

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

..... *William*
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

..... *1st Lt. 1st Regt A 17 FA*
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL..... *June 10 1919*

PLACE OF BURIAL..... *Cimitero de La Forte*

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

..... *American Section*

GRAVE NUMBER..... *34*

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: *[Signature]*

Captain MCO
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Co.A. 17th F.A.
2nd Division.

Burns, William-Pvt. 1cl. 131526
Home-Unknown.

Private 1st Class William Burns was severely wounded by a shell fragment which struck him in the head as he was passing thru Montreuil-aux-Lions, France on the 18th day of June 1918. He was taken from Montreuil to the hospital in Meaux, where he died the following day from his wounds. His burial place is unknown by me.

(Burial place is
#84 La Ferté, France.
Chas. P. Kofron,
Sgt. Maj. 17th F.A.)

Informant- Vencill, Ralph K. Pvt. 131707
Co.A. 17th F.A.
Home #17 South Second St
La Fayette, Ind.
Signed Ralph K. Vencill.

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17/7/20
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Ddel.

G.R.S. Form #114-B

CAUSE OF DEATH *WR9a*

FULL NAME.....BURNS, William.....

RANK.....Private...SERIAL.....131526.....

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION.....Bty. A, 17th F. A. ... 2 Div.....

DATE OF DEATH..... June 18, 1918 *per [unclear] by phone*
7-18-18.....

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME..... *N.Y.*.....

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED..... *none*.....

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION..... 9..... 12..... 4.....

Date

Grave

Row

Block

1764

Cemetery

5/18/27

999

241
A. G. O.
MAY 9 1927
WORLD WAR DIV.

27/86/-

Original

Place La Frite-sous-Jouarre

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date April - 4 - 1921

1. REMAINS OF BURNS, WILLIAM SERIAL NUMBER 131536

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Bty. A. 17th F. A.

2. Disinterred (date): 4-4-21 From (give complete location): Gr. 304 Sec. Amer. Row 6 - French Civ. Cem. 241

By: Group 1 Unit 1

3. Reburied (date): 4-4-21 In (give complete location): Gr 304 Sec. Amer. Row 6 French Civ. Cem. 241

By: Group 1 Unit 1 Nature of reburial in furlop in pine box

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: Body decomposed, unrecognizable, in pine box

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes - (on end) Grave marker? Yes

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks: Disc on body ~~was~~ made, William Burns, Pvt. Hqs. Co. 17th F. A. Disc on cross roads, Sgt. William J. Burns, Hqs. Co. 17th F. 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 report

(c) Hair—Color None on skull

Quantity None

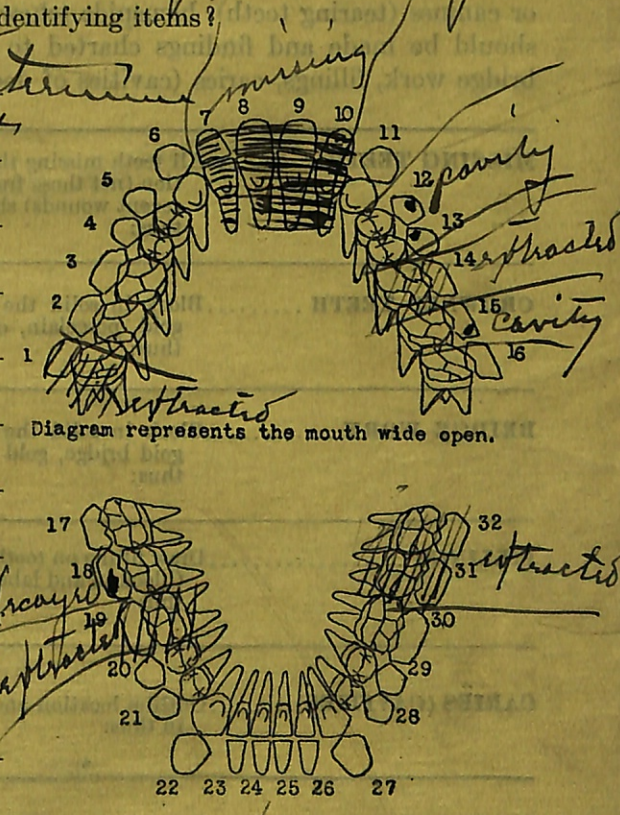
Characteristics None

(d) Hair on face—Color None

Location None

Quantity None

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) impossible to report



Handwritten initials/signature

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

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7. Disinterment supervised by Neil B. Simms
2nd. Lieut. M.C. Insp.

Approved: Val E. Miltenberger
Major Med. Corps
(Title) Commanding Section 1.

8. Reburial supervised by Neil B. Simms
2nd. Lieut. M.C. Insp.

Approved: Val E. Miltenberger
Major Med. Corps
(Title) Commanding Section 1.

Burns, William

P.F.C.

New York

GOLD STAR MOTHERS PILGRIMAGE

S.S.HARDING, JUNE 14, 1930.

Cortland County

Name: Mrs. Elizabeth K. Burns (G-18)

Address: 97 S. Main St., Homer, N. Y.

Route: D. L. & W. R. R. to New York

✓Lv. Homer Train No. 902	8.13 A.M. June 13
✓Ar. Binghamton "	9.30 A.M. June 13
✓Lv. Binghamton Train No. 2	9.40 A.M. June 13
✓Ar. Hoboken "	3.30 P.M. June 13

Accommodations: Coach Homer to Binghamton

→ Parlor Car Seat Binghamton to Hoboken

Elapsed Time: 7 hrs. 17 minutes

1/2

2-16-19

Homer.

N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

I would like to know
the location in France
where William Burns
of Battery C. 17th F. A. is
Buried who died June 19-1918
of wounds recieved in
action.

I recieved a letter from
major Charles C. Pierce
A. I. M. U. S. A. that he is
Buried in one historic
spot could not tell me
the location for military
reasons but is listed as
Cemetery No. 241. Grave 84
Yours Patrick Burns
97 So main St Homer N. Y.

La Ferte
American Sect.
Com. of La Ferte
Dept. England

file No.
293.3-C material

February 20, 1919.

Office, Director of Purchase and Storage.

Mr. Patrick Burns, 97 So. Main St., Homer, N. Y.

Location of the grave of William Burns.

1. This office is in receipt of your letter of the 16th instant, in regard to the location of the grave of William Burns, who died June 19, 1918, from wounds received in action.

2. In reply you are informed that the remains of your son were interred in American Section, Cemetery of La Ferte, at La Ferte, Department of England, grave No. 84.

H. L. Rogers,
Quartermaster General,
Director of Purchase and Storage.

By:

H. R. Lemly,
Major, Quartermaster Corps.

FEL.

MAIL
FEB 19 1919

293.3
Burns,
Homer

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CARDER FOR B A CASE

Francis

Burns, William.

Pvt Batt A 17th Field Art

Died June 19, 1918, wounds received
in action

EA--Mr. Patrick Burns (father)
97 S. Main St.,
Homer, N.Y.

A.G.O. August 1, 1918.

RECD.

AUG 2 1918

O. O. M. G.

Write nothing below this line.

P. Handley (nurse)

Burns, William
MEDICAL RECORD

Part 9. Group 4.
Aime - Maria Cam.

Post 1st Bty A, 17 F.A.

Station: Hotel Carlton - Paris
Date: June 23, 1930 Room 103.

Name Burns, Mrs Elizabeth

Home address Homer, New York.

Address of Nearest friend or relative Mrs F. O. Burns (husband).

Same address.

Religion R.C. Age 60 years.

History of Present complaint: ^{June 23} Constipated - veg. pills i. good result.

Do not copy
J. Handley

(over)

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

BURNS, WILLIAM

Arrived NY via Habaker at 3:30 pm June 13th
met by Captain Hesketh taken to Roosevelt with
Mrs Mina Reel

ITINERARY OF OISE-AISNE GROUP

Sailed on the PRESIDENT HARDING from Pier 4, Hoboken, New Jersey, June 14th.
Captain Funk in charge of party.

Arrived Cherbourg some time during the night of June 21st-22nd. Met by Major Dailey, Captains Saulnier, Ochs, Mallett and Reynolds, Lieutenants Paquet, Freeman, Morin, Captain Kinerman (Medical Corps) Miss Rulon, 5 other nurses, and 2 civilian employees. Left Cherbourg at 8:25 a.m. arriving at Gare des Invalides Station in Paris at 2:30 p.m. Met by Colonel Ellis and members of his staff - also interpreters and nurses. Taken to hotel.

June 23rd - ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Transaction of personal affairs. Left hotel by motor bus at 2 p.m. and proceeded to the Arc de Triomphe where a wreath was laid on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier by Mrs. E. R. Pannill of Virginia who had been selected for the honor. Then conducted to the Restaurant Laurent where the usual tea tendered by the U.S. Government was held. Prominent persons including Ambassador Edge, were present and spoke to the pilgrims. To hotel for dinner and to pack for the trip to the cemetery.

June 24th - A. M. free. Departed at 2:15 p.m. for LaForte -Chat. Thier.

June 25th-26th-27th- daily visits to the cemetery.

June 28th - Visited cemetery -Espernay and Reims

June 29th - Cathedral at Reims - lunch at Reims -Chemin-dos-Dames, Soissons Compiene.

June 30th - Visited Carrefour de l'Armistice - lunch at Compiene, Chantilly and on to Paris.

July 1st - A.M. free or shopping -visited Napoleon's tomb in p.m.

July 2nd - Fontainebleau and night trip..

July 3rd - Sere Coeur - Versailles - tea at Belle Cycl.

July 4th - Notre Dame and the Louvre.

July 5th - Left Paris at 10:15 a.m. for Cherbourg to sail on the PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT at 11:30 p.m. Captain R. H. Darrell in charge of party.

July 13th - arrived New York at 9:15 a.m. Taken to McAlpin Hotel -Those who
Quartered with Mrs Mina C. Reel
desired went on a night trip to Coney Island.

Mrs. Elizabeth K. Burns

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

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

Party G
 Number 1163

BURNS, William

A.M.

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

Mrs. Elizabeth K. Burns
 Name of Traveler

Estimate cost of through Pullman.

Homer, Cortland County
 Home Address

New York, to Homer, N.Y.

N.Y.

\$ 1.95

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

Via DL & W to dest.

July 14th, 1930
 Date of Departure

Ticket expires - Aug. 13/30

	Road	Tr. NO.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	car	U.S.G. Order NO.	Est. Cost
LV	Hoboken	DLW	3	JULY 14	1000A	S 12 10		1.95
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TOTAL 1.95

Remarks::

Name BURNS, Mrs Elizabeth K.
HOTEL CARLTON
Paris Hôtel AV. DES CHAMPS-ÉLYSEES
Home address 97 S. Main St., Homer, Cortland County, New-York
Party G Group 4 Unit S/S HARDING
Date of arrival JUNE 22. 1930 Date of departure JULY 5. 1930 S/S ROOSEVELT
Relationship Mother
Name of deceased BURNS, William
Rank Pvt. Icl. Organization Bty A. 17th F.A.
Cemetery Aisne-Marne

REMARKS



Bus #1

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1163

NAME BURNS, MRS. ELIZABETH K.

S.S. ROOSEVELT JUL 13 1930

HOME Homer, N. Y.
Cortland County

R.R. A L & W no dest

STATION

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE Aug 13, 1930

Mr. T. O. Burns

97 S Main

236-E

Homer, N.Y.

May 27, 1930

Mrs. Elizabeth K. Burns
97 S. Main Street
Homer, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

For The Officer in Charge:

George F. R. Taylor,
1st. Lieut. U. S. Army,
Assistant.

Enclosures:
2 tags.

Burns, Wa. - 1764

May 26, 1930

Mrs. Elizabeth K. Burns,
97 S. Main St.,
Homer, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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

Lv. Homer Train No. 902	8:15 AM June 13
Ar. Binghamton	9:30 AM June 13
Lv. Binghamton Train No. 2	9:40 AM June 13
Ar. Hoboken	3:30 PM June 13

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burns, William 1764 M
Harding 6-14

May 12, 1930

Mrs. Elizabeth K. Burns,
97 S. Main St.,
Homer, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

Name

Address

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Burns, William -1764 M
Harding 6-14

May 6, 1930

Mrs. Elizabeth K. Burns,
97 South Main Street,
Homer, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 8, 1930.

Burns, William 1764 M

Mrs. Elizabeth E. Burns,
97 South Main St.,
Homer, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burns, William, 1764-H

March 25, 1930.

Mrs. Elizabeth K. Burns,
97 South Main St.,
Homer, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.
Regulation.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Burns, William 1764-M

Mrs. Elizabeth K. Burns,
97 So. Main St.,
Homer, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress not later than December 15, 1929. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes)	(No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age (Years)	Health (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No)	Other language (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl.
Act
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burns, William

June 13 1929.

Mr. Patrick Burns,
97 So. Main St., Homer, N.Y.

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, first class William Burns, Bty. A. 17th F.A., whose remains are now interred in the Aisne-Merne American Cemetery, Belleau, Aisne, 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.

RECEIVED
Q.M.G.
JUN 13 1929
DISPATCHED

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Nov.17th 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name Burns, William

10. Name

2. No. 131526

11. No.

3. Rank Pvt. 1/ol

12. Rank

4. Org. Batty. A. 17th F.A.

13. Org.

5. D.D. June 19 1918

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. DOWRIA

(b) D.B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 304 Sec. Amer.

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot Row 6

16. Plot Row

9.

17. None.

18. Cemetery French Mil

19. Commune or town La Ferte-sous-Jouarre

20. Dept. or County Seine & Marne

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 241

23. Disinterred (Date) Nov.17th 1921

By W.J. Logan

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name BURNS, William

Serial No.

Rank Pvt.

Organization Bty A. 17th F.A.

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

Wilbur H. Wildward
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).

None Bottle record reads Pvt. William Burns 131536 Bty A. 17th F.A.

Tag on cross reads William J. Burns Sgt. Hq. Co. 17th F.A.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed recognition impossible to determine

28. Nature of burial Burlap box under cross.

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 Nov.17th 1921 By W.J. Logan

31. Casket sealed by W.J. Logan

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor W.J. Logan)

10/10/21

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-16749

32. Designation of body:

Name William Burns Serial No 131526

Rank Pvt Organization Batt. A. 17th T.A.

33. Consigned to: Officer in Charge

Name of Permanent Cemetery Aisne Marne Amer. Cty. #1764 Belleau, Aisne

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) November 17-21 By W.J. Logan

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 R.L. Maloney Capt. QMC.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) November 17-21

To point of Concentration Aisne Marne Amer. Cty # 1764 Belleau, Aisne

(Name R.L. Maloney)

Convoyer James Ryan Signature Shipping Officer R.L. Maloney Capt. QMC.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery

(Name

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date Nov 19 '21

G.R.S. Representative A. S. Raess

41. Reinterred Oct. 5, 1922, Aisne Marne Cem. 1764, Belleau (Aisne)

(Date

42. Grave No. 9 Section -----

43. ~~P~~ BLO CK A Row 12

G.R.S. Representative W.D. Cleary

W.D. Cleary
Lt., Chaplain, USA.

FR

Place LA FERTE-sous-JOUARRE,

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date November 17th, 1921

1. REMAINS OF BURNS, William SERIAL NUMBER 131526

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Batry. A., 17th F.A.

2. Disinterred (date): Nov. 17, 21 From (give complete location):

Grave 304, Section American, Row 6, Cemetery 241.

By: Group 4 Unit Field Section 3.

3. Reburied (date): Oct. 5, 1922 In (give complete location): Gr. 9, Block A,

Row 12, Cite-A-Aisne-Marne Cem. 1764, Belleau (Aisne)

By: Group re-burial group Unit _____ Nature of reburial Lined casket

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

Burlap; box; under cross.

Badly decomposed; recognition impossible.

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

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

Tag on cross reads: William J. Burns, Sgt., Hq. Co., 17 F.A., U.S.A

Bottle record reads: William Burns, Pvt., Bty. A., 17th F.A. 131536

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine M.B.D. 1, 14, 1930, 31.
Cavity 4, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 20

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to determine

(c) Hair—Color Impossible to determine

Quantity Impossible to determine

Characteristics Impossible to determine

(d) Hair on face—Color Impossible to determine

Location Impossible to determine

Quantity Impossible to determine

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities,

or missing parts) None visible

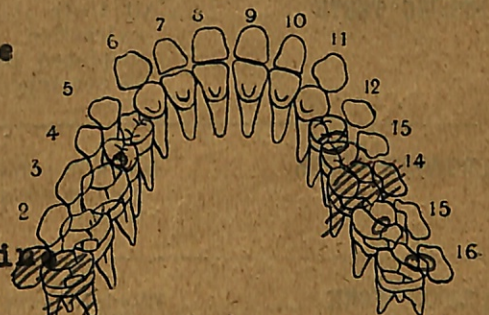
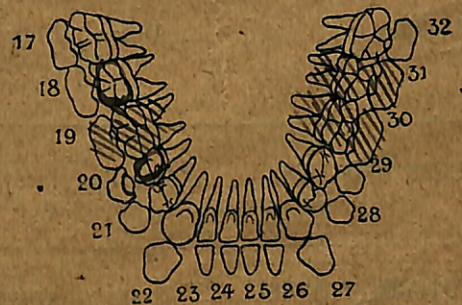


Diagram represents the mouth wide open
M.B.D. 7, 9, 10.



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

Right fibia fractured at knee; right fibula fractured middle third.

7. Disinterment supervised by

W.J. LOGAN.

Approved: B.L. MALONEY, Capt. OMC.
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by

L.D. Hays

Approved: W.D. Cleary
(Title) Lt., Chaplain, USA.

FR

G.R.S. Form #114-B

DATE _____

1. NAME Burns, William SERIAL No. 131526

RANK Pvt 1/d ORGANIZATION Batty. A. 17th F.A.

GRAVE LOCATION French Mil. Cty. La Ferte-sous-Jouarre (S.&M) #241
CTY. NAME NUMBER

304 Amer. Cty. 6
GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 304 Fr. Mil. Cem. #241, La Ferte-sous-Jouarre, ^{ew.}
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT. (S-et-M).

COORDINATES _____

CONCENTRATED TO _____
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

(Information in paragraph 2 taken from Form 1-A).

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS _____

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR G. P. Waugh

G.P. WAUGH, Major, Inf., Supervisor, Area §2.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Oct. 5, 1922. 9 12 Block A
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Aisne-Marne Amer. #1764, Belleau (Aisne).

CEMETERY

AUDITED BY

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #5202

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BURNS, William Ser. No. 131526 *ok (2-9-21) "M"* ✓
 (b) Rank Pvt. 1st cl. (2-9-21) "M" Organization 13th A. 17th F.A. TYP. EVS
 (c) Date of death 6/19/18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA CKR. acu

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

(a) Grave No. 304 Row 6 Plot - Sec. Amer. TYP. EVS
 (b) Emerg. Address Patrick Burns, (Father) 97 So. Main St., Homer, N.Y.

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

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt _____

(a) Name Patrick Burns (b) Relationship Father
 (c) Address _____
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? yes
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at no
 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. Patrick Burns
97 So. Main St. Homer, N.Y.
Exp. + Del. Homer, N.Y.
 (g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. _____

Examiner's Initials ace Date 1-8, 1920.

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

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

Examiner's Initials all Date 1-8, 1920.

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

address above. 2-2-20. Cancels request
on card Desires son's body remain

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? in France

Examiner's Initials at Date 1-11-21, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 241 SHEET No. 43

Reviewed 4/15/21
checked 7/11
2-9-21

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

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION

Following advice forwarded to Europe by

cable on _____ 1920
letter on **JAN 25 1921**, 1920

CENTRAL DIVISION



FEB 14 1921

RECEIVED
APR 12 1921

Ceneterial Division
Overseas Project Sub-Section

Par. #2, Not To Be Returned *H*

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: **Mrx** 2/26/21, Form # 120, Mr. Patrick Burns, father and next of kin, wishes body remain in France. H-3/9/21/ap

4/2/21 - Hoboken advises Father his wish will be complied with. 4/18/21/et.

FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN - BODY TO REMAIN IN EUROPE. APR 12 1921
ADR

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks:

A. G. O. Card & Corr. *Clark 1-8*

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No. ✓

Org. ✓ *Btry Q*

Remarks:

G. R. S. Corr.

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks:

Checkers

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks:

Went 1-11-21

Checked 1/11/21 MS

April 2, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div., Corr.Br.
(BURNS, William)

Mr. Patrick Burns,
97 S. Main Street,
Homer, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt of shipping inquiry dated February 26th, 1921, relative to the remains of your son, the late Private First Class William Burns, Serial Number 151526, Battery A, 17th Field Artillery, is acknowledged.

In accordance with your desire, the remains will be left in France for burial in a permanent American Cemetery. You are assured that the grave site will always be maintained as a fitting memorial of the late soldier's sacrifice.

The Department wishes to convey to you renewed assurance of its sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

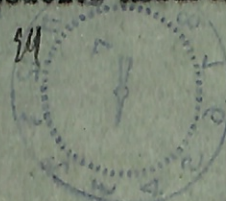
BY:

F. C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

Mailed-O.P.D.

APR 11 1921

17-42



*Noted on Form 115
4/18/21
EP*

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

CEMETERIAL DIVISION

WASHINGTON

Hoboken, N. J.

FEB 23 1921

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

To: Mr. Patrick Burns, 97 S. Main St., Homer, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt., 1st Cl., William Burns, Ser. No. 131526, Btry A, 17th F.A.

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above-named soldier remain in France.

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

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

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

Was soldier married? *No*

	NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow	<i>none</i>			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1. <i>none</i>			
	2. _____			
	3. _____			
Father	<i>Patrick Burns</i>	<i>97 S. Main</i>	<i>Homer</i>	<i>N. Y.</i>
Mother	<i>Elizabeth Burns</i>	" "	" "	" "
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1. <i>Harold Burns</i>	" "	" "	" "
	2. <i>Thomas P. Burns</i>	" "	" "	" "
	3. _____			
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1. <i>Mrs. F. J. Gessard</i>	<i>114 Homer Ave</i>	<i>Buttland</i>	<i>"</i>
	2. <i>Mary E. Burns</i>	<i>97 S. Main</i>	<i>Homer</i>	<i>"</i>
	3. _____			

Date *Feb 26 - 1921*

Signature *Patrick Burns*

Address *Homer*

Relationship *Father*

Feb 26, 1921

I, the undersigned, am the Father and nearest living next of kin of the within-named

soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:
(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

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.

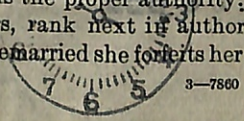
Signature Patrick Burns

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

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

REGISTRATION SERVICE
CORRESPONDENCE BRANCH

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.



COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #5202

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BURNS, William Ser. No. 131526 *ok (2-9-21)*
 (b) Rank Pvt. ^{(2-9-21) "M"} *18* Organization Co. A. 17th F.A. TYP. EVS
 (c) Date of death 6/18/18 Cause of death DWRIA *ACU*

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

(a) Grave No. 304 Row 6 Plot - Sect. Amer. TYP. EVS
 (b) Emerg. Address Patrick Burns, (Father) 97 So. Main St., Homer, N.Y.

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

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

G. R. S. Corves. - Patrick Burns (father) 97 S. Main St., Homer, N.Y. requests body be not returned to U.S. ins 270 27

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by - (cable on 192
 (letter of transmittal on JAN 25 1921)

Par. #2, Not To Be Returned *HT*

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. FEB 11 1921 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken

VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. 4-12-21 192

COUNTRY C.R.S. FORM 115-A CEMETERY NO. 241 SHEET NO. 43
August 1920
S-666/MB FRANCE

FEB 10 1921 - ap

1 June 18

THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

Records show.

this soldier died

6/18/18 even

G. L. B ^{show turned} ^{6/19/18}

checked by a Lt.

7/18/18 as OK

which I think

no wrong ^{of B}

also was he ever Sgt ^{old}

✓
Name Burns, William J.

Hq. Co. Bty. A, 17th Inf. A.

Rank Sgt. Co. {Corps} {Regt.}

Date of Death

Place 5202

Cause

Date of Burial 6/19/18

Grave No. 84

Cemetery 21

Identified by { Tag }
{ Papers }
{ Clothing }

List of Effects

I. G. MYERS,

Field Record Made by 2nd. LIEUT., Q. M. CORPS, U. S. A.

Group 1/303 Company..... Graves Registration Service

For additional data use reverse side

JUL 19 1918

22 JUL 1918 ✓

G.R.S. 106
DISPOSITION OF BODY

War Department
Office of the Quartermaster General.
Graves Registration Service
Washington, D.C.
February 7.1920

For information of:

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

Case of: ~~Private~~ Wm. Burns
Co. A 17th. ~~Field~~ Artillery

Grave Location:

French Military Cemetery
LaFerte-sous-Jouarve-Seine-et-Marne-
Grave #84-American ~~Cem.~~ Section

Request for action checked below:

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

has been made by:

Mr. Patrick Burns
97-South Main St.
Homar N.Y.

By authority of the Quartermaster General

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Colonel, G.A.C., U.S.A.
Chief, Graves Registration Service.
NS-2992/L

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

.....**Burnes**.....(**no number**).....**William**.....
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)
Sgt Hdq Bat A 17 FA
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL.....**June 19 1918**.....

PLACE OF BURIAL...**Cimetiere de La Ferte**.....

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

American Section

GRAVE NUMBER.....**84**.....

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 :

Captain MRC
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

23 JUN 1918

Burns,

(Surname)

William

(Christian name in full.)

131526

(Army serial number.)

Pvt.

Btry A, 17th FA

(Rank and organization.)

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?

no

(Yes or no.)

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

Patrick Burns

(Name of person to receive remains.)

Homer

(Express office.)

Homer

(Telegraph office.)

97 So main st

(Number and street.)

Homer

(City or town.)

N.Y.

(State.)

(Sign here)

Patrick Burns

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

3-6713

Drawn by APC

241-43

1-8-21

checked

1/11/21

E.M.

ADJUSTMENT MADE
FEB 16 1921

WAR. DEPARTMENT

Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

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

Date 1/11/21

Special

File No. Requisition.

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 <i>O.K.</i> | f. Date of death | 6/19/18 <i>6/18/18</i> |
| b. Christian name | William <i>O.K.</i> | g. Cause of death | DWRIA <i>O.K.</i> |
| c. Serial Number | 131526 <i>O.K.</i>
<i>(2)</i> | h. Authority (C.O.#) | |
| d. Organization | <i>m</i> Co. A, 17th F.A.
<i>O.K.</i> (Btry. A, 17th F.A.) | i. Emergency address | |
| e. Rank | <i>Pvt. H.C.</i> | j. Relationship | |

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- FILE**
- a. Age of enlistment
 - b. Color of eyes
 - c. Color of hair
 - d. Height
 - e. Weight
 - f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)

DENTAL CHARTS

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

- a. Strike out teeth missing
- | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
- upper right upper left
- | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
- lower right lower left

S.M.
Donnelly-DVB-Enl Pers Sec
Wg 8/1/21 CW

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

BY: *H. J. Conner*

H. J. CONNER,
1st. Lieut. Q.M.C.

CEMETERY NO: 241

SHEET NO: 43
TYPED BY: JBC

S/713/LML

Rec'd World War Div.
Date..... 1/12/21

REC'D B & S DIV., A.G.O.
JAN 12 1921

ADJUSTMENT MADE

FEB 16 1921

FROM: C. S. M. G.
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
Munitions Building
Room 1128

PLEASE
EXPEDITE

WAR DEPARTMENT

Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

G.P.O. Form 8-W-A-O
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 1/11/21

Special

File No. Requisition.

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 *O.K.*
- b. Christian name William *O.K.*
- c. Serial Number 131526 *O.K.*
- d. Organization *m* Co. A, 17th F.A. *O.K.*
O.K. (Btry. A, 17th F.A.)
- e. Rank Pvt. *H.C.*
- f. Date of death ~~6/19/18~~ *6/18/18*
- g. Cause of death DWRIA *O.K.*
- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- i. Emergency address
- j. Relationship

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(See page #2 of the Service Record)

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FILE

DENTAL CHARTS
(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

- a. Strike out teeth missing
- 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
upper right upper left
- 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
lower right lower left

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

BY:

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

CEMETERY NO: 241

SHEET NO: 43
TYPED BY: JBC

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Date..... 1/22/21

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G.R.S. Form No. 113,
Reply to G. L. Inquiry.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 7, 1920

FILES

Mr. Patrick Burns
97-South Main St.
Homer N.Y.

1. In reply to your inquiry we beg to say that the records of the Graves Registration Service contain the following information as to grave location:

Case of: **Private Wm. Burns**
Co. A. 17th. Field Artillery

Place of burial: **French Military Cemetery**
LaFerte-sous-Jouarve- Seine-et-Marne-
Grave #84-American Section.

2. The grave has been registered and suitably marked for present purposes, pending the adoption of a more permanent monument by the National Fine Arts Commission, which now has the matter under consideration.

3. While it is a sad duty on our part to convey information concerning the burial of men who were our valient comrades, it is a satisfaction to answer the queries of those who suffer so grievously by the casualties of War.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Colonel, Q. M. Corps,
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Your request for permanent burial of
your Son in France has been noted .

NS-3000-ad

RS

G. R. S. ANSWER
FEB - 7 1920

WAR DEPARTMENT
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE & STORAGE
WASHINGTON

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2/6/20

ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY

_____ Circumstances of Death
(Par. #2, Bul. 10-C-W)

_____ Liberty Bonds
(G.R.S. Form 111)

_____ Flowers, Flags, etc.
(Par. #6, Bul. 10-C-W)

_____ War Risk Insurance
(G.R.S. Form 111)

_____ Monument
(Par. #8, Bul. 10-C-W)

_____ Photographs
(Par. #11, Bul. 10-C-W)

_____ Discrepancies in Inscription
(Par. #9, Bul. 10-C-W)

_____ Permanent Burial In
 (a) France (G.R.S. Form 106)

_____ Personal Effects
(G.R.S. Form 111)

_____ (b) Other Countries

_____ Accrued Pay
(G.R.S. Form 111)

_____ Return of Bodies From
 (a) France (G.R.S. Form 106)
(Par. #12, Bul. 10-C-W)
 (b) Other countries

_____ Maintenance
(Par. #7, Bul. 10-C-W)

Remarks: *G.R.*

_____ *113*

NOTE: In addition to information furnished on Nos. 1, 6, 11, and 12, G.R.S. Form 101-A (Information Blank), supply data on the following:

Nos. *✓✓✓✓✓* 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15. *✓*

M B M

Analysis Clerk.

Adjutant
Generals
Office

Homer N. Y.
1919-2-20

Dear sir

Concerning the remains
of Privet Wm Burns of
17th Field Artillery Battery
if I wish to reclaim
the signing of the
card mark 1919 to
have his remains
returned I see the people
in general are not
going to have these
dear ones returned.

Yours Patrick Burns
97 S. Main St.
Homer, N. Y.

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

Date 2/6/20

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME Burns, Wm.

Serial Number

RANK Pvt.

ORGANIZATION 17th F.A.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	(1) Yes, Co A, # 131526
2.	Date of Death.	(2) 6/19/18.
3.	Cause and place of death	(3) U.R.I.A.
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	(4) # 1957
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	(5) 6/19/18. ✓ (6) Grave 84, Amer. Sec. LaForte-sous-Jouarre. # 241. Fr. Mil. City. Seine-et-Marne
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	(10) - a. no record
12.	Has above been notified? (Give date)	(10) - b. " "
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	(11) Patrick Burns (father) 97 So. Main St., Homer, N.Y.
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	(12) No record
15.	Inquiry made by?	

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

E.R

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Burns, Wm	3	2 12 08
	CEMETERY 1764	1	4
BURIED	GRAVE 9	2	09
	ROW 12	2	12
	BLOCK a	1	1
STATE	N.Y.	2	37
RANK	Priv.	1	2
DIVISION	2nd	2	02
ORGANIZATION	17th	3	017
ARM	Inf.	1	3
MARITAL	W	1	2
NAME	Mrs. Elizabeth Burns	3	2 12 08
	STATE N.Y.	2	37
RESIDENCE	COUNTY Cortland	2	12
97 So. Main St.	CITY Homer	3	XXX
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER	Father	1	1
ELIGIBILITY	Yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	Yes	1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Good	1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR. 1930	1	
ACCEPTANCE	Yes	1	
29/514/EAB	Age	1	60

David

AUDITED
SEP 28 1931

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ORGANIZATION

FILE NO.

SURNAME	SERIAL NO.	FIRST NAME AND INITIALS	RANK

DIED—(DATE)

(CAUSE)

BURIED AND REBURIED

DATE	PLACE	FORM #1-A NO.
ORIG.		D—
REB.		D—
REB.		D—
REB.		D—

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G. R. S. Form 127.
ORGANIZATION INDEX.

Burns, Wm. B. A. 17th F.A. New York

Yc 25364

Widow ?

Single

~~sent~~
9-29-8'

NAME

Burns Mrs. Elizabeth K.

ADDRESS

97 S. Main St. Homer, N.Y.

DATE 6/14 1930

TO:

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

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

SINCERELY,

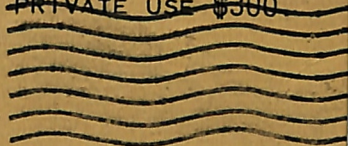
(SIGNED)

Elizabeth K Burns

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300



PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

STATE

Burns, W^m

NEW YORK

Mother

97 S. Main St.,
Homer

NAME .. BURNS, MRS. ELIZABETH K. HOME ADDRESS Cortland County

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN Mr. T.O. Burns 975 Main St.
Homer, N. Y.

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE .. June HOTEL .. Roosevelt ROOM NO. 406

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE .. June 14 VESSEL .. Harding CABIN NO. 236-E

DESTINATION .. CHERBOURG, FRANCE CEMETERY AISNE-MARNE

RETURN NEW YORK

DATE ... JUL. 13. 1930

NAME

Burns, Mrs. Elizabeth

HOME ADDRESS

97 S. Main St.
Haver, N.Y.

RETURN ON S. S.

S/S ROOSEVELT

HOTEL

MCALPIN

ROOM NO.

661

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE

7/14

ROAD

R.L.W.

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CAR

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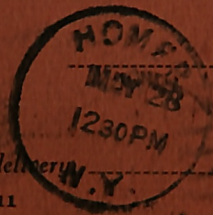
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REMARKS

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RETURN RECEIPT 1232

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

Mrs Elizabeth S. Burns
(Signature or name of addressee.)



Date of delivery

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I. M. General

(NAME OF SENDER)

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Post Office at _____

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State _____

Washington DC

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Harding 6-14-30

RETURN RECEIPT

1764

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

Mr. Charles R. Burns

(Signature of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee.)

addressee only

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

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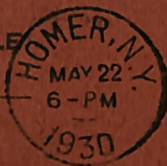
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Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,
or Post Office Box, _____

MUNITIONS BUILDING

WASHINGTON,

D. C.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burns, William 1764 M
Harding 6-14

May 12, 1930

Mrs. Elizabeth K. Burns,
97 S. Main St.,
Homer, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

Name

P O Burns 97 South Main St Homer N.Y

Address

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

For The Quartermaster General,

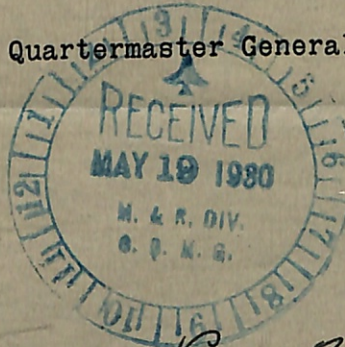
Very truly yours,

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

Encl.

Env.

I send my Pass Book



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 8, 1930.

Burns, William 1764 M

Mrs. Elizabeth K. Burns,
97 South Main St.,
Homer, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929

Burns, William 1764-M

Mrs. Elizabeth K. Burns,
97 So. Main St.,
Homer, N.Y.

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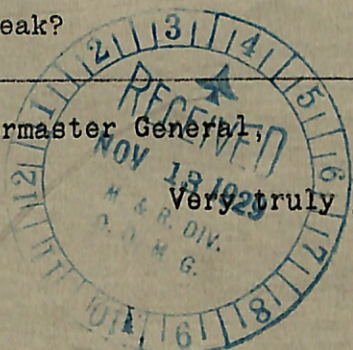
Dear Madam:

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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	60 (Years)	Health (Good) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes)	(No) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other language (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,



Very truly yours,

John T. Harris

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

Encl.
Act
Envelope

Harding

6-14-30

1764

Burns, Elm

I Accept the invitation extended
(Accept or decline)
me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of the
Government of the United States under the provisions of
the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Elizabeth K. Burns

(Name)

97 S. Main St., Homer, Cortland Co., N. Y.

(Town or City)

(State)

Homer, N. Y.
June 22, 1929

The Quartermaster General.
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your
letter concerning the pilgrin-
age, William Burns is
survived by a mother who
name is Mrs Elizabeth W.
Burns, 97 South Main
Street. Homer, N. Y.

Yours truly
C. O. Burns.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burns, William

June 13 1929.

Mr. Patrick Burns,
97 So. Main St., Homer, N.Y.

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, first class William Burns, Bty. A. 17th P.A., whose remains are now interred in the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, Aisne, 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.