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G.R.S. Form #114-B

FULL NAME BURNWORTH, Willis L.

RANK Sgt. SERIAL 1518883

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION Co. H, 145th Inf. 37th Div.

DATE OF DEATH 11/1/18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Ohio

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED Silver Star

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Date 8 Grave 1 Row C Block Flander(s) Field ty. 1252. Cemetery

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Burnworth 1518883 Willis
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Sergeant Co. H. 145 Inf.
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: near Olsene

CAUSE OF DEATH: Killed in action

DATE OF BURIAL: Nov. 1, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: Roadside

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

Thielt Map 200.7-466.5

GRAVE NUMBER: 5

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

Thos. P. Byrne 1st Lt. Chaplain
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

Co.H.145th.Infantry

BURNWORTH, Willis, L. Sgt. 1518883
Home address: Bremen Ohio.

Killed October 31st. 1918.

A large caliber shell (210) burst about 10 feet from Sgt. Burnworth and he was killed instantly by the concussion. There was not a mark on his body where anything had hit him. This happened on October 31st 1918 during the Flanders offensive near Eynes, Belgium. Buried near Eynes.

Informant: Gardepy, Francis. Sgt. 1518894.
Co.H.145th.Infantry
Home address: 405 N. Main Street, Findland, Ohio.

Searcher: Mark D. Fewler
Captain 145th. Infantry

Next Of Kin:
A. Burnworth (Father)
R F D No. 2. Bremen, Ohio.

MJM

Date June 13, 1919.REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: BURNWORTH, WillisNumber: 1518883Rank: unknownOrganization: unknownDisinterment and Reburial made by Group 3Unit 302

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

6-7-19Isolated Grave 2, Sketch 95, Olsene, East Flanders,Belgium, B.M. 1/40,000. S-21-V-24-d-3-5

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

6-7-19Grave 79, Plot D, American Mil. Cem., West Flanders,B. Belgium. B.M. 1/40,000. S-29-D-28-d-6-9.5

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

Body badly decomposed, buried in full uniform.Was one identification tag found upon the body? yesWhat other means of identification were found on the body? none

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct, as is required by G. O. 170, G.H. 2, 1918., after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Chl. E. J. Wold

H. E. Felter, 2nd Lieut., QMC USA
C.O. Group 3 Unit 302

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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE	
NAME	Burnworth	Bur	3	2 12 8
	Willis L			
	CEMETERY	1252	1	8
BURIED	GRAVE	8	2	08
	ROW	1	2	01
	BLOCK	C	1	3
STATE	Ohio		2	41
RANK	Sgt		1	2
DIVISION	37		2	37
ORGANIZATION	145		3	145
ARM	Inf		1	1
MARITAL	No		1	2
Mrs NAME	Luvina	Bur	3	2 12 8
	Burnworth			
RESIDENCE	STATE	Ohio	2	41
	COUNTY	Fairfield	2	23
	CITY	Bremen	3	XXX
RELATION	Mother		1	1
OTHER			1	
ELIGIBILITY	Yes		1	1
NATIVITY			1	
RACE			1	
ENGLISH	Yes		1	1
ATTENDANT			1	
HEALTH	Bad		1	2
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Burnworth, Willis L. ^{FF}

September 7, 1932

Mrs. Luvina Burnworth
Bremen, Ohio

Dear Madam:

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

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

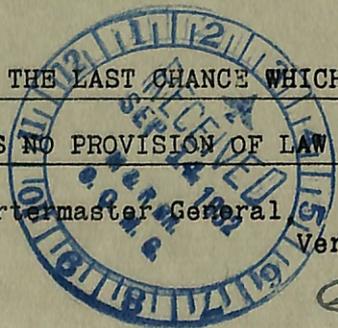
1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	<i>No</i>
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: <i>67</i> Health: <i>not good</i>
3. Do you speak English?	<i>yes</i>
4. What other language do you speak?	<i>none</i>

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

For The Quartermaster General

Sign here
Very truly yours,
Chas. W. Dietz
CHAS. W. DIETZ,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

Encl:
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Burnworth, Willis L. (PF)

July 12, 1932

Mrs. Lurina Burnworth,

Bremen, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries Of Europe during the years 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933 for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces who were lost or buried at sea or whose remains are interred in Europe.

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

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

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

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make the pilgrimage during the years 1930, 1931 or 1932. There is enclosed a circular of information WHICH YOU SHOULD READ VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING YOUR DECISION.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Burnworth, Willis L. FF M

Oct. 19, 1931

Mrs. Luvin~~a~~ Burnworth,
Bremen,
Ohio.

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Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter forwarded you under recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, wherein you advise that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

Competent personnel will be provided to care for the mothers and widows from the time of their arrival in New York until their return thereto. Medical attendants and all other necessities will be arranged for and in the event you decide to make a pilgrimage, you are assured everything possible will be done for your care and welfare. During the summers of 1930 and 1931 many mothers of advanced age and in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited therefrom.

Your name is being placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make a pilgrimage in 1933. However, should you change your mind in view of the above, and desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, it is requested you advise this office in order that arrangements may be made for you.

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-M

Burnworth, Willis L. F.F. M

October 2, 1931

Mrs. Luvin~~a~~ Burnworth
Bremen, Ohio

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	<i>No</i>
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: <i>66</i> Health: <i>Not very good</i>
3. Do you speak English?	<i>YES</i>
4. What other language do you speak?	<i>None</i>

Mrs Luvin Burnworth

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Burnworth, Willis L. Sgt. (F.P.) M

June 23, 1931

Mrs. Luvinia Burnworth,
Bremen, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1932 to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question.

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

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

October 11, 1930

Burnworth, Willis L. Sgt 1252 M

Mrs. Luvinia Burnworth
Bremen
Ohio

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	<i>no</i>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	<i>no</i>
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age <i>65-</i> Condition of health. <i>Poor health</i>
4. Do you speak English?	<i>yes</i>
5. What other language do you speak?	<i>none</i>

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes
A. D. HUGHES, OCT 17 1930
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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Nov = 18 = 1929

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In answer to your letter of April 3
1929. I give the following information
my son Sgt. Wills L. Burnworth Co. H
145 Infantry was not married
and further I am not able to
make the trip to visit his
grave.

Thanking you I remain

Lubina Burnworth



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burnworth, Willis L.

April 23, 1929.

Mrs. H. F. Burnworth,
R.F.D. #2,
Bremen, Ohio.

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 Sergeant Willis L. Burnworth, Company H, 145th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Flanders Field American Cemetery, Waerghem, Belgium.

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,

J. McCLINTOCK,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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

Burnworth, Willis L.

PF

September 7, 1932

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Bremen, Ohio

Dear Madam:

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1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	
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3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Env.

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Burnworth, Willis L. (FF)

July 12, 1932

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Burnworth, Willis L. FF M

Oct. 19, 1931

Mrs. Luvinia Burnworth,
Bremen,
Ohio.

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Dear Madam:

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Your name is being placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make a pilgrimage in 1933. However, should you change your mind in view of the above, and desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, it is requested you advise this office in order that arrangements may be made for you.

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-M

Burnworth, Willis L. F.F. M

October 2, 1931

Mrs. Lavinia Burnworth
Bremen, Ohio

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Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Burnworth, Willis L. Sgt. (P.F.) M

June 23, 1931

Mrs. Lavinia Burnworth,
Bremen, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1932 to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question.

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

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? _____

Write answer here

Sign here

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Burnworth, Willis L. ^{QM 293 A-M} Sgt 1252 M Q. 12

October 11, 1930

Mrs. Luvinia Burnworth
Bremen
Ohio

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Burnworth, Willis L. 1252 H

June 7, 1930

Mrs. Lavinia Burnworth
Bremen, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

- October 7 , 1929.

Burnworth, Willis L. 1252 M

**Mrs. Luvinia Burnworth,
Bremen, Ohio.**

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,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Burnworth, Willis L.

August 7, 1929.

**Mrs. H. F. Burnworth,
R. F. D. #2,
Bremen, Ohio.**

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated **April 23, 1929** making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage?

Write answers in space below

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried? If so, give her complete address:

2. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

S U S P E N D S L I P

It is requested that the
attached file be returned to

G. Ruth

(Name)

Cem. Div

(Service)

5/7/29

(Date)

Return herewith _____
(Date) (Initials)

If further suspense is
necessary, please indicate below; -

RESUSPEND TO _____

RESUSPEND TO _____

RESUSPEND TO _____

If no further suspense
is necessary, please
check here _____
and initial _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-G
Burnworth, Willis L.

April 23, 1929.

Mrs. H. F. Burnworth,
R.F.D. #2,
Bremen, Ohio.

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 Sergeant Willis L. Burnworth, Company H, 145th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Flanders Field American Cemetery, Wareghem, Belgium.

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,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

J. McCLINTOCK,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

Burnworth,

(Surname.)

Sgt.

Willia^S L.

(Christian name in full.)

Co. H, 145th. Infantry.

(Rank and organization.)

Duplicate.

1,518,883

(Army serial number.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Father, Mother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

No.
(Yes or no.)

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

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

A. Burnworth, Mattie L. B.

Rural Route No 2
(Number and street or rural route.)

Bremen.
(City, town, or post office.)

Ohio.
(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

3-6713

Drawn by P.F.

1252-71

10-15

Checked by FS.

10-29-20

November 21, 1923.

Mr. A. Burnworth,
R.F.D. #2,
Bremen, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the permanent grave of **Sergeant Willis L. Burnworth, Company H, 145th Infantry,** is **Grave 8, Row 1, Block C, Flanders Field American Cemetery, Waerghem, Belgium.**

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. 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.

You are assured in effecting removal of the remains, the utmost care and reverence were exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed 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,

O. G. M. GRD
CENTRAL ROOM
R. L. FOSTER
Assistant.



NOV 21 1923
B.O.C.

COMPILATION N/R REQUESTS

I. DATA COMPILATION

A. Location Index Card:-

(1) Name Burnworth, Willis L. ^{10/25} Ser. No. 1518883) TYP. TW.
 (2) Rank Sgt. Organization CO. H. 145th Inf.) CKR. 7A
 (3) Date of death 11/1/18)

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

(4) Cause of death K/A) TYP. ESW
 (5) Grave No. 79 Row --- Plot D Sect. ---) CKR. 7A

II. FILES EXAMINATION

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

B. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD Date of receipt None

(6) Relationship Father ^{no card in file m 53 3/29/20}
 (7) Name A. Burnworth
 (8) Address RR #2, Bremen, Ohio
 (9) Desires remains brought to U. S.? No
 (10) Desires remains brought to U. S. and interred in National Cemetery at _____
 (11) If brought back, what shipping instructions? _____

SEE SUSPENSION REMARKS

att 10-29-20

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. _____

In correspondence.

(13) A. G. O. Files EXAMINED by J.L. (Date) 3-30-20

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

No request for disposition, grave location blank only

(15) G. R. S. Files EXAMINED by mch (Date) 3-31-20

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) May 14, 1920

(19) Typed by ren Checked by DREB (Date) May 14, 1920

C. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*Form 120 7-24-20 A. Burnsworth, father,
nearest of kin, R.F.D. #2, Bremen, Ohio, requests
body remain in Europe. Ec. 8-20-20*

D. Dispatched (Date) _____ (Let. Trans. No. 12/3/20)

PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED

Approved by _____

(Date) _____

*A. Burnsworth, (Father)
R. F. D. # 2, Bremen, O.*

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF BURNWORTH, Willie L. SERIAL NUMBER 1518883
 RANK Sgt ORGANIZATION Co. H. 145th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : June 22, 1922 From (give complete location) : Gr 79, Plot D. Cty. 1252.
 By : Group 3 Unit sec 2.

3. Reburied (date) June 22, 1922. In (give complete location) : Gr. 8 Plot C Row 1 Flanders Field Amer. Cty No. 1252 Waereghem, Belgium.
In regulation metallic casket and shipping case. Bottle record placed with body.
 By : Group Reburial Unit Section 2. Nature of reburial

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :
wooden box and burlap and U.S. uniform.
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 :

body tag reads: W. Burnworth 1518883"

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

(a) Height (~~actual measurement~~ estimated.) 67 inches.

(b) Weight (estimated) impossible to determine.

(c) Hair—Color light brown
 Quantity considerable.
 Characteristics straight.

(d) Hair on face—Color none visible.

Location none.

Quantity none.

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

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

none visible.

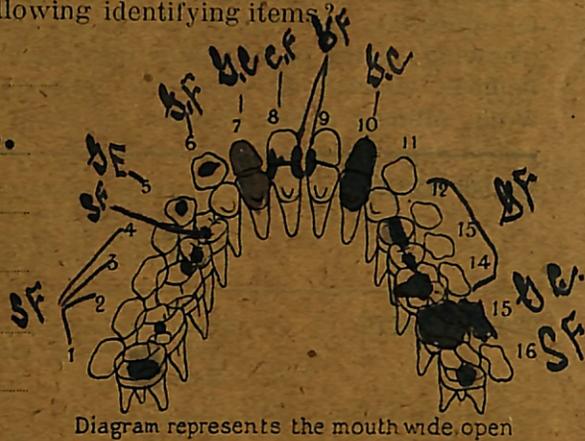
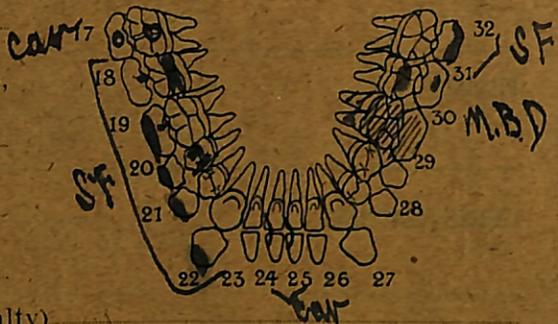


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



7. Disinterment supervised by W. O. Follmer

Approved: O. E. Davis
 O. E. Davis, 1st Lt. I.M.C.
 (Title)

8. Reburial supervised by J. S. Pantelis

Approved: W. D. Cleary
 W. D. Cleary
 (Title) Chaplain, U.S. Army

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE June 22, 1922.

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 BURNWORTH, WILLIE L

2. No. 1518883

3. Rank Sgt.

4. Org. Co. H 145th Inf.

5. D.D. 11-1-18

6. C.D. KIA

10. Name _____

11. No. _____

12. Rank _____

13. Org. _____

14. (a) D.D. _____

(b) D.B. none.



Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 79 Sec. _____

8. Plot D Row _____

9. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____

16. Plot _____ Row _____

17. none.

18. Cemetery AMERICAN

20. Dept. or County _____

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1252

23. Disinterred (Date) June 22, 1922

24. Inscription on grave marker:

19. Commune or town WAEREGHEM

21. Country BELGIUM

By W.C.Follmer.

Name Willie L. Brunworth

Rank Sgt

Serial No. 1518883

Organization Co. H. 145th Inf.

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

C.F. Brown,
Signature Junior Technical Assistant
C.F. Brown.

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).

body tag reads: W. Burnworth 1518883"

27. Condition of body badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial wooden box, burlap and U.S. uniform.

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 June 22, 1922 By W.C.Follmer.

31. Casket sealed by W.C.Follmer.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) _____
W.C.Follmer.

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-879

32. Designation of body:

Name BURNWORTH, WILLIE L. Serial No. 1518683

Rank SGT. Organization CO. H 145th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Flanders Field American Cemetery (1) B.,
Wareghem, Belgium.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) June 22, 1922 By W.C. Follmer.

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

O. E. Davis

O. E. Davis, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

36. Remarks

none.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) June 22, 1922.

To point of Concentration

(Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery Flanders Field Amer. Cty. 1252. Wareghem, Belgium.

(Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

O. E. Davis, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

40. Received: Date June 22, 1922.

G.R.S. Representative

W.D. Cleary, Chaplain.

41. Reinterred June 22, 1922.

(Date)

42. Grave No. 8 Section

43. Plot BLOCK C Row 1

EL

G.R.S. Representative

W.D. CLEARY

Chaplain, U.S. Army

AUDITED BY

LOK 5-17-23

AUG 5 1920

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

1252-71

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.
TO: Mr. A. Burnworth, R.F.D.#2, Bremen, Ohio.
SUBJECT: Remains of Sgt. Willis Burnworth

Rec'd
JUL 20 1920

Push Answer

The records of this office show that you have ~~requested that this~~
~~body~~ ~~not expressed your wishes as to the return of the body.~~

Remain in Europe.

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. Cemetery; or (3) remain in ~~France~~ Europe.

Noted on National No. 115

Date 8-20-20

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow	<i>Sgt. Willie Burnworth</i>		
Soldier's Children	1. <i>was not married</i>		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
Father	<i>A. Burnworth</i>		
Mother	<i>H. L. Burnworth</i>		
Brothers	1.		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
Sisters			

Date July 24

Signature *A. Burnworth*

Address Bremen O. Relationship Father

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

(OVER)

als

The transfer of bodies will be made entirely at Government expense.

7. Use the enclosed envelope - pay no postage.

the case of this body.

6. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in

5. If you are not the nearest living relative and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.

4. If you are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.

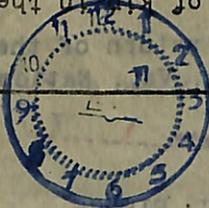
this matter.

3. 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

2. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.

1. This paper MUST be signed by the person who is the NEXT of kin in the order shown in the square on other side of this sheet.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT



AUG 18 1920

Guardmaster General
Washington, D.C.



RECEIVED
AUG 18 1920
WAR DEPT.

Dear Sir - We were requested by
last winter as to the disposition
of the remains of our son killed
in action somewhere in Belgium.

We wrote at once expressing
our wishes in the matter.

Telling you to let his remains be
over there, as we are informed they
will be taken care of, and remembered
by a grateful nation for what they done,
with kind regards,
Yours truly,
A. Sumner

57311
GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Burnworth 1518883 Willis
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Sergeant Co. A. 145 Inf.
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: near Olsene

CAUSE OF DEATH: Killed in action

DATE OF BURIAL: Nov. 1, '18

PLACE OF BURIAL: Roadside

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

Shield Map 200.7-466.5

GRAVE NUMBER: 5

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

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

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

NAME: Olsene (Belgium)

(C-850.) SHT. 21 SE II COORD (E. 200.7 N. 466.5)

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY: Thos. P. Byrne, 1st Lt. Chaplain
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).



Communal List No. 550-4104

Daily Report No. _____

FROM: O. W. G.
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
Munition Building
Room 1123

PLEASE
EXPEDITE

f the A
Date 10/

0761 07. 130

Adjustment Made

WAR DEPARTMENT

Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington.

G.R.S. Form S-W-A-0
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 10/18/20.

File No. 1050 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 Burnworth, f. Date of death 11/1/181
- b. Christian name Willis (Willie L.) g. Cause of death K/A.
- c. Serial Number 1518883. h. Authority (C.C.#) 325-
A Burnworth 97 D.#2
- d. Organization Co. H, 145th Inf. i. Emergency address Bremen Ohio
- e. Rank Sgt. j. Relationship Father

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

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

DENTAL CHARTS

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

a. Strike out teeth missing

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
								upper right								
								upper left								

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
								lower right								
								lower left								

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10/21/20.

Donnelly Sgt 4343
H. L. ROGERS,
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.

CEMETERY NO: 1252.

BY:

SHEET NO: 71.
TYPED BY: tln.

H. J. SCANNER
1st Lieut. OMC.

FILE FILES

September 7, 1920.

295.8-Cem. #57311 (Barnworth, Willis, Sgt.)

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cometerial Division)
To: Mr. A. Barnworth, R.F.D. #2, Bremen, Ohio.
Subject: Permanent burial.

1. In reply to your letter of July 24, 1920, returning Form #120, you are advised that representatives of this Government are negotiating with the French Government with a view toward the removal of American soldier dead from Belgium to American Cemeteries in France and should the conclusion result favorably, the body of your son will be transferred to one of the three permanent American Cemeteries in France, unless you instruct this office that you desire the remains of your son to be permanently buried in a cemetery in Belgium. If the remains are buried in an American Cemetery which will eventually be abandoned and instructions are received for permanent burial in Belgium, the body will be moved at Government expense and it will be necessary for you, as legal next of kin, to assume care and custody of the grave and the United States Government will be relieved of future responsibility thereof.

2. In view of this information of which you were not previously aware, it is requested that you advise this office whether you wish the remains of your son permanently interred overseas, under conditions set forth above, or returned to this country either for private burial or burial in a National Cemetery. Upon receipt of this advice from you, instructions will be issued that your wishes be complied with, provided there is no relative whose legal right to direct disposition has priority over yours.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

By:

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

Mail
SEP 8 - 1920

COPY OF FORM #120.

Quartermaster General
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir-

We were requested early last winter as to the disposition of the remains of our son killed in action somewhere in Belgium.

We wrote at once expressing our wishes in the matter, telling you to let his remains be over there as we are informed they will be taken care of and remembered by a grateful nation for what they done.

With kind regards,

Yours truly,

A. Burnworth (Father)

R.F.D. #2,

Bremen, Ohio

July 24, 1920.

*Noted on 57311
#115-
B.C. 8/20/20.*

Sgt. Willie Burnworth

Cty. 1252-71

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RECEIVED
IND. BRANCH

AUG 10 1920

CEMETERIAL
Div. of U. S. A.

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