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DATE Oct. 18, 1921

1. NAME BURWELL, James A. SERIAL No. 54486

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. I, 26th Inf. & DIVISION

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse Argonne Amer. Romagne/s/Montfaucon 1232 sec 62

GRAVE 81 sec 62 ROW 2 PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION #61 Row 3. Near Froidos Meuse. COMMUNE DEPT. #558

COORDINATES 255.3N 208.3 E

CONCENTRATED TO June 16 19 81 sec 62 2

Meuse Argonne 1232. CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on body.

DATE OF DEATH 10/4/18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Mich

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED 90#1-1/1/20 150r

ef DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR M. B. BRIDSEYE

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Oct. 18, 1921 18 Block H

Meuse-argonne American Cty 1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse) CEMETERY

Major General, The Adjutant General, By

OCT 19 1921

AUDITED BY 2024-18-20

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.

2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.

3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.

4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form I6, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.



GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BARRWELL-54486 James
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)
Pvt. Co. I, 26th Inf.
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL October 4, 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL.....

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

American Cemetery,
Chateau Salvange -
Rancourt, France.

GRAVE NUMBER 64

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

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? *yes*

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

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

REPORTED BY:

William B. Wood, Chaplain, etc.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Place NEUCHATEAU

Date 27th June 1919

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name BURWELL, James A.
(Burkell)

Number: 54486

Rank Pvt Organization:

Co I 26th Inf
Unit:

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

16th June 1919

Amer Mil Cty Grave 61 Row 3

CHATEAU SALVANGE MEUSE

51 NE E 308.3 N 255.3

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

16th June 1919

Grave No 81 Sec 62 Plot 2

ARGONNE AMER CEMETERY NO 1232

ROMAGNE MEUSE

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

Burial good; buried in blanket; body decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes

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

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Note:

CONFIRMED No. D.....

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon the bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct, as is required by C.O. 170, G.H.Q. 31918., 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 Lt Nichols

R. H. ROSENTHAL

JMB

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

C.O. Group

Unit

Burwell, J. A.

CENTRAL PASSENGER ASSOCIATION *Pvt.*

TRANSPORTATION BUILDING
HARRISON AND DEARBORN STREETS

CHICAGO, ILL.

C. A. FOX, CHAIRMAN
R. E. PEPPER, SECRETARY

FILE NO.

SAILING FROM NEW YORK JUNE 14, 1930

S. S. HARDING

No. 355

Name Mrs Middle C Burwell
Address Whitehall, Mich.
From Whitehall, Mich. To New York and return

Going Route

Greyhound Bus Line to Muskegon
Penna RR to Grand Rapids
MC to Buffalo
NYC to New York

Return same route

Train Schedule to New York

Lv. Whitehall	8:25 AM	Bus Line	June 12
Ar. Muskegon	9:00 AM	Bus Line	June 12
Lv. Muskegon	9:45 AM	No. 82	June 12
Ar. Grand Rapids	11:05 AM	No. 82	June 12
Lv. Grand Rapids	11:25 AM	No. 108	June 12
Ar. New York	7:30 AM	No. 44	June 13

Bus Line to Muskegon
Gas Electric Train Muskegon to Grand Rapids
Change trains at Grand Rapids
Sleeping car from Grand Rapids to New York
Elapsed time 23 Hrs 5 Min

*Change of train, request drawn on the
MC for no train, on the Greyhound Bus Line
Whitehall Mich to Muskegon.*

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J. A.


BURWELL, JAMES A.

arrived 9:30 am June 12th. Met
by Lt. England ^{ITINERARY OF MEUSE-ARGONNE GROUP} and taken to Rouenette.
with Mrs. Flora A. Barson

Sailed on the SS PRESIDENT HARDING from Pier 4 Hoboken, N.J. on June 14th
Captain Funk in charge of Party.

Arrived at Cherbourg some time during the night of June 21-22. Met by Major
Bailey, Captains Saulnier, Cohn, Malett and Reynolds, Lieutenant Paquet,
Freeman, Morin, Captain Kinderman (C. Miss Hulon and 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 Colonel Ellis and members of his staff-
also interpreters and nurses. Taken to hotel.

June 23rd- Transaction of personal affairs. Left hotel by motor bus at 3 p.m.
and proceeded to the Arc de Triomphe where a wreath was laid on the tomb of
the Unknown Soldier by Mrs. E. B. Romill of Virginia who had been selected for
the honor by members of the party. Then conducted to the Restaurant Laurent
where the usual tea and reception tendered by the U.S. Government was held.
Prominent persons, including Ambassador Edge, were present and spoke to the pil-
grims. To hotel for dinner and to pack for the trip to the cemetery.

June 24th - Departed at 7:15 for Montmail-Chalons -sur-Marne- St. Nemesould
VERDUN

June 26th - 26th-27th-28th- Visited Cemetery

June 29th - Visited Cemetery - Sightseeing - Hippes-Reims

June 30th - Sightseeing Reims Cathedral - Lunch at Reims - Train to Chateau Thierry
and on the Paris.

July 1st - Visited Fontainebleau and taken on night trip.

July 2nd - A.M. free or shopping - visited Napoleon's Tomb.

July 3rd - Visited Notre Dame - Versailles

July 4th - Visited Sacre Coeur and Louvre, also Suresnes American Cemetery.

July 5th - Train left Station for Cherbourg at 2:12 P.M. Sailed on the PRESIDENT
ROOSEVELT at 11:30 P.M. Captain R. H. Barrell in charge of Party.

Arrived New York 9:15 A.M. July 15th - Taken to the McAlpin Hotel - Those who
desired went on a sightseeing trip to Coney Island that evening.

Mrs. Middie C. Burwell

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

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

Party 6
 Number 1115

BURWELL, JAMES A. MA

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

Mrs. Middie C. Burwell
 Name of Traveler

Estimate cost of through Pullman.

Whitchell, Muskegon County
 Home Address

New York, to Muskegon, Mich.

Mich.

\$ 8.25

New York, to Muskegon, Mich.
 Destination.

Via NYC to Buffalo - M.C. to Grand Rapids - PENN to dest.

July 14, 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	Grand Central							
AR	Grand Rapids	17	7/14	500P	As. 6	57		
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AR	Muskegon	51	7/15	1150A			W.C. 1021-569	8.25
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TOTAL

Remarks: :

Best service only, return a day.

Name **BURWELL, Mrs Middie C.**

Paris Hôtel **HOTEL AMBASSADOR**

Home address **BOULEVARD HAUSSMANN
Whitehall, Muskegon County, Michigan**

Party **G** Group **I** Unit **S/S HARDING**

Date of arrival **JUNE 22, 1930** Date of departure **JULY 5, 1930 S/S ROOSEVELT**

Relationship **Mother**

Name of deceased **BURWELL, James A.**

Rank **Pvt.** Organization **Co. I, 26th Inf.**

Cemetery **Meuse-Argonne**

REMARKS



Burwell

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NAME BURWELL, MRS. MIDDIE C.

S.S. ROOSEVELT JUL 13 1930

Whitehall,
HOME Muskegon County, Michigan

R.R. NYC to Buffalo - N.C. to Grand
STATION Rapids - Penn to Muskegon

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE Aug 13th, 1930

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Dr A. S. Burwell
Whitehall
Muskegon County
Mich
Box # 555

FVR

Pilgrimage, War Mothers & Widows,
R. 901, 225 W. 34th St.,
New York City, N.Y.

VIA POSTAL TELEGRAPH

Miss Alice Burwell,
Whitehall, Michigan.

GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR,
1st Lieut., Q.M. Corps.

July 14, 1930

YOUR MOTHER ARRIVES MUSKEGON ONE TEN P M JULY FIFTEENTH PLEASE MEET HER

COLONEL WILLIAMS

(The above message sent for Mrs. Middie C. Burwell, Party "G", Hotel
McAlpin).

May 27, 1930

Mrs. Middle C. Burwell
Whitehall
Mich.

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. M. Corps,
Assistant.

Enclosures:
2 tags.

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Burwell,</i>	<i>BUR</i>	3	<i>2 12 0</i>
<i>James A</i>	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>18</i>	2	<i>18</i>
	ROW <i>1</i>	2	<i>01</i>
	BLOCK <i>H</i>	1	<i>8</i>
STATE	<i>Michigan</i>	2	<i>26</i>
RANK	<i>Priv</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>1</i>	2	<i>01</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>26</i>	3	<i>026</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL	<i>26</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Burwell,</i>	<i>BUR</i>	3	<i>2 12 0</i>
<i>Mrs. A. G.</i>	STATE <i>Michigan</i>	2	<i>26</i>
RESIDENCE <i>(Middie)</i>	COUNTY <i>Macomb</i>	2	<i>61</i>
	CITY <i>Whitehall</i>	3	<i>XXX</i>
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER	<i>Father</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Good</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO. YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>yes</i>	1	
29/514/PJ	<i>yes</i>		

June 14 1930

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Durwell, James A. -1225 H

August 6, 1930

Mrs. Middle C. Durwell,
Whitehall,
Michigan.

Dear Madam:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 29, 1930, expressing your appreciation of the pilgrimage which you made recently to the grave of your son, the late Private James A. Durwell, in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery.

It is gratifying to know that your trip was entirely satisfactory and that the officers and nurses in connection with the pilgrimage rendered such efficient service.

The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages and has expended every effort that those making the pilgrimage might have a comfortable and pleasant journey. It is gratifying to receive such complimentary remarks as those contained in your letter, but I feel that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation and consideration shown by the mothers and widows who are making the pilgrimage.

You may be assured that the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery will always be maintained in the same fine condition in which you found it, as it will be the constant effort of the Quartermaster Corps to make the American cemeteries in Europe fitting resting places for the heroes who are buried in them.

Sincerely yours,

J. L. DEWITT,
Major General,
The Quartermaster General.

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ETR

Pvt. James A. Burwell
123274

H
Muskegon Co.

Whitehall Michigan.

July 29 1930 ✓

To the Quartermaster General
Washington D. C.

Harding June 14

My dear Sir,

I take this opportunity to thank you for the excellent care, and the great pleasure that was ^{mine} in visiting the cemetery where the earthly remains of my son "James A. Burwell" lie

and feel that our country has made possible this wonderful trip to France - where our sons fought, suffered and made the supreme sacrifice - to many who could not have made it otherwise.

From the time I received my invitation until I reached home July 13th your very efficient staff of officers and nurses carried out every detail in perfect order.

The Meuse Argonne Cemetery is beautiful. Words can not express my appreciation for the work the government has done there.

Again thanking you

I am sincerely

Widdie C. Burwell.



NAME Burwell, Mrs Middie C. S.

ADDRESS Whitchell, Muskegon Co. Michigan

DATE July 15, 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. *Thank you.*

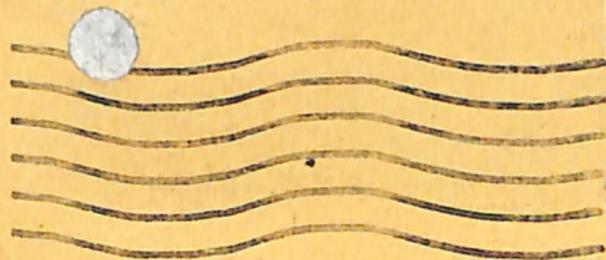
SINCERELY,

(SIGNED) Middie C. Burwell

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300.



PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

STATE

Mother **MICHIGAN** *BURWELL, JAS. A*
 Whitehall
 NAME *BURWELL, MRS. MIDDIE C.* HOME ADDRESS *Whitehall Muskegon County*
 NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN *Dr. A.G. Burwell Muskegon County*
Whitehall, Mich.

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

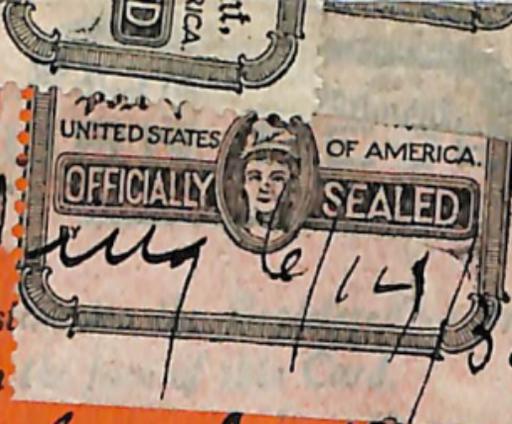
DATE *June 13* HOTEL *Roosevelt* ROOM NO. *458*

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE *June 14* VESSEL *Harding* CABIN NO. *222*
 DESTINATION *CHERBOURG, FRANCE* CEMETERY *MEUSE-ARGONNE*

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Harding

Received from the Post
number of which appears on

Registered Article, the original

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Middie L. Lawrence

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature)

Date of delivery, *5-22-30*

Form 3811



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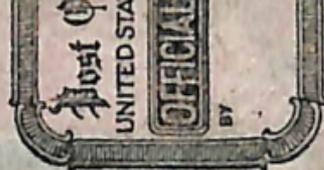
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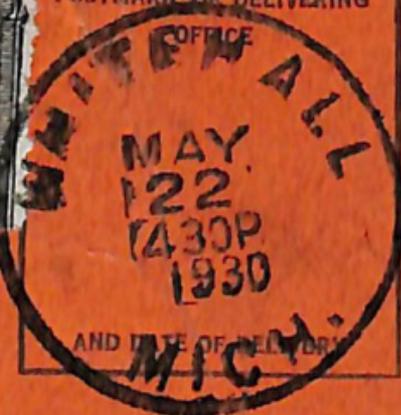
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Middleton Burrill

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, 5-28, 1930

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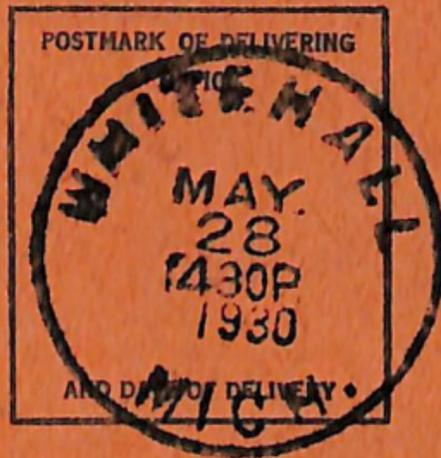
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WASHINGTON,

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PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE
TO AVOID PAYMENT OF
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burwell, James A. 1232M
Harding 6-14

May 10, 1930

Mrs. Middie C. Burwell,
Whitehall, Mich.

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

A. G. Burwell M.D.

Address

Whitehall Michigan

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

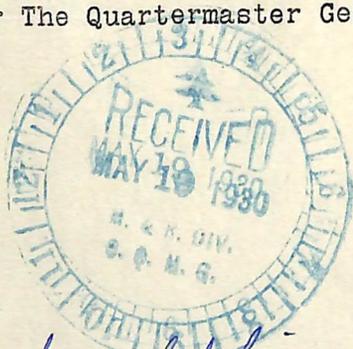
For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.
Env.

*Made application for passport-
immediatly after receiving instructions.
Respectfully
Middie C. Burwell.*



QM 293 A-C
Burwell, James A. 1232

April 14, 1930.

Mrs. Middle C. Burwell,
% Alice Burwell, Agent,
Gunner Diggin's Bldg.,
Cadillac, Michigan.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 31, 1930, stating you desire to have your daughter accompany you on the pilgrimage to the grave of your son in Europe.

Under the law providing for this pilgrimage, the Government cannot bear any part of the expense of a relative or friend accompanying you nor can it make any arrangements for them. This must be entirely a personal matter.

It may be possible for your daughter to secure accommodations on the same ship and possibly at the same hotels in New York and Paris, but in view of the limited accommodations you could not travel to the cemetery together, and it is doubtful if you could secure accommodations in the same town near the cemetery. The Government can assume no responsibility for relatives or friends accompanying the pilgrims and they must not expect medical or other assistance from the Government or to be included in official tours paid for by the Government.

If your daughter desires to accompany you under these conditions, it is suggested she write for further information to the United States Lines, 1027 Connecticut Ave., Washington, D. C., who will no doubt be able to give her complete information as to cost of transportation. This company is a commercial line which owns and operates the vessels upon which reservations have been made for all mothers and widows making the pilgrimage. It is understood, that they have arranged with some of the tourist agencies to take care of any relatives or friends and make all arrangements for their accommodations while in Europe.

QM 293 A-C

Burwell, James A. 1232

In connection with your desire to accompany Mrs. Leda France, 4122 South Kay Street, Tacoma, Washington, or Mrs. L. D. Westcott, 511 Lagrave Avenue, Grand Rapids, Michigan, in the event they are going, you are advised Mrs. Westcott does not desire to make the pilgrimage and Mrs. France has not replied to the questionnaire sent her.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

ms

New England Fire Insurance Company

PITTSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

WESTERN DEPARTMENT
222 W. ADAMS STREET
CHICAGO

ALICE BURWELL, Agent
Cummer Diggin's Building
Cadillac, Michigan

March 31, 1930

The Quartermaster General,
Minitions Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:-

Enclosed is my acceptance to make the pilgrimage to Europe sailing on the Harding on June 14th, 1930.

Will you kindly advise me if mothers will be allowed companions, daughters or other relatives to sail on the same ship, of course these companions to pay their own passage and all expenses incidental to the entire trip.

If Mrs. Leda France, mother of Otto France, is to go or if Mrs L.D. (Edith) Westcott, mother of Ira Westcott is going I would like to have reservations with them if they have not made other choices. I will also endeavor to get in touch with them, but do not know their exact whereabouts just now.

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Very truly yours

Mrs. Middie C. Burwell
By A. B.

Whitchael, Michigan

Mustagon Co.

accepto

Harding June 14th

George Otts
Mrs Leda
Mick
Byron Center

293 Burwell, James D. - 1232

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burwell, James A. 1232 M

April 14, 1930.

Mrs. Middie C. Burwell,
Whitehall, Mich.

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.

Harding
6/14/30
1232 ✓

Burwell, James A

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. Middle C. Burwell

Mrs Middle C. Burwell
(Name)

Whitehall, Muskegon Co., Michigan

(Town or City)

(State)

Whitehall

Michigan

Postmark: Cadillac,
Mich

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Burwell, James A. 1232 M

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Middie C. Burwell,
Whitehall, Mich.

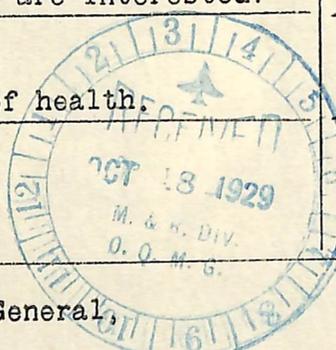
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Dear Madam:

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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) 6/	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
JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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by Appointment

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7:00 to 8:00 p. m.
Wednesday and Saturday

A. G. Burwell, M. D.

Whitehall, Michigan

QM 293 A-C
Burwell James A .

July 9. 1929.

Major John T Harris
Quarter Master Generals Office
Washington
D.C.

Dear Sir:-

Private James A. Burwell was my son, Mrs A.G. Burwell (Middie C.) my wife was his Mother, and I believe would be glad to accept an invitation to visit his grave, so kindly supply her with proper blanks and information.

Jim was not married having joined the army when only Eighteen years and four months old.

Address her Mrs .A.G. Burwell
Whitehall
Mich.

Resptly,

A. G. Burwell



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burwell, James A.

June 29, 1929.

Dr. Albert Burwell,
Walkers, Mich.

Whitehall

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".

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Burwell, James A. Pvt. 1232 M

September 18, 1930.

SUBJECT: Compensation.

TO: Director, United States Veterans Bureau,
Washington, D. C.

1. There is enclosed herewith for your attention a letter from Mr. A. G. Burwell, father of the late Private James A. Burwell, Co. I, 26th Inf.

2. Mr. Burwell has been advised of this reference.

For The Quartermaster General:

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

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QM 295 A-M
Burwell, James A. Pvt. 1232 M

September 18, 1930.

Mr. A. G. Burwell,
Whitchall,
Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 2, 1930, in which you apply for compensation.

Inasmuch as matters of this nature come within the jurisdiction of the United States Veterans Bureau, your letter has been referred to that office for attention.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 298 A-M
Burwell, James A. Pvt. 1282 M

September 15, 1920.

Mr. A. G. Burwell,
Whitehall,
Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 2, 1920, in which you apply for compensation.

Inasmuch as matters of this nature come within the jurisdiction of the United States Veterans Bureau, your letter has been referred to that office for attention.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

HM

C O P Y

A. G. BURWELL, M. D.

Whitehall, Michigan

September 2, 1930.

Major John T. Harris
Quarter Master General
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Had never expected to make application for an allotment on account of the death of my son, Private James A. Burwell Co. I. 26th Inft. who lost his life in the Argonne Oct 4, 1918.

But being now past the age of seventy, with not sufficient of this worlds goods to maintain the family, without work, am making application on the part of both my wife, Middie C. Burwell, his mother, and myself as we are entitled to.

If I am not proceeding properly will you kindly dirrect.

Resptly.

(Signed) A. G. Burwell

QM 333 A-2
Burwell, James A- -1232 2

August 6, 1930

Mrs. Middie C. Burwell,
Whitehall,
Michigan.

Dear Madam:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 29, 1930, expressing your appreciation of the pilgrimage which you made recently to the grave of your son, the late Private James A. Burwell, in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery.

It is gratifying to know that your trip was entirely satisfactory and that the officers and nurses in connection with the pilgrimage rendered such efficient service.

The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages and has expended every effort that those making the pilgrimage might have a comfortable and pleasant journey. It is gratifying to receive such complimentary remarks as those contained in your letter, but I feel that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation and consideration shown by the mothers and widows who are making the pilgrimage.

You may be assured that the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery will always be maintained in the same fine condition in which you found it, as it will be the constant effort of the Quartermaster Corps to make the American cemeteries in Europe fitting resting places for the heroes who are buried in them.

Sincerely yours,

J. L. DEWITT,
Major General,
The Quartermaster General.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Burwell, James A. 1232M
Harding 6-14

May 10, 1930

Mrs. Middie C. Burwell,
Whitehall, Mich.

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.

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Burwell, James, A. - 1232

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SYNOPSIS

From OQMG

To Mrs. Ledie France,
Tacoma, Wash.

Re to desire of Mrs. Middie C. Burwell to be quartered
with Mrs. Ledie France, on the pilgrimage. - Req. inf. re-your desire.

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293 France, George Otts, 34-M,

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Burwell, J. A. 1232

May 26, 1930.

Mrs. Middie C. Burwell
Whitehall, Michigan

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:

Leave Whitehall	8:25 AM Bus Line	June 12
Arrive Muskegon	9:00 AM Bus Line	June 12
Leave Muskegon	9:45 AM No. 82	June 12
Arrive Grand Rapids	11:05 AM No. 82	June 12
Leave Grand Rapids	11:25 AM No. 108	June 12
Arrive New York	7:30 AM No. 44	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.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Burwell, James A. -1233 M
Harding 6-14

May 5, 1930

Mrs. Middie Burwell,
Whitchall, Michigan.

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
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Burwell, James A. 1232 H

April 14, 1930.

Mrs. Middle C. Burwell,
Whitehall, Mich.

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.

QM 293 A-C
Burwell, James A. 1252

April 14, 1930.

Mrs. Middie C. Burwell,
X Alice Burwell, Agent,
Cummer Diggin's Bldg.,
Cadillac, Michigan.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 31, 1930, stating you desire to have your daughter accompany you on the pilgrimage to the grave of your son in Europe. *→ Mrs. C. Burwell*

Under the law providing for this pilgrimage, the Government cannot bear any part of the expense of a relative or friend accompanying you nor can it make any arrangements for them. This must be entirely a personal matter.

It may be possible for your daughter to secure accommodations on the same ship and possibly at the same hotels in New York and Paris, but in view of the limited accommodations you could not travel to the cemetery together, and it is doubtful if you could secure accommodations in the same town near the cemetery. The Government can assume no responsibility for relatives or friends accompanying the pilgrims and they must not expect medical or other assistance from the Government or to be included in official tours paid for by the Government.

If your daughter desires to accompany you under these conditions, it is suggested she write for further information to the United States Lines, 1027 Connecticut Ave., Washington, D. C., who will no doubt be able to give her complete information as to cost of transportation. This company is a commercial line which owns and operates the vessels upon which reservations have been made for all mothers and widows making the pilgrimage. It is understood, that they have arranged with some of the tourist agencies to take care of any relatives or friends and make all arrangements for their accommodations while in Europe.

QM 295 A-C
Burwell, James A. 1232

In connection with your desire to accompany Mrs. Leda France, 4122 South Kay Street, Tacoma, Washington, or Mrs. L. D. Westcott, 511 Lagrave Avenue, Grand Rapids, Michigan, in the event they are going, you are advised Mrs. Westcott does not desire to make the pilgrimage and Mrs. France has not replied to the questionnaire sent her.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Burwell, James A. 1232

April 14, 1930.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

Burwell, James A. 1232-M

March 25, 1930

Mrs. Middie C. Burwell,
Whitehall, Michigan

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.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Burwell, James A. 1232 M

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Middie C. Burwell,
Whitehall, Mich.

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,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burwell, James A.

June 29, 1929.

Dr. Albert Burwell,
Kalkaska, Mich.

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 James A. Burwell, Co. I, 26th Inf. whose remains are now interred in the Meuse Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, 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.

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For The Quartermaster General,

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JOHN T. HARRIS,
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Burwell,

(Surname.)

James A.

(Christian name in full.)

54,486

(Army serial number)

Pvt. Co. I, 26th Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Father

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

no

(Yes or no.)

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

Yes

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

A. G. Burwell

Kalkaska Mich

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by P F

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 30870. ✓

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BURWELL, James A. Ser. No. 54486.
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. I, 26th Inf.
 (c) Date of death 10-4-18. (d) Cause of death DWRIA.

TYP. rln.

CKR. [Signature]

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

(a) Grave No. 81 Row - Plot 2 Sec. 62. TYP. rln.
 (b) Emerg. Address Dr. Albert Burwell, Father, Kalkaska, Mich.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

CKR. [Signature]

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt _____

(a) Name A. G. Burwell (b) Relationship Father
 (c) Address Kalkaska, Mich
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? no
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at _____

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. _____

(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. _____

Examiner's Initials PF Date 5-6-, 1920.

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

_____, dated _____

confirming request in Par. IV., item _____, above, or requesting that _____

Examiner's Initials PF Date 5-6-, 1920.

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

mother Mrs. A. G. Burwell
Kalkaska, Mich, 12-19-18, desires
grave location

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes PF

Examiner's Initials PF Date 5-6-, 1920. ✓

COUNTRY FRANCE, CEMETERY No. 1232-Sec. 62. SHEET No. 19.

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checked
5/6/21
[Signature]

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Oct. 18, 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 BURWELL, James A.

2. No. 54486

3. Rank Pvt.

4. Org. Co. I, 26th Inf.

5. D.D. Oct. 4th-18

6. C.D. DOW RIA

10. Name _____

11. No. _____

12. Rank _____

13. Org. _____

14. (a) D.D. _____

(b) D.B. No discrepancies.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 81 Sec. 62

8. Plot 2 Row _____

9. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____

16. Plot _____ Row _____

17. No discrepancies.

18. Cemetery Meuse Argonne Amer.

19. Commune or town Romagne/s/Montfaucon

20. Dept. or County Meuse

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232 sec 62

23. Disinterred (Date) Oct. 18, 1921.

By Ed. Lavelle.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name James A. Burwell

Rank Pvt.

Serial No. 54486

Organization Co. I, 26th Inf.

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

Rex M. Moody
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant
 Rex M. Moody

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).

Tag on body agrees with GRS records.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed; features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Wooden box, uniform and blanket.

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 Oct. 18, 1921. By Ed. Lavelle.

31. Casket sealed by Ed. Lavelle.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) *Ed. Lavelle*
 Ed. Lavelle.

SHIPMENT, (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-11872

32. Designation of body:

Name BURWELL, James A. Serial No. 54486

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. I, 26th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse Argonne Amer. Romagne/s/Montfaucon 1232

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Oct. 18, 1921. By Ed. Lavelle.

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 Edw. J. Turgeon Edw. J. Turgeon, Captain, QMC.

36. Remarks None.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) October 18th, 1921. a

To point of Concentration Morgue, Romagne.

(Name)

Convoyer W. J. Royed. Signature Shipping Officer G. F. Spann

Captain, 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

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred Meuse Argonne Cem. 1232, Oct. 18, 1921.

(Date)

42. Grave No. 18 Section

43. Plot Block H. Row 1.

G.R.S. Representative James V. Johnson

JAMES V. JOHNSON
CAPT.



REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Oct. 18, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF ~~XXXXXXXX~~ BURWELL, James A .SERIAL NUMBER 54486

RANK Lt. ORGANIZATION Co. I. 26th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): From (give complete location):

Oct. 18, 1921 gr 81, sec 62, plot 2.

By: Group 5 Unit sec. 1.

3. Reburied (date): In (give complete location):

Oct, 18, 1921, Meuse Argonne Cem. 1232, Row 1 Bl. H. Gr. 18.

By: Group Reburial Sec. Unit Nature of reburial unlined casket

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

wooden box and blanket and uniform; badly decomposed, features not recognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? yes On grave marker? no

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

Tags on body agrees with G.R.S. records.

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

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

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

Quantity do

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

do

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

none visible.

7. Disinterment supervised by Ed Lavelle Ed Lavelle.

Approved: Edw J. Turgeon, Capt. QMC (Title)

8. Reburial supervised by W. B. SHEILD

Approved: JAMES W. YOUNGER (Title) CAPT. QMC.

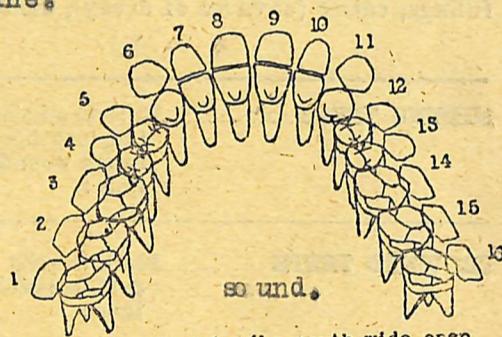
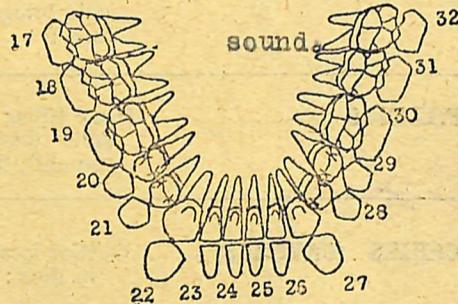


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPER COMPLETION OF G. R. S. FORM NO. 16-A

Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Question 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".
 (b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No. 6.

6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

<p>MISSING TEETH.....All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :</p>	
<p>CROWNED TEETH.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :</p>	
<p>BRIDGE WORK.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :</p>	
<p>FILLINGS.....Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :</p>	
<p>CARIES (CAVITIES).....Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :</p>	
<p>DENTURES (PLATES).....Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate, block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp."</p>	

7. Show name of person supervising the disinterment and the name and title of the person approving same.
8. Show name of person supervising the reburial and the name and title of the person approving same.



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

[Empty lines for information]

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on ..., 192
letter of transmittal on JUN 1 1921, 192
Sa # 62. Par. #2, Not To Be Returned mch.

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

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

Table with 4 columns: Date of and source, Relationship and name, Desires, Action taken.

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

COUNTRY CEMETERY No. SHEET No.

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GRAVE LOCATION BOOK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BURWELL 54486 James
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt. Co I, 26th Inf.
(Rank.) (Organization.)

October 4, 1918
DATE OF BURIAL

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

American Cemetery,
Chateau Salminger -
Rancourt, France

64
GRAVE NUMBER

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? *yes*
Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? *yes*

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

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

[Large scribbled area]

REPORTED BY:
William [unclear], Chaplain
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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

2. Soldier's No. 54486

3. Burwell James A.

Surname (In Block Letters) First Name and Initials

4. Pvt. I 26th. Inf.

Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. 10/3/18 ✓

Date of Death Cause, if known

6. 10/4/18 ✓ A.E.F.

Date of Burial Cemetery

7. Chateau-de-Salvange Meuse

Town or Commune (In Block Letters) Department

8. 64 ✓

Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

9. Name Peg?..... Cross? ^{ys} Headboard?..... Bottle?.....
Check Method of Marking

10. Buried with Body? ¹ Attached to Grave Marker? ¹
Identification Tags

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

.....
.....

12. Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

.....

13. William Wood ARC

Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed Joseph Baker, Sgt. 1cl.

Group 3 Unit A G. R. S.

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AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F.
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

May 28th, 1919.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.
TO : Private Leland J. Kerman, Co. E., 439th Supply Train,
A.P.O. 918, American E.F.
SUBJECT: Private James Burwell, Co. I., 26th Infantry, American E.F.
Serial # 54486.

With an assurance of very deep sympathy, and in reply to your letter of enquiry, you are advised that information has been filed in this office by the burial officer concerned, to the effect that the above named soldier is buried in the American Battle Area Cemetery CHATEAU-DE-SALVANGE at FROIDOS, department of the MEUSE. The Grave which is number 64 is marked with the regulation cross with identification tag attached.

(Enclosures - G.R.S.:)
(10 - B, .004.5.)

CCP/GC.

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

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

FILE NUMBER 30870

FROM:- *A.R.C.*

DATE *4/2/19*

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME *BURWELL, JAMES*

NUMBER

RANK *PVT.*

ORGANIZATION

Co. I, 26 INF.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	1.-James A. Burwell. #54486, Pvt. Co. I 26th Infantry.
2.	Date of Death.	2.-10-4-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	3.-W/A.
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	4.-CC#282
5.	Date buried.	5.-10-4-18
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.	6.-Cty. 558 Amer Froidos B/A. Chateau-de- ix Salvange, Meuse. Grave No. 64
7.	Who reported burial.	7. Chap. William Wood, A.R.C.
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	8. Yes
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	9.-Cross
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	10.-1 Tag buried with body 1 Tag attached to grave marker.
11.	Who is nearest relative?	11.-Dr. Albert Burwell (Father) Kalkaska, Mich.
12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	12.-12-20-18
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the Photograph No.? N.B. All Proper names to be printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.	

R ✓ B.
22 MAR 1919

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ON ACTIVE SERVICE

THE

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

March 23, 1919.

Co. E. 439th Supply Train

A.P.O. 918, American E. F.

Graves Headquarters

American E. F.

I desire information in regard to the location of the grave of Pvt. James Burwell of Co. E, 26 Infantry. I am informed, by Captain Starlings of Co. I 26 Infantry, that Pvt. Burwell died in Mobile Hospital no. 2 on October 4th 1918.

Respectfully,

Pvt. Leland J. Kerman

Co. E. 439th Supply Train

A.P.O. 918, American E. F.





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AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F.
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE.

Reference - 30870.

April 18th, 1919.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.
TO : Mrs. A. G. Burwell, Kalkaska, Mich.
SUBJECT : Pvt. James A. Burwell, Co. I, 26th Infantry, American E.F.

In reply to your letter of inquiry, with reference to the regretted death of this soldier, according to the records at these headquarters he is buried in Grave #64, American Battle Area Cemetery Chateau-de-Salvange, at FROIDOS, Department of MEUSE.

By direction

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

(Enclosures - G.R.S.:)
(10-B. .004.5)

Per MAURICE B. DIX,
Captain, American Red Cross
Representative assigned to
Graves Registration Service.

MBD-gg.

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AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F.
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE.

Reference-30870.

March 5, 1919.

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.
TO: Private Clarence C. Getty, Q.M.C., 7/ Railhead, A.P.O. 720,
American E.F.
SUBJECT: Private James A. Burwell, Co. I, 26th Infantry, American
E.F.

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By direction

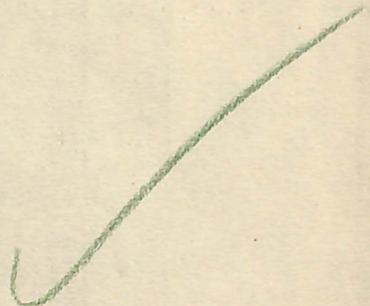
CHARLES C. PIERCE
Lieut. Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.

(Enclosures-2)

Per MAURICE B. DIX
Captain, American Red Cross
Representative assigned to
Graves Registration Service.

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Railhead Office, Army P.O. 720,
American Expeditionary Force,

Bourbonne-les-Baines, (Hte. Marne) France,
January, 16th, 1919.

Memo:

From: Pvt. Clarence C. Getty (779528) Q.M.C. A.P.O. 720.
To: Graves Registration Bureau, A.P.O. 717, A.E.F.
Subject: Pvt. James A. Burwell, Co. "I", 26thth Division (Deceased)

1. The Casualty list of later October, show that Pvt. James A. Burwell, Co. "I", 26th Inf. 1st Division was killed in action and I wish to obtain the location of the burial place of Pvt. Burwell.

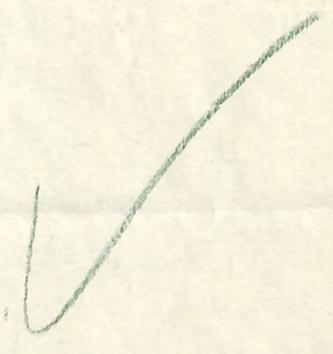
2. I find that he was taken to the Mobile Hospital² and never regained consciousness and there-for must have been buried by that organization.

3. Pvt. Burwell was a close friend and any information will be gladly received.

Clarence C. Getty

Pvt. Clarence C. Getty,
Q.M.C. (779528) Railhead A.P.O. 720

*014
F. H. Campbell
P. H. Mc.*



Railhead Office, Army P.O. 730,
American Expeditionary Force,

Bourbonne-les-Bains, (Ete. Ligne) France,
January, 15th, 1919.

MEMO:

From: Pvt. Clarence G. Getty (77328) P.O. A.P.O. 730.

To: Graves Registration Bureau, A.P.O. XIV, A.E.F.

Subject: Pvt. James A. Burwell, Co. "I", 28th Division (deceased)

1. The Casualty list of later October, show that Pvt. James A. Burwell, Co. "I", 28th Div. was killed in action and I wish to obtain the location of the burial place of Pvt. Burwell.

2. I find that he was taken to the Mobile Hospital and never regained consciousness and there-for must have been buried by that organization.

3. Pvt. Burwell was a close friend and any information will be gladly received.

CLARENCE G. GETTY
Pvt. Clarence G. Getty
C.E.S. (77328) Railroad A.P.O. 730



A. G. Burwell, M. D.
KALKASKA, MICH.

Dec. 19-18

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OFFICE HOURS
1 TO 3 AND 7 TO 8 P. M.
SUNDAYS BY APPOINTMENT

Graves Registration Service A. G. F.

Gentlemen,

Will you kindly inform me
where our son, "Private James A. Burwell
Co. I. 26th Inf." is buried and any information
in regard to his service in France would
be very welcome.

Thanking you for your trouble.

I am very respectfully

Mrs A. G. Burwell

P.S. He was reported died of wounds Oct. 4

4/27/19



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16 JANV 1919
C. C. W. M.
G. R. S.

W. C. ...
KINGSTON NICH