.

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

Headboard?.....Yes..... Bottle?.....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?.....Yes.....

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:

One tag found.

REPORTED BY:

Thos E. Swan

Thos. E. Swan, Chaplain, B.S. 3.  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Burns, Wallace

To .....

Q.M. Form No. ....

**BURIALS IN PERMANENT  
CEMETERIES.**

Report No. ....

Sheet No. ....

No. of Cemetery ..... Date **Oct. 14th 1918**

Place of Cemetery **Craigton Cemetery, Glasgow, Scotland**

Place of death **3rd Scottish General Hospital, Glasgow, Scotland**

Disposal of Tags .....

Name **Wallace Burns, 3521765** Rank **Private**

Regiment and Company **126th Field Artillery**

Nature of marking **Cross**

Disposal of Personal Effects .....

Signed : .....

Chaplain.

*R. Kennedy*  
Officer in charge.  
1st Lieut Q.M.C.

NOTE.—Soldiers of Jewish faith to be checked thus in left hand margin : 

Burns, Wallace <sup>3349</sup>

Pr. # 3521765

Co. "E" 12679.

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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Burns, Wallace	3	2-12-8
	CEMETERY	1	7
BURIED	GRAVE	2	09
	ROW	2	01
	BLOCK	1	1
STATE	Texas	2	50
RANK	Priv	1	2
DIVISION	34	2	34
ORGANIZATION	126	3	126
ARM	F. A.	1	3
MARITAL	(other) No	1	2
NAME	Hodge, Grace	3	
	Sherwood, Texas	2	
RESIDENCE	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Dead	1	6
NATIVITY	(1929)	1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

~~Audited  
5-13-32  
ETK~~

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**WAR DEPARTMENT.**  
**OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL**  
**WASHINGTON**

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Burns, Wallace 107-E-0

July 8, 1930

Mrs. Grace Hodge,  
Sherwood,  
Texas

Dear Madam:

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*  
*Mrs. Annie F. Burns*  
*died in 1929*

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?

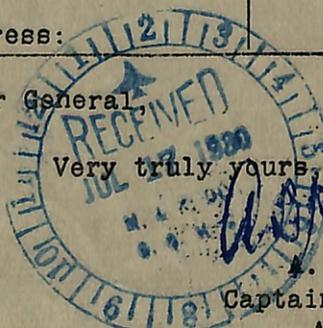
If so, give her name and address:

*No*

For The Quartermaster General

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment



*[Signature]*  
A. D. HUGHES,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Sherwood, Texas  
June 7, 1929

War Department.  
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter, Wallace  
Burns mother passed away one month  
ago, and he does not have a widow.

yours Truly

Grace Hodge.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Burns, Wallace

May 1, 1929.

Mrs. Annie Florence Burns,  
Mertson,  
Texas.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Wallace Burns, Battery E, 126th Field Artillery, whose remains are now interred in the Brookwood American Cemetery, Brookwood, England.

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

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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Traced 6/3/29

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QM 293 A-C  
Burns, Wallace

June 3, 1929.

Mrs. Annie Florence Burns,  
Mertzon,  
Texas.

Dear Madam: The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated \_\_\_\_\_ making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased <sup>May 1, 1929,</sup> 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.

Your prompt reply will be appreciated.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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Q. M. G. M. S. R. DIV.

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Mertzon, Texas.  
April 29, 1929.

War Department,  
Washington, D. C.

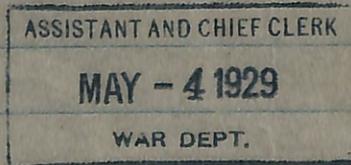
Dear Sirs:

The "ad" about for "Unknown  
Mothers" was read in the "Star  
Telegram" a few days ago. My mother  
was a Gold Star Mother. Her son died  
in France in Oct. 1918. His name  
was Wallace Burns son of Mr. and  
Mrs. J. J. Burns, of Sherman, Texas.

I am writing these few words  
them.

Yours truly.

Mrs. J. W. Christopher  
Mertzon, Texas.  
Box 220.



15 Received A. G. O MAY 6 1929



C471-E 116

Burns, (Surname.) Wallace (Christian name in full.) 3,521,765 (Army serial number.)

Pvt. (Rank and organization.) Btry E, 126<sup>th</sup> FA 26th FA

State your relationship to the deceased. Father

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? Yes (Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery? Yes (Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.) (Express office.) (Telegraph office.)

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

(Sign here)

Joseph T. Burns

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

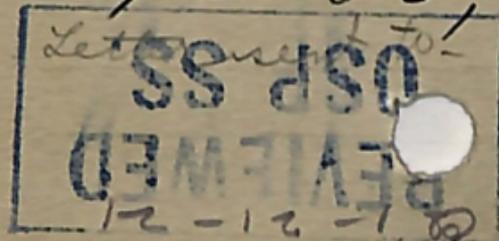
Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Over 3-713

Mertzen Drive to Texas 3-31-1973

Dear Sir

If all the American Shoppers  
are brought to the United States,  
I want my Son. brought. if they  
all stayed there, I want mine to  
stay there.



Mr. Joseph T. Burns  
Mertzen, Texas.

DED-63  
4-19-9

712-1-20  
Brown W. P. M.

In reply refer to:  
293 C-R

July 9, 1923.

Mr. Joseph T. Burns,  
Mertzon, Irion Co.,  
Texas.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of Pvt. Wallace Burns, Bat. E, 126th P.A., is No. 9, Row 1, Block A, Brookwood American cemetery, Surrey, England.

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

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

Very truly yours,

H. J. Conner,  
Assistant.

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MH

23/236/ARK



JUL 9 1923  
H. J.

COMPILATION N/R REQUESTS

I. DATA COMPILATION

A. Location Index Card:-

(1) Name BURNS ~~Burns, Wallace.~~ Ser. No. 3521765 )  
 (2) Rank Pvt. Organization Bty.E.126th.F.A. ) TYP JMC  
 (3) Date of death 10/9/18 ) CKR. 24

B. Registration Card:- (Check Reg. Card Inf. against Loc. Ind. Inf.)

(4) Cause of death Pneumonia ) TYP. TW.  
 (5) Grave No. 738 HH Row 1 Plot -- Sect. -- ) CKR. MCH

II. FILES EXAMINATION

A. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; No Card

B. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD None Date of receipt 2/13/20

(6) Relationship Father  
 (7) Name Joseph D Burns  
 (8) Address Martzen, Irwin, Pa  
 (9) Desires remains brought to U. S.? SEE SUSPENSION REMARKS  
 (10) Desires remains brought to U. S. and interred in National Cemetery at Irwin Pa  
 (11) If brought back, what shipping instructions? SEE SUSPENSION REMARKS

SEE SUSPENSION REMARKS

C. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE Date of communication

(12) Does correspondence Change or qualify request as made on A.G.O. card? If so, specify such information.

No Correspondence.

(13) A. G. O. Files EXAMINED by V.H.A. (Date) 2-13-20

P.D.

(14) G. R. S. Files - Correspondence. (Has reference been made to File No. Cancellation memos. Yes - B.E.L. Does such correspondence, if containing request for disposition, reconcile with that of A. G. O.? - B.E.L. (Specify "Yes or "No".) If "No", give date of communication, the name, address, and relationship and substance of request.

No request for disposition - B.E.L.

2/17/20

(15) G. R. S. Files EXAMINED by (Date)

Checked by OKI-21-21

III. FINAL ACTION

A. MEMORANDUM to D. M. O. in E. made (Date) .....

(16) Removal of Remains (within custody of G.R.S.) to .....

(17) Instructions that remains be left undisturbed .....

(18) Typed by ..... Checked by ..... (Date) .....

B. G. R. S. FORM NO. 114 made (Date) ..... 3/12/20 .....

(19) Typed by EWE ..... Checked by J.M.C. ..... (Date) ..... 3/12/20

C. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*Overseas advised of name change 6-10-25 MED  
4/20 Europe case full copy as per See # below.  
from 129 from Joseph H. Burns, Mortton, Texas,  
father + nearest kin, requests that body  
remain in Europe - 7-1-25 F!*

D. Dispatched (Date) ..... 1/29/21 ..... (Let. Trans. No. MAR 15 1920)

*Par. 1. To be returned June 1-5-22*

Approved by .....

(Date) .....

*No EA*

*Letter (recd 2/11/21) Father - Joseph Thomas  
Burns, desires body removed to a  
permanent cemetery near London. MWP 4/21*

*7/18/21 to father ack req to concentrate OS  
# Cable " 473, Par. "2, 6/16/20, "Do not return" 4/25/21  
att*

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE May 9, 1922.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

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

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

- 1. Name BURNS, Wallace 10. Name \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. No. 3521765 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Rank Pvt. 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Org. Bty. E. 126th F.A. 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. D.D. Oct. 9th 1918 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. C.D. Pneumonia (b) D.B. none.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

- 7. Grave No. 738 Sec. H.H. 15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row 1 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. \_\_\_\_\_ 17. \_\_\_\_\_

- 18. Cemetery Craigton Cemetery 19. Commune or town GLASGOW
- 20. Dept. or County Lanark 21. Country Scotland
- 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 71-E
- 23. Disinterred (Date) May 9, 1922. By C.L. Hall.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

America.

- Name Wallace Burns. Serial No. 3521765
- Rank Pvt. Organization Batt. E. 126th F.A.
- 10-9-18.

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

Signature W.D. Wall Junior Technical Assistant

W.D. Wall, Jr.

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).

Positive identification. Body disc read: "Burns, Wallace, 3521765 U.S.A."

27. Condition of body badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial hospital shroud and in wooden coffin.

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 May 9, 1922 By C.L. Hall.

31. Casket sealed by C.L. Hall.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

C.L. Hall.

RECEIVED BY

SHIPMENT (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. **C-29177**

32. Designation of body:

Name **Wallace BURNS** Serial No. **3521765**  
Rank **Pvt.** Organization **Bty.E.126th F.A.**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **Brookwood American Cty.107-B,BROOKWOOD(England)**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **May 9, 1922.** By **C.L.Hall.**

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 *H.W. Beyette*  
**Hubert W. Beyette, Capt.Q.M.C.**

36. Remarks

**none.**

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) **May 9, 1922.**

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

Convoyer **C. Hornback.** Signature Shipping Officer *H.W. Beyette*  
**Hubert W. Beyette, Capt.Q.M.C.**

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date **May 9, 1922.**

By G.R.S. Representative *H.W. Beyette*  
**Hubert W. Beyette, Capt.Q.M.C.**

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery (Name)  
Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date **1 JUN 1922**

G.R.S. Representative *C.J. Blake*

41. Reinterred **Brookwood Cty. Surrey, England.** **June 6, 1922.**  
(Date)

42. Grave No. **9** ~~333333~~ **Block A**

43. Plot **American** Row **1**

G.R.S. Representative *C.J. Blake*  
**C. J. BLAKE**  
**Captain, Q. M. Corps, U. S. Army**

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF BURNS, Wallace. SERIAL NUMBER 3521765  
 RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Bty. E. 126th F.A.

2. Disinterred (date) : May 9, 1922 From (give complete location): Gr 738, Sec H.H. Row 1. Cty. 71-E. Craigton.  
 By: Group Hall's. Unit Group No. 1

3. Reburied (date) June 6, 1922. In (give complete location): Grave 9, Block A, Row 1, Plot Amer., Brookwood Cty, Surrey, England  
 By: Group Special Unit Standard Nature of reburial metallic casket & shipping case.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :  
Hospital shroud and in wooden coffin.  
badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :  
positive identification. Body disc read: "Burns, Wallace. 3521765.  
U.S.A."

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 estimate.

(c) Hair—Color none visible.

Quantity -----

Characteristics -----

(d) Hair on face—Color none visible.

Location -----

Quantity -----

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

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

none visible.

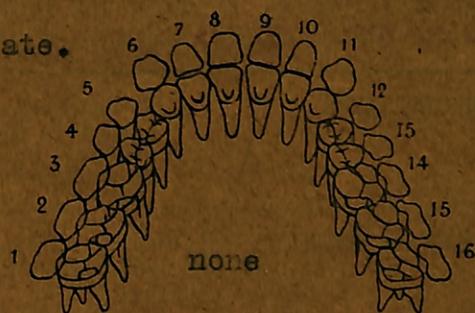
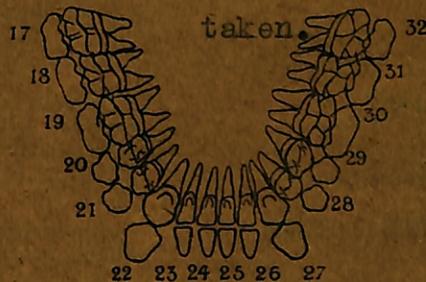


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



Checker: W.D. Wall, Jr.

7. Disinterment supervised by C. L. Hall  
C.L. Hall, Sup. Emb.

Approved: H.W. Beyette  
Hubert W. Beyette, Capt. QMC.  
 (Title)

8. Reburial supervised by Frank L. Marx  
Frank L. Marx, Foreman.

Approved: [Signature]  
 (Title)  
C. J. BLAKE  
Captain, Q. M. Corps, U. S. Army

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WAR DEPARTMENT,  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY,  
WASHINGTON.

October 21, 1920.

File No: 293.8 Reg. Sec. Cem. Div.  
(BURNS, Wallace)

*This letter was prepared at request of father of Mr. Davis. Pierce has seen detached. Ship has been detached. JEB*

Mr. Joseph T. Burns,  
Mertzon, Irion Co.,  
Texas.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your request that the remains of your soldier son, the late Private Wallace Burns, Battery E, 126th Field Artillery, #3521763, remain in France.

Since then the files of this office disclose the fact that the body of Private Wallace Burns rests in Scotland, instead of France. Acting on this information we request that you designate whether you wish the body of your late son to remain in Europe in one of the permanent American Fields of Honor, or that it be returned to the United States for private reinterment or for burial in one of the National Cemeteries.

A prompt reply will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

*Hold for Army Cemetery*

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

By:

Thos. G. Hanson, Jr.,  
1st Lieut., Q.M.C.

OSP-SS  
Cor. Coord. Dept.  
1 encl.

*Suspended*

*Hold for holding in permanent City in England. JEB*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON

JUN 2 1920 *meelt*

71-E--16  
O.J.B.

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.  
TO: Mr. Joseph T. Burns, Martzen, Irvin Co., Texas.  
SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Wallace Burns,

The records of this office show that you have requested that <sup>this</sup> body be **left in France.**

*Europe cable  
hold body  
6/19/20*

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

The nearest living relative may choose between, (1) return of the body to any address in the United States; (2) interment in Arlington, Va., National Cemetery; or (3) remain in France.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES O. PIERCE,  
Colonel, U.S. Army.

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow			
Soldier's Children	1.		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
	3.		
Father			
Mother			
Brothers	1.		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
Sisters			

*Send 1.20 sent to father  
6/25/20*

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Note: - Instructions on the reverse side of this sheet should be carefully read before filling out this paper. (OVER)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.V.C.

TO: Mr. Joseph T. Burns, Martzen, Texas.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Wallace Burns

The records of this office show that you have requested that his  
body be not returned to U.S.

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

The nearest living relative may choose between, (1) return of the body to any address in the United States; (2) interment in Arlington, Va., National Cemetery; or (3) remain in ~~France~~ Europe.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow			
Soldier's Children	1.		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
	3.		
Father			
Mother			
Brothers	1.		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
Sisters			

Date .....

Signature .....

Address ..... Relationship .....

Note:- Instructions on the reverse side of this sheet should be carefully read before filling out this paper. **jab** (OVER)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON

JUN 2 1920

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O.J.B.

Rush Answer

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.

TO: Mr. Joseph T. Burns, <sup>Mertzon Irvin</sup> ~~Mertzen~~, Irvin Co., Texas.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Wallace Burns,

JUN 14 1920

*change address*

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body be left in France.

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

The nearest living relative may choose between, (1) return of the body to any address in the United States; (2) interment in <sup>Notes from No. 115</sup> Arlington National Cemetery; or (3) remain in France.

Date 7-20-20

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow	NONE		
Soldier's Children	1. NONE		
(Name oldest first)	2. NONE		
	3.		
Father	Joseph Thomas Burns,	Mertzon,	Texas.,
Mother	Annie Florence Burns,	Mertzon,	Texas.
Brothers	1. Oliver Burns,	San Angelo,	Texas.,
(Name oldest first)	2. William Ernest Burns,	Mertzon,	Texas.,
	3. David Burns,	Mertzon,	Texas.,
Sisters	Florine Burns.,	Mertzon,	Texas.,
	Ruth Burns.,	Mertzon,	Texas.,

Date 6-19-1920

Signature Joseph Thomas Burns

Address Mertzon, Texas

Relationship Father

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The transfer of bodies will be made entirely at Government expense

Pvt. Wallace Burns,  
Case of ..... deceased

Buried #71-E, Craigton Cemetery, Glasgow, Scotland.

State of Texas )  
County of Irion ) (SS AFFIDAVIT

I, Joseph Thomas Burns residing at Mertzton,

State of Texas being duly sworn, deposes and says,

that he is the father is the son (father of Wallace Burns)  
(relationship)

and nearest living relative of said deceased.

That He, Joseph T. Burns desires and hereby re-  
quests that the body of said deceased remains in the cemetery  
at Glasgow

In consideration of consent by the United States to the fore-  
going request the said ..... hereby  
accepts custody of the grave and assumes all responsibility for the  
future care and maintenance thereof, and for compliance with any  
and all local laws, rules, regulations, etc. and for the payment  
of all tolls, taxes, fees, or charges of whatever nature, releas-  
ing the Government of the United States forever from any and all  
obligations of whatever kind or nature in any way relating or  
pertaining to said grave.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ..... day of  
..... 1920, by the said .....

who is personally known to me to be the identical person he re-  
presents himself to be the ..... and nearest  
living relative of said ..... deceased.

CEMETERY DIVISION  
PROJECT SUB-SEC.  
OVERSEAS

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FEB 11 1921  
My commission expires .....



Notary Public.

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Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. O. M. S.  
File 2938  
#47825

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

It is my desire, that the body of my son, Pvt. Wallace Burns, be removed to the permanent American Cemetery near London, and ~~in~~ the grave be perpetually cared for by the Government, if such cemetery is established.

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So I would rather have the Government to assume the responsibility of the future care of this grave in Europe as conditions necessitate.

Yours Truly,

*Joseph Thomas Burns*

(Joseph Thomas Burns.)

*Burns, Wallace*

NOTED ON 115  
*MAR 2/14/21*

ADDRESS REPLY TO THE  
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
~~DIRECTOR OF PURCHASES AND STORAGE~~  
MUNITIONS BUILDING

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
~~DIRECTOR OF PURCHASES AND STORAGE~~  
WASHINGTON

January 29, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Reg. Sec., Cem. Div.  
(Burns, Wallace, Pvt.)

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

TO: Mr. Joseph T. Burns, Mertzon, Irion Co., Texas.

SUBJECT: Disposition of Remains.

1. With reference to your request that the body of your son, the late Private Wallace Burns, serial number 3521765, Battery E, 126th Field Artillery, remain in the cemetery at Glasgow, Scotland, you are advised that requests of this nature are granted providing the Government be relieved from further care of the grave and the nearest of kin agrees to assume all responsibility for its future care. The Government has been obliged to take this action so as to place the isolated graves in Europe on the same footing with the private graves in the United States. It will be seen that it will be next to impossible to care for the vast number of graves that are scattered about over Europe.

2. Inasmuch as the records of this office indicate your desire to have the body remain in its present grave, it is requested that you accomplish and return to this office the enclosed Graves Registration Service Form #123.

3. If on the other hand you would now be willing to have the remains removed, you are advised that it is contemplated to maintain a permanent American cemetery near London and that the body may be placed therein and the grave perpetually cared for by the Government.

4. Your prompt decision will be greatly appreciated, and a self addressed envelope, requiring no postage, is enclosed for that purpose.

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

*Thos. G. Hanson, Jr.*  
THOS. G. HANSON, Jr.,  
1st Lieut., Q.M. Corps.

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REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION AND SHIPMENT OF BODY

APR 5 1920

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records Office Chief G.R.S.

Discrepancy found upon examination of body.

- |                                   |                    |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Name <u>Bruno, Wallace.</u>    | 10. Name _____     |
| 2. No. <u>3521765</u>             | 11. No. _____      |
| 3. Rank <u>Pvt.</u>               | 12. Rank _____     |
| 4. Org. <u>Bty. #. 126th F.A.</u> | 13. Org. _____     |
| 5. D.D. <u>10/9/18</u>            | 14. (a) D.D. _____ |
| 6. C.D. <u>Pneumonia</u>          | 15. (b) D.B. _____ |

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

- |  |                                 |
|--|---------------------------------|
| 7. Grave No. <u>738 HH. Sect. ----</u> | 15. Grave No. _____ Sect. _____ |
| 8. Plot. <u>-----</u> Row <u>1</u>     | 16. Plot _____ Row _____        |
| 9. _____                               | 17. _____                       |

18. Cemetery Craigton

19. (Commune or Town) Glasgow

20. (Dept. or County) Lanark

21. (Country) Scotland

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 71- E

23. Disinterred (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

24. Inscription (Name) \_\_\_\_\_ SERIAL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Grave Marker (RANK) \_\_\_\_\_ ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_

25. Was Identification Disc found on Grave Marker? \_\_\_\_\_ On Body? \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Junior Technical Assistant. \_\_\_\_\_

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

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).....  
.....
27. Condition of body.....
28. Nature of burial.....
29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above.....
30. Body prepared and placed in casket (Date)..... By.....
31. Casket sealed by.....  
Signature of Embalmer (Supervisor).....
- 
- SHIPMENT (Show actual marking of box) Box No. ....
32. DESIGNATION (Name..... **Bruns, Wallace** Serial No. **3521765**  
OF (Rank..... **Pvt.** Organization **Bty E. 126th F.A.**  
BODY
33. CONSIGNEE - Name **Quartermaster General,**  
Address **Graves Registration Service, Hoboken, N.J.**
- 
34. Casket boxed and marked (Date)..... By.....
35. I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.  
Signature of G.R.S. Inspector.....
- 
36. Remarks.....  
.....
37. Shipped from Cemetery (Date)..... To.....  
(Point of Concentration)  
Convoyer..... Sign. Shpg. Officer.....
38. Received at Point of Concentration (Date).....  
Sign. Receiving Officer.....
39. Shipped from Point of Concentration (Date).....  
To (Port)..... Convoyer.....  
Sign. Shipping Officer.....
40. Received European Port (Date).....  
Signature of G.R.S. Representative.....
41. Shipped to (U.S. Port)..... On (Boat).....  
(Sign. Shpg. Officer)  
Date..... Convoyer..... (Officer).....
42. Received (Date)..... By G.R.S. Rep. ....  
(Signature)
43. Shipped to Destination (Date..... ) B/L or Express Order No. ....  
)  
Convoyer..... ) Shpg. Offi.....

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**GRAVE LOCATION LINK.**

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Burns, 3521765 Wallace.  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Private By E. 126th. Field Arty.  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL 14th. Oct. 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL.....

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

Craigton Cemetery

Glasgow, Scotland.

GRAVE NUMBER. Compartment H H. No. 736.

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

Headboard? Yes..... Bottle?.....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?..... Yes.

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:

One tag found.

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OSP SS.

REPORTED BY:

Thos. E. Swan, Chaplain, B.S. 3.  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

File No.

Reg. Cards.

June 1919

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MEMO FOR THE RECORD  
MEMO FOR G.R.C. Representative, G.R.C.  
SUBJECT: Information required for G.A.S.

FILE

1. Items checked are to be completed:

- ( ) Surname: - Burns.
- ( ) Number:
- ( ) First name: Wallace.
- ( ) Rank: Pvt.
- ( ) Company: Batt. E.
- ( ) Organization: 126th F.A.
- ( ) Date of death:
- ( ) Cause:
- ( ) Place:

Location of hospital:

Number " "  
Class " "

- ( ) Relative:
- ( ) Relationship:
- ( ) Address:

- ( ) Authority:
- Cablegram No:
- Telegram from:

dated:

- ( ) Reported to Washington:
- C.C. Nos:
- (UnderSCORE the "official" C.C.)

- ( ) Remarks:
- ( ) Show present status on reverse side.

Burial notification returned, advise correct address of N.R.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Lieut.-Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.

Initials of Reporter:

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OSP SS

# FILE

February 18, 1921.

293.8 Reg. Sec., Gen. Div.

(BURNS, Wallace, Pvt.)

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

Mr. Joseph Thomas Burns, Horton, Irion Co., Texas.

Disposition of Remains.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your request that the remains of your son, the late Private Wallace Burns, serial number 3521765, Battery E, 126th Field Artillery, be transferred to the permanent American cemetery which is to be established in the vicinity of London, England, and wherein the graves of all American soldier dead will remain under the care and custody of the United States Government.

2. It is hoped that you will appreciate the vast amount of work involved and the length of time necessary to make the transfer of all bodies overseas, either to permanent American cemeteries or to return such bodies and deliver same to the relatives in the United States, and that you will realize that the seeming delay cannot be prevented owing to the labor situation, weather conditions, and the large number of exhumations which must be made.

3. You are further informed that the task of transferring the remains to the permanent cemetery in England will be the last phase of the work to be undertaken as concentration will not begin until after the other bodies have been returned.

4. You are assured that the grave site will always be carefully and tenderly maintained by our Government as a fitting memorial of the late soldier's sacrifice, and an appropriate headstone, when selected, will mark the graves in these National cemeteries. The permanent grave location will be furnished you as soon as the body has been transferred.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

MAILED

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THOS. G. HANSON, JR.,  
1st Lieut., Q.M. Corps.

C O P Y

293.8 Cem. #47825 BURNS, Wallace

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U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)  
Washington, D.C.

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Yours truly,

Joseph Thomas Burns,

Copied by L.C.

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MAR 21/14/21

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U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)  
Washington, D.C.

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Joseph Thomas Burns,

Copied by L.C.

January 29, 1921.

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(Burns, Wallace, Pvt.)

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TO: Mr. Joseph T. Burns, Mertzon, Irion Co., Texas.  
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By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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JAN 29 1921

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CEMETERIAL DIVISION

THOS. G. HANSON, Jr.,  
1st Lieut., Q.M. Corps, 

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CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
REGISTRATION SECTION

File # 47875

Classification \_\_\_\_\_

Adjustment \_\_\_\_\_

Date 9-10-20

MEMORANDUM:

To: Registration Files Sub-Section

Subject: Adjustments made on Registration Files

- 1. Changes as checked have been made in the Registration Files which will necessitate a corresponding change in the Classification Files.

	CORP.	ADD. DATA		CORP.	ADD. DATA
File Number			Date of Burial		
Name			Date of Reburial		
Serial Number			Burial Information		
Rank			Nearest Relative <i>W. A. ...</i>		
Organization			Notified Nearest Relative		
Cause of Death			Blue Card thrown out		
Date of Death			White Card set up		
Casualty Cablgram Number					

O.K. Alphabetical Files                     

O.K. Organization Files                     

O.K. State Files                     

**FILE**

Cemetery Audit Department  
 Investigation & Adjustment Dept.

By *Wilson*

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2 Cards attached.

Sept

FROM: O. Q. M. G.  
CEMETERY DIVISION  
Munitions Building  
Room 1131

THE ARMY

PLEASE

EXPEDITE

Date Sept. 7. 1920

Investigation and Adjustment Dept.,  
Investigation Unit  
WAR DEPARTMENT

H. G.  
VISION  
Building

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

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

Date Sept. 7, 1920

File No. 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** ✓
- b. Christian name **Wallace** ✓
- c. Serial number **3521765** ✓
- d. Organization **Bat. E, 126th F.A.** ✓
- e. Rank **Pvt.** ✓
- f. Date of death **10-9-18** ✓
- g. Cause of death **Pneumonia** ✓
- h. Authority (C.C.#) **307** ✓
- i. Emergency address **Mr. Joseph T. Burns, Marteen, Texas. (Marteen, Tex)**
- j. Relationship **Father.** ✓

BODY DESCRIPTION  
(See page #2 of the Service Record)

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- a. Age at 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							

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

*Special*

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BY:

*H. J. Conner*

H. J. CONNER,  
Captain, Q.M.C.

*Donnelly - LTB - Ent Pass Sec*  
*ny 8/9-8-20*

Rec'd World War Div.  
Date... **9 7 '20**

WAR DEPARTMENT

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

American Expeditionary Forces

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1st Lieut., G. M. Corp

Mr. Joseph T. Burns  
Marteen, Texas.

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PAYMENT OF POSTAGE \$300.



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To

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BURIALS IN PERMANENT CEMETERIES.

Q.M. Form No.

Report No.

Sheet No.

Oct. 14th 1918

No. of Cemetery

Date

Craigton Cemetery, Glasgow, Scotland

Place of Cemetery

3rd Scottish General Hospital, Glasgow, Scotland

Place of death

Disposal of Tags

Wallace Burns, 3521765

Private

Name

Rank

126th Field Artillery

Regiment and Company

Cross

Nature of marking

71-5

Disposal of Personal Effects

Signed :

Kennedy

Chaplain.

1st Lieut. O.M.C.  
Officer in charge.

No. 738

NOTE.—Soldiers of Jewish faith to be checked thus in left hand margin : △

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O. C. & M.  
G. R. S.