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CAUSE OF DEATH

Died of wounds✓
FULL NAME..... CUMINGS, Wells *Bradley*✓
RANK..... Private..... SERIAL. *306342*✓
DIVISION & ORGANIZATION..... *80th Co. G, 6th Rgt., Marines. 2nd Ldr*✓
DATE OF DEATH..... 6-30-18✓
STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME..... *new york*MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED..... *none*FINAL GRAVE LOCATION.....
Date Grave Row Block

.....1764.....

Cemetery

.....493

27/86/-

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AUDITED BY

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Cummings</i>	<i>CUM</i>	3	3 ¹²⁰ 13
BURIED	CEMETERY <i>1764</i>	1	4
	GRAVE <i>43</i>	2	43
	ROW <i>6</i>	2	06
	BLOCK <i>a</i>	1	1
STATE	<i>n.y</i>	2	37
BANK	<i>Prot</i>	1	4
DIVISION	<i>2</i>	2	02
ORGANIZATION	<i>6</i>	3	006
ARM	<i>U. S. M. C</i>	1	X
MARTIAL	<i>No</i>	1	2
NAME <i>Swain</i>	<i>S W A</i>	5	9 ¹² 31
RESIDENCE	STATE <i>n.y</i>	2	37
	COUNTY <i>West Chester</i>	2	60
	CITY <i>Bedford Hill</i>	3	xxx
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Previous met</i>	1	3
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
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	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>no</i>	1	2

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Cummings Wells Bradley AM


September 7 1932

Mrs Chester O Swain
The Crossways
Bedford Hills NY

Dear Madam:

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

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


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

Sign Here

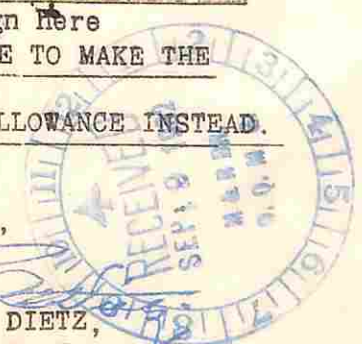
NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


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

Encl:
Env.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Cummings Wells Bradley (AM)

July 11 1932

Mrs Chester O Swain
The Crossways
Bedford Hills NY

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

Washington, D. C., May 31, 1932

MRS. IRLA CUMMINGS,
MORROWVILLE,
KANS.

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL AUGUST NINE NOT RECEIVED

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DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER 4294GSM

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

QM 293 A-M Cummings, William Willis (A-M) M
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QM 293 A-M
Cumings, Wells Bradley (AM)

July 29, 1931

Mrs. Chester O. Swain,
The Crossways,
Bedford Hills, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of July 15th, requesting that the remains of your son, the late Private Wells Bradley Cumings, be returned to the United States.

It is deeply regretted that you were not pleased with the appearance of the Aisne Marne American Cemetery where the remains of your son are interred. The majority of the women who have made pilgrimages to Europe have written this office, commenting upon the beauty and simplicity of the cemeteries. The plans for the cemeteries were drawn by competent landscape architects and every effort has been made to make these cemeteries fitting resting places for the heroes buried there. Flower gardens, trees and shrubs have been placed at appropriate places and the graves marked with marble crosses of uniform size.

When the bodies of American casualties of the World War were concentrated into permanent cemeteries, opportunity was afforded the next of kin in each case to have the body returned to the United States or interred in Europe. In order that the symmetry and beauty of these cemeteries might not be continually disturbed, the Secretary of War ruled that no changes in disposition requests received on or after August 15, 1921, would be favorably considered.

In view of the fact that the remains of your son were interred in Europe at your request, it is regretted to advise that favorable consideration cannot now be given your request to have his remains returned to this country.

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-AM

Cumings, Wells Bradley Pvt (AM) M-

July 13, 1931.

Mrs. Chester O. Swain,
The Crossways,
Bedford Hills, N.Y.

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



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

No
Write answer here

Sign here

Every time I have been to my sons grave I have found it so in the hands of such a agency that there seemed to be nothing on there - moved about; crosses

marked so we can hardly read
them; I went on Palm Sunday
East. Not one flower or plant or
shrub was on any grass, no one
person did I see - is it possible to
bring my own home it has not to
be made satisfactory.

Yours truly
- Lawrence T Swann

July 15 - 31



Handwritten scribbles and notes, possibly including the name 'M. J. ...' and other illegible characters.

OM 293 A-C
Cummings, Wells Bradley

September 12, 1929.

Mrs. Chester O. Swain,
The Crossways,
Bedford Hills, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date relative to the pilgrimage of the Gold Star Mothers and Widows to Europe, in which you state that you have previously visited your son's grave in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery.

This office regrets the unfavorable impression of the American Cemeteries in Europe received by you at the time of your visits and desires to assure you that the work in progress in the Oise-Aisne Cemetery at the time of your visit has been completed and the cemetery is now in a beautiful condition. All graves have been arranged in regular order and the grounds have been beautified with trees, shrubs, lawns and walks. Permanent marble markers have been erected at each grave; that erected at the grave of your son being inscribed as follows:

WELLS BRADLEY CUMINGS, Pvt.
6 Regt. U.S.M.C. - 2 Div.
NEW YORK - June 30, 1918.

I regret that it is now too late to return your son's remains to the United States at Government expense, since under the existing policy approved by The Secretary of War, no changes in requests for disposition of bodies received after August 15, 1921 would be favorably considered. The records of this office indicate that under date of May 31, 1921, advice was furnished this office to the effect that you did not wish his body brought home.

It is noted that on the occasion of your last visit in January 1928, you were distressed because shrubs which you had ordered had been removed from the grave. Such action was in accordance with existing regulations which preclude the placing of any trees, shrubs, vines or plants of any character on burial plots or grave sites or at the base of monuments or markers. These shrubs and flowers planted over particular graves have been tagged with the name of the donor and transplanted to appropriate flower beds and properly cared for there. In this connection you are advised that cut flowers may be placed upon the grave at any time.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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MRS. CHESTER O. SWAIN
THE CROSSWAYS, BEDFORD HILLS, N. Y.
TEL. MT. KISCO 568

In reply to Mr. - 293 - A.C. -
I would say - I have made
his trip to Europe to my sons
grace - the time heart breaking
the first time he had been
moved to Belleau woods and
the place looked most interesting

Mud of tree up. His name on
The wooden cross was spelled wrong
In 1925 in March I went the place
checked title letter as all the crosses
were being replaced - the plaques
I had ordered had been removed
"not-allowed" would I now
be grateful for me to have the
copy brought to U.S. yours truly
- Florence T. Severn

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cumings, Wells Bradley
1764

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Aug. 22, 1929.

Mrs. Chester O. Swain,
The Crossways,
Bedford Hills, New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 12, 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?

Yes

No

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 12, 1929.

Cummings, Wells Bradley

Mrs. Chester O. Swain,
The Crossways,
Bedford Hills, New York, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late
Private Wells Bradley Cummings, 80th Co. 6th Regt., U.S.M.C., whose remains are now interred in the Aisne Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, Aisne, New York.

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 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.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Cumings Wells Bradley AM

September 7 1932

Mrs Chester O Swain
The Crossways
Bedford Hills NY

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Sign here

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Cummings Wells Bradley (AM)

July 11 1933

Mrs Chester O Swain
The Crossways
Bedford Hills NY

Dear Madam:

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

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

_____ (Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

QM 293 A-M
Cumings, Wells Bradley (AM)

July 29, 1931

Mrs. Chester O. Swain,
The Crossways,
Bedford Hills, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of July 15th, requesting that the remains of your son, the late Private Wells Bradley Cumings, be returned to the United States.

It is deeply regretted that you were not pleased with the appearance of the Aisne Marne American Cemetery where the remains of your son are interred. The majority of the women who have made pilgrimages to Europe have written this office, commenting upon the beauty and simplicity of the cemeteries. The plans for the cemeteries were drawn by competent landscape architects and every effort has been made to make these cemeteries fitting resting places for the heroes buried there. Flower gardens, trees and shrubs have been placed at appropriate places and the graves marked with marble crosses of uniform size.

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In view of the fact that the remains of your son were interred in Europe at your request, it is regretted to advise that favorable consideration cannot now be given your request to have his remains returned to this country.

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-AM
~~Cummings, Wells Bradley~~ Pvt (AM) M-

July 13, 1931.

Mrs. Chester O. Swain,
The Crossways,
Bedford Hills, N.Y.

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.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cumings, Wells Bradley Pvt. (AM) M

May 5, 1931.

Mrs. Chester O. Swain,
The Crossways,
Bedford Hills, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

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, 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.

4. Do you speak English?

5. What other language do you speak?

Age
Condition of Health

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:
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Act
Amendment

QM 293 A-M

Cumings, Wells Bradley Pvt. 1764-M

October 16, 1930

Mrs. Chester O. Swain,
The Crossways,
Bedford Hills, N. Y.

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 ~~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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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 10, 1930

Cumings, Wells Bradley

1764-M

Mrs. Chester O. Swain
The Crossways
Bedford Hills, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The Act of March 2, 1929 excluded from its benefits those mothers and widows who had made former visits to the graves of their loved ones in Europe. On May 15, 1930 that Act was amended to remove this restriction. Therefore, you are now eligible to make the pilgrimage at the expense of the Government.

arrangements are being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, and to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation 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 have previously visited their sons' or husbands' graves, 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)

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QM 293 A-C
Cumings, Wells Bradley

September 12, 1929.

Mrs. Chester O. Swain,
The Crossways,
Bedford Hills, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date relative to the pilgrimage of the Gold Star Mothers and Widows to Europe, in which you state that you have previously visited your son's grave in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery.

This office regrets the unfavorable impression of the American Cemeteries in Europe received by you at the time of your visits and desires to assure you that the work in progress in the Oise-Aisne Cemetery at the time of your visit has been completed and the cemetery is now in a beautiful condition. All graves have been arranged in regular order and the grounds have been beautified with trees, shrubs, lawns and walks. Permanent marble markers have been erected at each grave; that erected at the grave of your son being inscribed as follows:

WELLS BRADLEY CUMINGS, Pvt.
6 Regt. U.S.M.C. - 2 Div.
NEW YORK - June 30, 1918.

I regret that it is now too late to return your son's remains to the United States at Government expense, since under the existing policy approved by The Secretary of War, no changes in requests for disposition of bodies received after August 15, 1921 would be favorably considered. The records of this office indicate that under date of May 31, 1921, advice was furnished this office to the effect that you did not wish his body brought home.

Mr. Cumings did

It is noted that on the occasion of your last visit in January 1928, you were distressed because shrubs which you had ordered had been removed from the grave. Such action was in accordance with existing regulations which preclude the placing of any trees, shrubs, vines or plants of any character on burial plots or grave sites or at the base of monuments or markers. These shrubs and flowers planted over particular graves have been tagged with the name of the donor and transplanted to appropriate flower beds and properly cared for there. In this connection you are advised that cut flowers may be placed upon the grave at any time.

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

Cummings, Wells Bradley
1764

Aug. 22, 1929.

Mrs. Chester O. Swain,
The Crossways,
Bedford Hills, New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 12, 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.

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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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Assistant.

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

June 12, 1929.

Cumings, Wells Bradley

Mrs. Chester O. Swain,
The Crossways,
Bedford Hills, New York, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Wells Bradley Cumings, 80th Co. 6th Regt., U.S.M.C., whose remains are now interred in the Aisne Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, Aisne, New York.

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 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 re-married 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.

Q.M.G.M. & R. DIV.

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

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293 Cumings, Wells B. 1st Ind.

HdQRS., American G.R.S., Q.M.C. in E. 20, rue Molitor. Paris, France.
February 1, 1928. To: The Quartermaster General, Washington. D.C.

1. Every possible effort is being made to carry on the construction work in connection with the erection of permanent headstones at our cemeteries without damaging the lawns and tearing up the grave areas more than is absolutely essential.

2. Concerning the removal of the shrubs which Mrs. Cumings had planted under the cross-arms of the wooden cross over her son's grave, the policy of this Service, based on instructions from your office, is to remove such shrubs at the time the permanent marble crosses are erected. These shrubs, other flowers and so forth, planted over particular graves, are tagged with the name of the donor, transplanted to appropriate massifs or flower-beds, and properly cared for there.

3. Neither Mr. or Mrs. Cumings have visited this office to complain of the condition they found at their son's grave at the Aisne-Marne Cemetery.



F. W. Van Duzne
F.W. Van Duzne.
Colonel. Q.M. Corps.
Chief.

K. J. H.

FEB 10 1928

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[Signature]

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Cumings, Wells B

AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE. Q.M.C. IN EUROPE
OFFICE OF THE CARETAKER
AISNE - MARNE AMERICAN CEMETERY

File No.: 293 Cumings, Wells B., Pvt.

BELLEAU, AISNE

January 29th, 1928.

Subject: Complaint on condition of cemetery.

To: CHIEF, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., In Europe,
20 rue Molitor, Paris, (Seine).

1. Mr. & Mrs. Cumings, Parents of the late Private Wells B. Cumings, Co. G, 6th Regt. Marines, buried in grave #43, Row #6, Block A. visited the grave of their son, this date. They were very much put out over the condition of the grave and the cemetery in general, due to the construction of the marble headstones. Every effort was made to console them. Mrs. Cumings visited the grave of her son four years ago, at the time the burials were being made, and found the grave in approximately the same state as today.

2. Shrubs were planted two years ago under the cross arms of cross marking this grave and were recently taken up and planted in the massives, I explained this to Mrs. Cumings and she could not understand why they could not remain there and would not listed to any explanations which I wanted to make to her.

3. Upon leaving, I had a few moments with Mr. Cumings and explained the situation to him and asked that if he had time to step in your office, with an effort to have them leave here with a better view of the work going on and the reason for existing conditions, but Mr. Cumings stated that nothing could be done to change her and left.

4. The above is called to your attention as I am quite sure these parents will make a report of some nature on their return to the states. It was impossible to get their address in Paris.



Adolph G. Kaess
ADOLPH G. KAESS
Superintendent.

293 Cumings, Wells B.

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G.R.S. Form #114-B

DATE _____

1. NAME Cummings, W.B. ^{W.B. Bradley} SERIAL No. 306342

RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Co. G. 6th Regt. ⁸⁰ Marines ^{USMC}

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

265 Amer. Sec. 5
GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 265 Fr. Mil. Cem. #241 La Ferte-sous-Jouarre
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT. (S-&M)

COORDINATES _____

CONCENTRATED TO _____
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Information in paragraph 2 taken from Form 1. - A

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS _____
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR G.F. WAUGH, Major, Inf., Supervisor, Area §2.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Oct. 11, 1922. 43 6 Block A
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

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

EUROPEAN CLAIMS UNIT
Fort Myer, Va.

file
3-7-29
JBL

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 16, 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.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Nov. 17-21

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 CUMINGS, Wells B. radley
~~Cummings, W.B.~~

2. No. 306342

3. Rank Pvt.

4. Org. 80 Co. G. 6th Regt. Marines U.S.M.C.

5. D.D. June 30, 1918

6. C.D. DOWRIA

10. Name _____

11. No. _____

12. Rank _____

13. Org. _____

14. (a) D.D. _____

(b) D.B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 265 Sec. Amer

8. Plot _____ Row 5

9. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____

16. Plot _____ Row _____

17. None.

18. Cemetery French Mil.

20. Dept. or County Seine & Marne

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

19. Commune or town La Ferte-sous-Jouarre

21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) November 17-21

By L.H. Massart

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name W.B. Cummings

Rank Pvt.

Serial No. _____

Organization Co. G. 6th Regt Marines

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

Signature Donald H. Stuart Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

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

Bottle record W.B. Cummings Pvt. Co. G. 6th Marines

27. Condition of body Burlap pine box found under cross.

Badly decomposed recognition impossible.

28. Nature of burial _____

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None.

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Nov. 17-21 By L.H. Massart

31. Casket sealed by L.H. Massart

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) Louis H. Massart

10/10/21
S.H.

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-16760

32. Designation of body:

Name Wells B. CUMINGS
W.B. Cummings Serial No. 306342

Rank Pvt Organization Co.G.6th Regt.Marines

33. Consigned to:

Officer in Charge

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

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Nov.17-21 By L.H. Esbart

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 B.L. Maloney Capt. QMC.

36. Remarks

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

To ~~point of Concentration~~ Aisne Marne Am. Cty #1764 Belleau, (Name)

Convoyer James Flynn Signature Shipping Officer B.L. Maloney Capt. QMC.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery

(Name

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

Nov. 19, '21

G.R.S. Representative

Ad. Haess, Mosque Supt.

41. Reinterred Oct. 11, 1922, Aisne-Marne Cem. 1764, Belleau (Aisne)

(Date

42. Grave No. 43 Section

43. Plot BLOCK Row A Section 6

G.R.S. Representative

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

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REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Nov. 17-21

1. REMAINS OF CUMINGS, Wells B. radley SERIAL NUMBER 506342
CUMINGS, W.B.

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. C. 6th Regt Marines
80 U.S.M.C.

2. Disinterred (date): November 17-21 From (give complete location): Grave 265
row 5 Cem. 241.

By: Group 1 Unit F.S.# 3.

3. Reburied (date): Oct. 11, 1922 In (give complete location): Gr. 43, Block A,
Row 6, Aisne-Marne Cem. 1764, Belleau (Aisne)

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

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

Pine box. burlap found under cross.

Badly decomposed recognition impossible.

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

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

None.

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

11 MAD 2 3 4 12 13 14 15 16

(a) Height (actual measurement) impossible to determine

17 MED 22 23 MAD

(b) Weight (estimated) impossible to determine

18 19 28 29 30 32

(c) Hair—Color impossible to determine

Quantity impossible to determine

Characteristics impossible to determine.

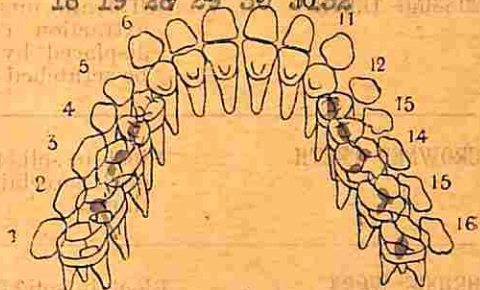
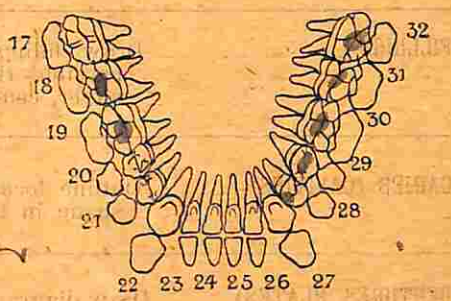


Diagram represents the mouth wide open

(d) Hair on face—Color impossible to determine

Location impossible to determine

Quantity impossible to determine



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

or missing parts) impossible to determine

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

impossible to determine

7. Disinterment supervised by Lewis I. Casart Approved: B.L. Maloney
Lewis I. Casart (Title) Capt. USA.






8. Reburial supervised by L.D. Hays Approved: W.D. Cleary
L.D. Hays (Title) Lt., Chaplain, USA.

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.

MISSING TEETH	All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :	 <p style="text-align: center;">TOOTH MISSING TOOTH MISSING</p>
CROWNED TEETH	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :	 <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD CROWN PORCELAIN CROWN GOLD CROWN</p>
BRIDGE WORK	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus :	 <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD AND PORCELAIN BRIDGE GOLD BRIDGE</p>
FILLINGS	Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :	 <p style="text-align: center;">SILVER FILLING GOLD FILLING GOLD FILLING GOLD FILLING GOLD FILLING</p>
CARIES (CAVITIES)	Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :	 <p style="text-align: center;">CAVITY DECAYED DECAYED DECAYED</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"	

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.

File No.France.
November 7th 1922.

SUBJECT: Case of Brig.Gen. James F. McINDOR.

TO: The Quartermaster General,
Munitions Building,
Washington, D.C.

1. Reference paragraph 1, your cable No. 1342 dated November 4th 1922, remains of Brigadier-General James F. McINDOR, Gen. Dir. of Military Engineering and Supplies H.SOS, will be exhumed from Grave 7, Block E, Row 26, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse) and permanently concentrated in Aisne-Marne American Cemetery #1764, Belleau (Aisne). When concentration in Aisne-Marne Cemetery has been effected your office will be so advised.

X 2. Reference paragraph 2, your cable No. 1342, Private Wells B. CUMINGS, #306342, Company G, 6th Regiment Marines is now buried in Grave 43, Block A, Row 6, Aisne-Marne American Cemetery #1764, Belleau (Aisne).

R. P. HARBOLD
Chief.

Cumings, Wells Bradley, I. Pvt, 306342
80th Co., 6th Regt., Marines.

Disposition: Return of Remains,
Not desired.

Next of Kin: Florence Cumings, Rel Mother.
987 Madison, Ave.,
New York, New York.

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card found in neck of files.

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COPY

FILE

Washington, D.C.

Nov. 11th 1922.

Mott, Paris

9:45 A.

The Adjutant General

No 988

November 9th

For Quartermaster General : Reference paragraph 2 your 1342, remains
241 Wells B. Cumings 71 now buried Grave 43 Block A. Row 6 Aisne-Marne
Cemetery

Harbold

Mott.

In reply refer to:
293.8 C-R #9605

November 11, 1922.

File

Mrs. Chester O. Swain,
The Crossways,
Bedford Hills, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of the late Private Wells Bradley Cumings, 80th Company, 6th Marines, is No. 43, Block A, Row 6, Aisne-Marne American Cemetery at Belleau, Department of Aisne, France.

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, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. The headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.

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

Very truly yours,

MAILED

NOV 11 1922

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G.R.S.

H. J. CONNER,
Assistant.

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In reply refer to:
293.8 C-R #9605

File

November 11, 1922.

SUBJECT: Grave Location.

TO: Col. John McA. Palmer, Headquarters, General of the Armies,
Room 266, State, War & Navy Bldg., Washington, D.C.

1. Referring to the case of the late Private Wells Bradley Cumings, 80th Company, 6th Marines, a cable has been received from the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. in Europe, to the effect that the permanent grave location of the deceased is Grave #43, Block A, Row 6, Nisne-Marne American Cemetery at Belleau, Department of Aisne, France.

For the Quartermaster General:

H. J. CONNER,
Assistant.

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In reply refer to:
293.8 C-R #9605

File

November 11, 1922.

General Palmer E. Pierce,
26 Broadway,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the case of the late Private Wells Bradley Cumings, 80th Company, 6th Marines, the Quartermaster General desires you to be advised that a cable has been received from the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. in Europe, to the effect that the permanent grave location of the deceased is Grave #43, Block A, Row 6, Aisne-Marne American Cemetery at Belleau, Department of Aisne, France.

Mrs. Chester O. Swain, The Crossways, Bedford Mills, New York, has this date been advised regarding the above.

Very respectfully,

H. J. CONNER,
Assistant.

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

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11/4/22.

Memorandum for

Upon receipt of cable from
Europe reference reburial advises:

Mrs. Chester S. Swain,
Crossways, Bedford Hills, N.Y.
also.

Col. Palmer, Br. 1669.

File

26 BROADWAY
NEW YORK

#9605

PALMER E. PIERCE

October 4, 1922.

Colonel E.E. Davis,
Executive Assistant, G.R.S.,
War Department,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Colonel Davis:

I have before me your letter of October 3rd, and am pleased to note that you will publish in the press a statement as to the final interments in the American cemetery at Chateau Thierry. In this connection, I am going to take the liberty of further advising that the article describe the cemetery as it will be when completed.

I am led to this by a conversation I had the other evening with a gentleman who had just returned from Europe, where he visited both the cemeteries at the Argonne and Chateau Thierry. It seems that the contrast between the two was so great that he was unfavorably impressed with the one at Chateau Thierry, and was under the impression that the bodies of our soldiers were still being taken from the latter cemetery for shipment home, but that the government would not permit further exhumations at the Argonne cemetery. It seems reasonable to assume that his impression is the common one obtained by American visitors to these two cemeteries during the past summer, and I believe it would be good policy for you to try and correct the public misapprehension that may exist.

Yours very sincerely,

Palmer E. Pierce.

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293.8 Pierce, Palmer E.

File: 293.8 G-A G-A #960
Cumings, Pvt. W.B.

October 3, 1922.

General Palmer E. Pierce,
26 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Dear General:-

Your letter of October 2, 1922, is received and noted. Notation of the change in the name and address of Mrs. Florence Cumings, has been made on our records for use in future correspondence.

Your suggestion with reference to publishing notice of the accomplishment of final interments is a good one and has been acted upon. Please accept the thanks of the Department for your interest. The main object of the Graves Registration Service is, as you know, to alleviate, as much as it is humanly possible, the sorrows of the relatives of our here dead.

For the Quartermaster General:



E. E. Davis
Executive Assistant, G.R.S.

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Mrs Chester O. Swain
The Crossways,

Bedford Hills,
New York.

Formerly Mrs Florence Cumings.

MAILED

OCT 3 - 1922

G.R.S.

26 BROADWAY
NEW YORK

PALMER E. PIERCE

October 2, 1922.

File 293.8 C.A. #9605
Cumings, Pvt. W.B.

Colonel E.E. Davis,
Executive Assistant, G.R.S.,
War Department,
Washington, DC.

My dear Colonel:

I am just in receipt of your letter of September 30th in regard to the burial of Private Wells Bradley Cumings, 80th Company, 6th Marines.

I note in it that you speak of the mother as Mrs. Florence Cumings, and wish to inform you that she has married again and her name and address is Mrs. Chester O. Swain, The Crossways, Bedford Hills, New York.

Mrs. Swain is very anxious to get early information of the accomplishment of the reburial of her son, and I suppose she is but one of many mothers whose hearts are torn by the necessity of disturbing the remains of their boys and who are anxiously awaiting the information that permanent burial has been accomplished. On this account, I suggest that cable directions be sent that as soon as the reburial is completed, the War Department be informed and that the matter be published in the press.

Please be assured that anything you do will be very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

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Palmer E. Pierce

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Cummings, Pvt. Wells.)

September 30, 1922.

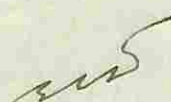
General Palmer E. Pierce,
26 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Dear General Pierce:-

Your letter of September 27, 1922, with reference to burial of Pvt. Wells Bradley Cummings, 80th Co., 6th Marines, is received and noted. Advice of new grave location of this soldier has not been received. If you will refer to letter of Captain Wynne of June 27, 1922, you will note that cable advice from Europe stated that permanent reburial would be effected about September 30th. Advice of this permanent reburial will be transmitted by mail.

While it is probable the reburial has been accomplished, or will soon be accomplished, this final report has not been received. Promptly after receipt of the information, it will be transmitted to the mother, Mrs. Florence Cummings, and I have also noted on the case that you be advised.

Very truly yours,


E.E. Davis,
Executive Assistant, G.R.S.

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MAILED

SEP 30 1922

G.R.S.

26 BROADWAY
NEW YORK

9605

PALMER E. PIERCE

September 27, 1922.

Mr. E.E. Davis,
Graves Registration Service,
Office of the Q.M.G.,
War Department,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Wells Bradley Cumings,
80th Company, 6th Marines,
(Your file 293.8 C-a)

Continuing previous correspondence in regard to Wells Bradley Cumings, 80th Company, 6th Marines, I am anxious to ascertain whether or not the reburial of this soldier has as yet taken place. The uncertainty and suspense is proving very trying to this boy's mother, and I shall appreciate your early advice as to the exact present status of the case. If Private Cumings' body has not yet been reinterred, will you please inform me when this is to be accomplished.

Thanking you for your attention to this matter,

Yours very truly,

Palmer E. Pierce
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COMPILED ON OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

Marine

1/17/21 File #9605

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name *CUMMING S. W. Wells B. radley* Ser. No. *306342 - ok - 2-7-21*
 (b) Rank *Pvt.* Organization *Co. G, 6th Marines. 80th* TYP. *EK*
 (c) Date of death *6/30/1918* (d) Cause of death *DWRIA* CKR. *[initials]*

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

(a) Grave No. *265* Row *5* Plot *--* Sec. *Amer.* TYP. *EK*
 (b) Emerg. Address *Mrs. Florence B. Cumings (mother) 987 Madison Ave New York N.Y.*

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases --- CKR. *[initials]*

Marine IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD: Date of receipt *None*
no card in file H.A. 1-10-21

card found in perfect of files.
 (a) Name *Florence Cumings* (b) Relationship *mother*
 (c) Address *987 Madison Ave., N.Y. N.Y.*
 (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 *MEH* Date *6/22/21*, 1920.

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

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

Examiner's Initials *H.P.* Date *1-10*, 1920.

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? *yes att*

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

COUNTRY *France* CEMETERY No. *241* SHEET No. *71*

FORM 115 COMPLETED

MB2-10-21

checked 1/17/21

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

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 1920
letter on JAN 25 1921, 1920

Cummings Wells Bradley ^{all}

IX. CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: Form 124 to Marine Corps Form 840 from Marine Corps

Date Sent 1/13/21 Date Rec'd 1/17/21

Return of remains not desired.
Next of kin (mother) Mrs Florence B. Cummings
987 Madison Ave, New York, N.Y.
PBL

^{4/6/22}
Pro. cable 950 - Advise present grave location
241 Wells Bradley Cummings 71 (PWR 6/16/22)
Cable 874. Par 1. June 22, 1922 - Europe states body in Belleau
Wood and will be buried in that city about Sept 30. (PWR 6/26/22)
11/4/22 ^{Prtp} Cable 1013 - Expedite reburial
241 Wells Bradley Cummings 71 - Cable
Grave location. HCH 11/4/22.
11/11/22 Cable 988 From Europe - Remains
241 Wells B. Cummings 71 now buried Gr. 43
Block a. Row 6 Aisne - Marne city. HCH 11/13

108844-AB-25-hmm



Headquarters U. S. Marine Corps,

Washington, January 15, 1921.

From: The Major General Commandant.

To: The Chief, Cemeterial Division, Office of Quartermaster General of the Army.

Subject: A.E.F. dead: Confirmation or revision of G.R.S. record of disposition status.

Reference: Form No. 124, File No. 9605 dated 1-13-21
Case of Wells Bradley CUMINGS, 306342, Private,
80th Co. 6th Marines, 241-71.

1. It is requested that the remains of the above-named man be disposed of as follows:

DISPOSITION: Request remains left in France.

CONSIGNEE: Name:

Address:

NEXT OF KIN: Name: Mrs. Florence B. Cumings,

Relationship: Mother,

Address: 987 Madison Ave.,

New York, N.Y.

REMARKS:

H. LAY,

Lt. Colonel, U.S.M.C.
Asst. Adjutant & Inspector.

By

Special Assistant to the
Major General Commandant.

COMBINATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

Marine
1/17/21
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File #9605

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name *CUMMINGS, W. B. ^{Wells}Bradley* Ser. No. *306342* EK
 (b) Rank *Pvt.* Organization *Co. G, 6th Marines.* TYP. *Bd*
 (c) Date of death *6/30/1918* Cause of death *DWRIA*

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

(a) Grave No. *265* Row *5* Plot *--* Sect. *Amer.* EK
 (b) Emerg. Address *Mrs Florence B Cummings mother 1987 Madison ave New York* TYP. *Wf*

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

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

Form 840-1-¹⁵21. Mrs. Florence B. Cummings (mother)
1987 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. requests
remains left in France. - AP. 2-10-21

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

PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED *see*

Cummings Wells Bradley

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

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of Relationship Desires Action taken
 and Source and name

Pro. cable A 952 - 6/16/22 - Advise present grave
location 241 Wells Bradley Cummings 71 - P/R 6/16/22
11/4/22 Pro. Cable 1013 - Expedite reburial
241 Wells Bradley Cummings 71 - Cable
G/L Hc 74 11/4

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

COUNTRY G.R.S. FORM 115-A August 1920 France
 CEMETERY NO. 241
 SHEET NO. 71

MB 2-10-21

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF **9605**

Cummings, (no number) W.B.

(Surname.)

(Number.)

(First Name and Initials.)

Pvt 80th Co. 6th Mar

(Rank.)

(Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL **July 1 1918**

PLACE OF BURIAL **Cimetiere de La Forte**

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

American Section

GRAVE NUMBER **164**

HOW MARKED: ~~Name Peg?~~

Cross?

~~Headboard?~~

~~Other?~~

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? **Yes**

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

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

REPORTED BY:

Captain MRC

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

2 JUL 1918

Refer to this

(Office)

No. 9605

INQUIRY

Request by Miss Brockie,European address Hotel Lotti.Philadelphia.Relationship to dec'd Friend.

For location grave of:

Cummings, W.B.

Last name. Serial No. First name

Pvt. Co. G, 6th Regt. Marines.

Rank Org. Date of death

5/30/21.

Date of request

Rec'd. by JMK

(Initials) Other information:

INFORMATION FURNISHED

Location of grave Country

#241. French Mil. Cty.

Cemetery Commune (town) Dept.

LaFerte-sous-Jouarre, S-et-MGrave No. 265 Section Amer.Plot Row 5.Furnished by Date
(Initials)

INFORMATION FURNISHED

JUN 27 1921
G. H. S.



RECEIVED

9605

Refer to this

(Office)

No. 2

INQUIRY

Request by Mr. Lord,

European address _____

Boston, Mass.Relationship to dec'd Friend.
For location grave of:-Cummings, W.B.

Last name Serial No. First name

Pvt. Co.G, 6th Marines.

Rank Org. Date of death

Date of request 8/16/21.Recd. by JMK

(Initials) Other information:

INFORMATION FURNISHED

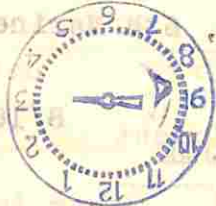
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(Initials)JUN 27 1921
G. H. S.

RECORDED

Mr. John
Boston, Mass.

SEP 21 1921



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CEMETERIAL DIVISION

INFORMATION FURNISHED

Special Agent in Charge - Boston
Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Very truly yours,
Special Agent in Charge
(Signature)

Name Cumings, 30th-42, Welle B.

Rank **Pvt** Co. **80th** **Inf.** **6th Marines**

Date of Death

Place

Cause

Date of Burial **7/1/18**

Grave No. **164**

Cemetery **21**

Identified by { Tag
Papers }
Clothing }

List of Effects

Field Record Made by **I. G. MYERS,**
2nd. LIEUT., Q. M. CORPS, 5th A

Group **1/303**

Company..... Graves Registration Service

For additional data use reverse side

JUL 19 1918

22 JUL 1918

SCHOOL FOR BAKERS AND COOKS
DEPARTMENT OF COOKING
Adjustment Made

Date JAN 25 1921

Mr Wilson

File No. 9605

Summings Wells Bradley

Put # 306342

Co 80th 6th Marines

C/o Mrs Florence Blumings
Mother

987 Madison Ave

New York

Form 840 from Marine Corps

Date Rec'd 1/17/21

N.Y.

M.L.

July 13, 1922.

General Palmer E. Pierce,
26 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Dear General Pierce:-

Referring to your letter of July 11, 1922, addressed to Col. John McA. Palmer, and to telephone conversation of this date, I have to advise you replying to your queries in order.

1. No question as to the identity of the body of Pvt. Wells Bradley Cumings appears on the records of this office.

2. The body is being held for permanent burial until certain grading and other improvements now under way at the cemetery can reach such a stage of completion as will enable reinterment.


The Aisne-Marne cemetery was located during hostilities. It was temporarily beautified as much as possible but later was marred by exhumations for return to the United States. A plan for this and other permanent centeries was made after consultation with representatives of the Federal Fine Arts Commission, General Pershing, General Rogers and other officers which will put the cemetery in the same general class as national cemeteries at home. This work is now in progress and as a section is completed reburials follow.

3. It is not the intention to make burial of remains of soldiers an occasion of great ceremony. Funeral services are held from time to time as reburials are made. Chaplains have been detailed for this duty at each of the permanent cemeteries.

4. It is not possible to give the exact date of reburial of individual bodies. The information already given that the remains of Pvt. Cumings will be reburied on September 30, 1922, is as near that date as can now be predicted in view of the distance this work is from this country and the unforeseen circumstances which might arise to modify progress.

It is very much regretted that a clerical error should have delayed delivery to you reply of this office of July 8th to your letter of June 27th but since you have received it and the inquiries in your letter to Colonel Palmer are answered above, I trust that everything is now clear. Should you desire further information, it will be cheerfully furnished.

For the Quartermaster General:


E. E. DAVIS
Executive Assistant, Q.R.S.

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MAILED

JUL 13 1922

G.R.S.

26 BROADWAY
NEW YORK

Brand 2078

PALMER E. PIERCE

July 11, 1922.

Colonel John McA. Palmer,
Office, General of the Armies,
Washington, D.C.

My dear John:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I wrote Captain Wynne of the Cemeterial Division, Graves Registration Bureau, on June 27th, in regard to the body of Wells Bradley Cumings, who died from wounds received at Chateau Thierry while a private of the 80th Company, 6th Marines. No answer has been received from this letter, and the parents of this boy are anxious to secure, as soon as possible, information that will permit them to make their plans. They are discussing going to Europe for the ceremony, if there is to be one, on or about September 30th. In my letter I asked whether the Government would permit the body to be sent home. I think the mother has been persuaded to allow the body to remain in France, so that it is not necessary to await answer to this question any longer.

The parents cannot understand why the bodies of these soldiers have been removed from their resting places and piled up in a temporary building, awaiting permanent burial. Their uneasiness of mind is increased by the fact that the Major in Charge of Belleau Wood Cemetery told their friends who visited the place last June, that the body of Wells Bradley Cumings was there, "awaiting orders."

I am going to encroach again on your good nature to ask you to secure from the Cemeterial Division, answers to the following questions:

1. Is there any question as to the identification of the body of Wells Bradley Cumings?
2. Why is the body being held for permanent burial until about September 30th?
3. Is it the intention to make the burial of the remains of these soldiers the occasion of a great ceremony?
4. Is it possible to give the exact date of the reburial and any advice as to the desirability of relatives being present?

The first question is asked, because it was my understanding that in a report of the case, the identification number given with the name "Wells Bradley Cumings" was not the same as the one

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each annual
will have
funeral
services

Mr S.W. / Sec etc

previously sent his mother. To me it seems impossible that there should be any mistake in identification, since the boy died in hospital in the rear of the lines, and if there was an error, it probably can be explained as a clerical one.

You will understand that I feel under the necessity of appealing to you for help in getting a prompt answer to these questions. I feel that Captain Wynne should have replied before this to the inquiries of June 27th. The continued absence of definite information is giving a good deal of distress- especially because the parents desire to come to a decision whether or not to sail for Europe in time for the ceremony, if there is to be one.

I will appreciate it very much if you or your secretary could get the information desired and telephone me- Broad 2220- by four o'clock tomorrow, Wednesday, afternoon. If you do this, please have the telephone charges reversed.

Yours very sincerely,

Walter E. Pierce

encl.

P-h

*Sorry to trouble you further
but I know you will be
pleased to help in this distressing
matter.*

W -

C O P Y .

June 27, 1922.

Captain Charles J. Wynne,
Cemeterial Division,
Graves Registration Bureau,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Captain Wynne:

I have just received through Colonel Palmer's office, a copy of the cablegram which was sent you from France in regard to Wells Bradley Cumings. The mother of this boy is very much distressed over the removal of his remains from the French cemetery at La Ferte. However, I am trying to convince her that it is much better that this be done. Will you kindly assist in this by sending me, if possible, photographs of the Belleau Wood Cemetery, and such information as you may have that will enlighten her on this subject.

Her peace of mind is also disturbed because of the taking of the remains of her boy from its grave and piling it up with hundreds of others while awaiting permanent burial. Can you give me anything that will help convince her that this is not a sacrilege that could easily have been avoided.

She is now considering whether or not to ask that the body be sent home. Will the government do this on her request at this late date? In view of all the circumstances in the case, it may be possible, but I should like to have some authoritative information on the subject, which, if necessary, I may communicate to her.

Sincerely yours,

P-h

293.8 C-A (Pvt. Cumings, Wells Bradley
80th Co., 6th Marines.)

July 8, 1922.

FILE

Mr. Palmer E. Pierce,
26 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of June 27th is received and is being answered by the undersigned because Captain Wynne has been relieved from duty in this office and assigned to another station.

Concerning your inquiry in regard to photographs of the permanent Aisne-Marne American cemetery at Belleau Wood, you can secure photographs of this cemetery, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " X 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " at a cost of 15c apiece, by addressing Officer in Charge, Photographic Section, Signal Corps, U.S.A., 18th and Virginia Ave., Washington, D.C.

There has been no sacrilege committed in the removal of the remains of Pvt. Wells Bradley Cumings, 80th Co., 6th Marines, nor in the manner in which they are being held for reinterment. Upon exhumation the remains were handled by professional undertakers, prepared in the best possible manner, placed in a beautiful casket and transported to the permanent American cemetery where they are to be reburied. All this work was done under the supervision of officers of the Army, former comrades of the men who had given their lives in the service of their country.

The bond of comradeship, in the military service is, perhaps, the strongest that exists between men with the possible exception of the family tie and it is not to be credited, for a moment, that the Graves Registration Service officers would permit any but the most reverent and respectful conduct towards the mortal remains of their former brothers-in arms. So, also, as to conditions under which remains are temporarily held until their final resting place can be suitably prepared. Each is in a casket draped with the flag and under guard of honor at all times.

The Department is in receipt of many letters from relatives who have visited these cemeteries in person and without exception they express satisfaction with the conditions found and appreciation of the honors extended to the bodies of our heroic dead awaiting final interment.

It is now too late to return the remains of Pvt. Cumings at Government expense. The Secretary of War decided, that after August 15, 1921, no changes in requests would be received. This was necessary in order that the work might be completed and the final arrangement of each cemetery settled.

You may assure the mother of this late soldier, that the Department is honored in that she has confided the remains of her hero son to its keeping and holds this confidence as a sacred trust. It will be its solemn duty to fittingly care for the grave of this late soldier so long as our Government endures.

For the Quartermaster General:



E. E. DAVIS
Executive Assistant, G. R. S.

MM

MAILED

JUL 8 1922

G. R. S.

26 BROADWAY
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Palmer E. Pierce

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Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. O. M. G.
File # 59938
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Cummins
G. R.
Wells
Bradley
Cummins

June 27, 1922.

293.2 C-R #9605 (Cumings, Wells Bradley, Pvt.) Cty. 241 - Sht. 71.

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General Palmer E. Pierce, 26 Broadway, New York City, N.Y.

Location of remains.

1. Referring to the case of the late Private Wells Bradley Cumings, 80th Company, 6th Marines, you are advised that a cable has been received from the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. in Europe, to the effect that the remains of the deceased are at the American Cemetery of the Aisne-Marne at Belleau, Department of Aisne. Permanent reburial of the body will be effect~~ed~~ about September 30th.

For the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES J. WYNNE,
Assistant.

DS
BPM ✓

MAILED

JUN 27 1922

G.R.S.

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CABLEGRAM.

RADIO

Received at the War Department.

Washington, D.C., June 22, 1922.

9:55 A.M.

From Mott, Paris.

142 OC To The Adjutant General.

Number 874 June 21st

(Par.1.) For the Quartermaster General.

Your 1235 paragraph 1, remains 241 Wells Bradley

Cunings 71 in Belleau morgue. Permanent burial will

be made that cemetery about September 30th.

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Mott.

Copies to: Graves Registration Service, Action & Report
to Tel. & Cable Branch,
Room 2222, within 5 days.

C O P Y

Noted on Km 115-
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JUN 26 1922

**Graves Registration Service
Audit Branch**

FILE

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

Washington, D.C.

C-R #950

DRAFT OF CABLEGRAM

#9605

Transmittal by the Adjutant General Requested

H. L. Rogers,
Quartermaster General.

Sent as Cablegram	Paragraph No. 1	Sent from	File No.
No. 1235.	6/17/22. (MWW)	Date June 16, 1922.	
		Received back	

TO:

Military Attache,

Amembassy, Paris.

FOR RETHERS: Advise present grave location

241 Wells Bradley Cumings 71

Copies to: Graves Registration Service, Information &
Guidance.

C O P Y

#9605

CABLEGRAM

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON, D.C. C-R- 4950

June 16, 1922.

TO:

Military Attache,
Ambassy, Paris.

FOR REFERENCE: Advise present grave location
241 Wells Bradley Cumings 71

H. J. Conner, GS
Capt., Q.M. Corps, PJR
In Charge, Adm. Div., G.R.S.

*Suspend until 6/19/22
PWR*

June 10, 1921.

293.8 Cem. #9605 (Cummings, Wells B., Private)

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

Mr. John B. Cummings, 702 Insurance Building, Rochester, N. Y.

Case of Private Wells B. Cummings.

FILE

1. In reply to your letter of May 31, 1921, you are advised that we have taken the liberty of forwarding the same to the Marine Corps Headquarters, inasmuch as correspondence pertaining to deceased marines is handled by that headquarters.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

NR

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

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MAILED
JUN 11 1921
Q.R.S.

May 31, 1921.

Cemeterial Division
Quartermaster General's Office
Munitions Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am not sure whether you have on file the wishes of the next of kin of my brother, Pvt. Wells B. Cumings, 80th Co. 6th U. S. Marines, whose body is in the cemetery of La Ferté-sour-Jouarre, France, but I wish to state for his mother that she does not wish his body brought home.

If this does not coincide with instructions you already have, please see that the proper persons in France are notified immediately.

Very truly yours,

John B. Cumings,

JBC:M.

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*Orig. sent to
U.S. M.C.
6/11/21,
W.B.C.*

To: Inquiry Section.

From: Overseas Project Sub-Section.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION on Cemetery No. 241-71 (furnished by: M.E.B.) (date 6-8-21)

Data sent Overseas Letter of 1/25/21.

Operations to commence (approx.) April 1921

Operations to be completed (approx.) _____

Bodies shipped from European Port _____

Bodies arrived at Hoboken _____

II. CASE OF Cummings, Wells Bradley, Pvt., 80th Co., 6th Marines, # 6342,

The following information was abstracted (Date) 6-8-21 from: F-115-

SOURCE	CLK.	in OFFICE		Clk.	in OFFICE
A. G. O. Cards			Shppg. Inquiry (sent.....)		
A.G.O. Corresp.			To.....		
G.R.S. Corresp. relative to disp.			OSP S-S Corresp. (see Remarks.)		

DESIRES as to Disposition.

Name of Relative	RETURN			REMAIN	SPECIAL
	N. C.	Pvt.	Int.		
Widow					
Children (Name oldest first)					
Father					
Mother					
Brothers					
Sisters					

Body to be shipped to _____

_____ was shipped (Date) _____

REMARKS Form # 840. Request remains to be left in
France, n. of N., Mrs. Florence B. Cummings, (mother
987 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y.