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To The A. C. O.

G.R.S. Form #114-B

3661

MAR 10 1923

FULL NAME CUMMING; William J.

RANK Pvt./ 1/c SERIAL 000 - - *none*

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION *101 Sanitary Troop. OR with also*
102 Amb. Co., 26nd Div.

DATE OF DEATH..... *Jan 5, 1918*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME..... *Conn*

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

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION.....
Date Grave Row Block

Meuse-Argonne, #1232

Cemetery

Robert G. Davis,
Major General,
The Adjutant General,
By *RVD*

MAR 13 1923

23/306/ARK

MAR 17 1923
WORLD WAR DIV



Original

Place Vittel Vorges

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Feb 10-1921

1. REMAINS OF CUMMING, WILLIAM J. SERIAL NUMBER _____

RANK Pvt 4c ORGANIZATION Amb Co 102 - 22nd Div.

2. Disinterred (date): Feb 10-1921 From (give complete location): grave 6 French Civil Cem 59-Vittel-Vorges

By: Group Three Unit sect. one

3. Reburied (date): Feb 10-1921 In (give complete location): grave 100 98 Amer Cem 258-Vittel-Vorges

By: Group Three Unit sect one Nature of reburial in blanket in pine box

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: In O.D. U.S. uniform in sweater in Pine box. Badly decomposed.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks: Tag on body reads W. J. Cumming Pvt 4c Amb Co 26 Div. Hospital paper in bottle on body reads "William J. Cummings. Died of Malaria complicating measles and meningitis over left tempor- apparently hospital case"

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) 69 inches

(b) Weight (estimated) 140 lbs

(c) Hair—Color none on skull

Quantity none

Characteristics none

(d) Hair on face—Color no hair on face

Location none

Quantity none

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

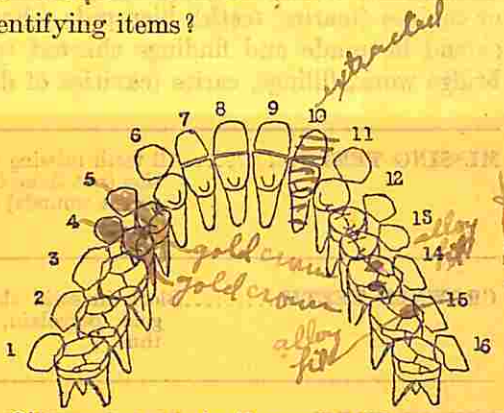
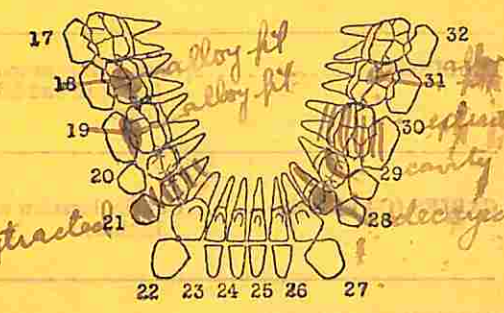


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



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

7. Disinterment supervised by G. D. Gamble, 1st. Lt. Q.M.C., Insp.

Approved: A. B. Proctor, 1st. Lt. Q.M.C., (Title) Act. Master, Sect. # 1.

8. Reburial supervised by G. D. Gamble, 1st. Lt. Q.M.C., Insp.






Approved: A. B. Proctor, 1st. Lt. Q.M.C., (Title) Act. Master, Sect. # 1.

Vertical text on right edge: area - Jan 6 - 1918. Date of arrival Jan 8 1918. Rank: Pvt 10th Amb Co 26 Div. Hospital: none. D. M. Proctor, Captain, 1st. Lt. Q.M.C., Insp.

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

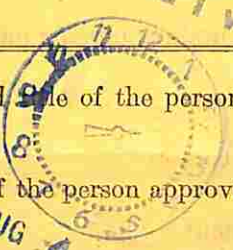
Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Question 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

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.

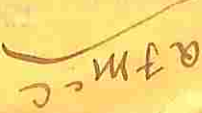
MISSING TEETHAll teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus:	 <p align="center">TOOTH MISSING TOOTH MISSING</p>
CROWNED TEETHBlock in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:	 <p align="center">GOLD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



 3-7532



CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Cummins Cum	3	3 1 3
BURIED	CEMETERY 1232	1	1
	GRAVE 21	2	21
	ROW 46	2	46
	BLOCK B	1	2
STATE	Corn	2	06
RANK	Port 1/e	1	2
DIVISION	26	2	26
ORGANIZATION	101	3	101
ARM	San In	1	9
MARTIAL	No	1	2
NAME	Cummins Cum	3	3 1 3
STATE	Corn	2	06
RESIDENCE	COUNTY Fairfield	2	01
	CITY Ridgfield	3	XXX
RELATION	mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	no	1	2 da

AUDITED

JAN 18 1932

[Signature]

[Signature]
29/514/PJ.

IN REPLY QM 293 A-M
REFER TO

WAR DEPARTMENT

Cumming, William J. (MA)

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

SPECIAL

October 13, 1932.

Mrs. Margaret J. Cumming,
Catonah Street,
Ridgefield, Conn.

Dear Madam:

Your Government has provided an opportunity for all Mothers and Widows of deceased members of the American Forces who were lost, buried at sea, or whose remains are now interred in Europe, to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. This was done in the hope that all who may make the pilgrimage will derive a measure of comfort and solace from the visit.

You are numbered among those who are privileged to make this pilgrimage.

During July and September of this year, inquiries were addressed to you as to whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage to Europe. To these inquiries no reply has been received from you.

You probably do not realize how important it is that a reply be received from you. If we do not receive replies, it becomes very difficult to make the necessary and proper arrangements for those who are to make the trip, as everything must be arranged in advance. Consequently, it is just as important for the Government to know the names of those who do not desire to take advantage of its offer as it is to know the names of those who do.

Will you please devote a few moments of your time to write either the word "YES" or "NO" in the following space No, thus indicating whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage during 1933 and sign your name here Mrs Margaret J Cumming. Use the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage, and return this sheet.

This reply will assure your Government that no worthy Mother or Widow has failed to receive its offer in commemoration of a loved one departed, and will greatly assist in making the necessary preparations for those of them who wish to take advantage of the privilege.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours



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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Sept. 7, 1932.

~~Sumnib~~, Wm. J. (MA)

Mrs. Margaret J. Cumming,
Catonah St.,
Ridgefield, Conn.

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

Cumming William J (MA)

July 9 1932

Mrs Margaret J Cumming
Catonah St
Ridgefield Conn

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) _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Cumming, William J. (MA)

November 6, 1931

Mrs. Margaret J. Cumming,
Catonah Street,
Ridgefield, Connecticut.


Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it will be appreciated if you will advise whether or not the late Private first class William J. Cumming was married and is survived by a widow, and if so, her name and address.

A self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,


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



Enclosure:
Envelope.

*Private William J. Cumming
was not married.
Very truly yours.
Mrs James Cumming*

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

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Cumming, William J. Pvt lcl (M-A) M-

July 13, 1931.

Mrs. Margaret J. Cumming,
Catonah Street,
Ridgefield, Conn.

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

Mrs Margaret J Cumming
Sign here

QM 293 A-M

Cumming, William J. Pvt. 1cl. (M-A) M

April 10, 1931.

Mrs. Margaret J. Cumming,
Catonah Street,
Ridgefield, Conn.

Dear Madam:

In order that your desires may be properly recorded and arrangements made for you accordingly, it is requested that you complete and return the enclosed questionnaire at your earliest convenience.

Kindly advise as to whether or not the late Private first-class William J. Cumming was married and is survived by a widow and if so, her name and address.

For your convenience in replying, there is enclosed herewith a 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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Enclosures:
Questionnaire
Act - Amendment
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cumming, William J.
1232

September 3, 1929

Mrs. James Cumming
Catonah Street
Ridgefield, Conn.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 28, 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

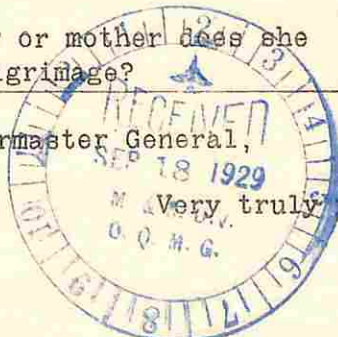
1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried? If so, give her complete address:

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?

Mrs. Margaret J. Cumming
Mother
Ridgefield Conn
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 28, 1929.

Cumming, William J.

Mrs. James Cumming,
Catonah St.,
Ridgefield, Conn.

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 **Pvt. First Class William J. Cumming, Amb. Co #102, whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Mont-faucou, Meuse, France.**

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

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since 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,

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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

Sept. 7, 1932.

Cummins, Wm. J. (MA)

Mrs. Margaret J. Cumming,
Catonah St.,
Ridgefield, Conn.

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

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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

Cumming William J (MA)

July 9 1932

Mrs Margaret J Cumming
Catonah St
Ridgefield Conn

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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
Cumming, William J. (MA)

November 6, 1931

Mrs. Margaret J. Cumming,
Catonah Street,
Ridgefield, Connecticut.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it will be appreciated if you will advise whether or not the late Private first class William J. Cumming was married and is survived by a widow, and if so, her name and address.

A self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:
Envelope.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM
Cuming, William J. PVT 1st (M-A) M-

July 13, 1931.

Mrs. Margaret J. Cuming,
Catonah Street,
Ridgefield, Conn.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

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QM 293 A-M

Cumming, William J. Pvt.1cl. (M-A) M

April 10, 1931.

Mrs. Margaret J. Cumming,
Catonah Street,
Ridgefield, Conn.

Dear Madam:

In order that your desires may be properly recorded and arrangements made for you accordingly, it is requested that you complete and return the enclosed questionnaire at your earliest convenience.

Kindly advise as to whether or not the late Private first-class William J. Cumming was married and is survived by a widow and if so, her name and address.

For your convenience in replying, there is enclosed herewith a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:
Questionnaire
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cumming, William J. Pvt. 1cl. (M-A) M

April 10, 1931.

Mrs. Margaret J. Cumming,
Catonah Street,
Ridgefield, Conn.

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

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Q 293 A-M
Cumming, William J. Pvt 1 Cl 1232 M

October 14, 1930

Mrs. Margaret J. Cumming
Catonah Street
Ridgefield, Connecticut

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	
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-C

June 9, 1930.

Cumming, William J. - 1232 M

Mrs. Margaret J. Cumming,
Catonah St.,
Ridgefield, Conn.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Cumming, William J. 1232 M.

Mrs. Margaret J. Cumming,
Catonah St.,
Ridgefield, Conn.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl.
Act
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cumming, William J.
1232

September 3, 1929

Mrs. James Cumming
Catonah Street
Ridgefield, Conn.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 28, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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-C

June 28 , 1929.

Cumming, William J.

Mrs. James Cumming,
Catonah St.,
Ridgefield, Conn.

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 Pvt. First Class William J. Cumming, Amb. Co #102, whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Mont-faucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

In reply refer to:
293,8 C-R 243

February 10, 1923.

Mrs. James Cumming,
Catonah St.,
Ridgefield, Conn.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of Pvt. 1/cl. William J. Cumming, Amb. Co. #102 22d Division, is No. 21, Row 46, Block B, Meuse-Argonne American cemetery Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse) 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.

MAILED

Very truly yours,

FEB 10 1923

H. J. Conner,
Assistant.

G.R.S.

22/1423/ARK

DATE 11/10/21

1. NAME CUMMING, William J. SERIAL No. _____

RANK Pvt.1/c1. ORGANIZATION Amb. Co. # 102. 22nd Div.

GRAVE LOCATION Amer. Cty. Vittel (Vosges) # 258
CTY. NAME NUMBER

GRAVE 98 ROW _____ PLOT _____

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 6 Cemetery # 59
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT. Vittel Vosges

COORDINATES E.367.79 N.158.35 Map Mirecourt N.E.84

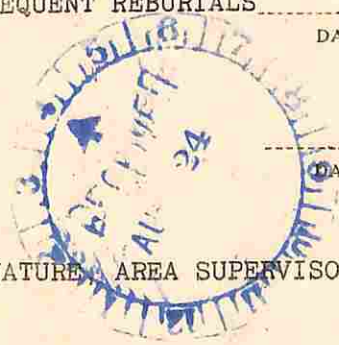
CONCENTRATED TO Feb.10,1921 98
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

American E.F.Cty., Vittel 258
CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Nothing of record

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS None
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY



SIGNATURE AREA SUPERVISOR Stanley J. Grogan
STANLEY J. GROGAN, Capt. Inf. USA.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 11/10/21 21 46 B
DATE GRAVE ROW Block PLOT

AUDITED BY J.M.E.

Meuse Argonne American Cty. # 1232 Romagne sous Montfaucon
CEMETERY

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.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF GUMMING, WILLIAM J. SERIAL NUMBER 60464

RANK Pvt. 1/c ORGANIZATION Am. Co. 102 22nd Div.

2. Disinterred (date): October 20th 1921. From (give complete location): Grave 98, American Cemetery, C.R.S. Code # 258, Vittel, (Vosges) France.

By: Group 2 Unit Section 4.

3. Reburied (date): Nov. 10, 1921. In (give complete location): Meuse Argonne Cemetery #1232, Grave 21, Row 46, Block B

By: Group Re-burial S Unit Nature of reburial Lined Casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: Buried in uniform, blanket and wooden box. Body badly decomposed, recognition impossible.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes, (2) On grave marker? No.

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks: No effects found.

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

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

(b) Weigh, (estimated)

(c) Hair—Color

Quantity

Characteristics

(d) Hair on face—Color

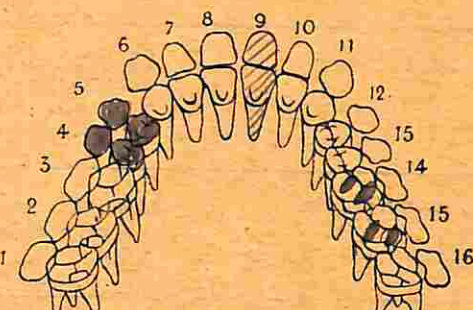
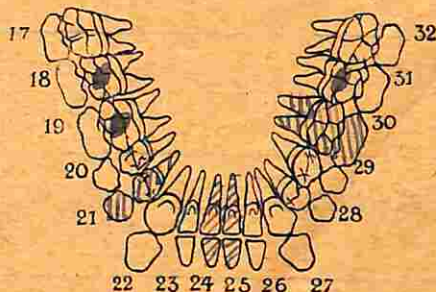


Diagram represents the mouth wide open

(e) Location

Quantity

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



(g) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) Nos. 4, 5, Gold crowns. Nos. 9, 24, 25 Missing after death. Nos. 14, 15, 18, 19, 31 Silver fillings. Nos. 21, 30 Missing before death.

7. Disinterment supervised by J. E. BENSON,

Approved: D. E. LOWRY, 60464
thc. (Title) 1st Lt. Q.M.C. nem

8. Reburial Supervised by A. U. Dufault
cbr

Approved: James W. Younger
(Title) Captain, QMC

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 Questions 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.

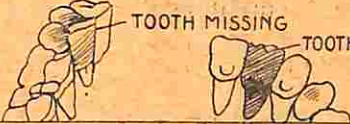




3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.

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</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</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.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE October 20th 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 CUMMING, William J.10. Name W.J. CUMMING.

2. No. _____

11. No. _____

3. Rank Pvt. 1/cl.12. Rank Pvt.4. Org. Amb. Co. #102. 22nd Div.13. Org. 3 Amb. Co. 26th Div.5. D.D. Jan. 5th. 1918

14. (a) D.D. _____

6. C.D. DOD

(b) D.B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 98 Sec. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____

8. Plot _____ Row _____

16. Plot _____ Row _____

9. _____

17. _____

No Discrepancies.18. Cemetery Amer. Cty.19. Commune or town Vittel20. Dept. or County Vosges21. Country Francemg 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 25823. Disinterred (Date) October 20th 1921.By J.E.BENSON.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name WILLIAM J. CUMMING.Serial No. ---Rank Pvt. 1/cOrganization Amb. Co. # 102 22nd Div.Grave 98.25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? No. On body? Yes, (2)

Signature Junior Technical Assistant

T.H.C. HUNN.

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).

No effects found. Fern 16a accomplished. Reburial record on body.27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, recognition impossible.28. Nature of burial In blanket, uniform and wooden box.29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? See numbers 10, 12 and 13.30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Oct. 20th 1921. By J.E.BENSON.31. Casket sealed by J.E.BENSON.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

J.E.BENSON.

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-11159

32. Designation of body:

Name CUMMING, William J. Serial No. _____

Rank Pvt. 1/cl. Organization Amb. Co. #102, 22nd Div.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse Argonne Amer. Cty. # 1232
Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse)

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) October 20th 1921. By J. F. BRISQ.

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

D. E. Lowry
D. E. LOWRY,
1st Lt. Q.M.C. hem

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) October 20th 1921.

To point of Concentration Neufchateau, (Vosges) France.
(Name)

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer Capt. Q.M.C.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date _____

By G.R.S. Representative _____

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 3 OCT 1921

To Permanent Cemetery Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, (Meuse) France.
(Name)

Convoyer C. L. RIE LE Y Signature Shipping Officer W. R. Buckley, Capt. Q.M.C.

40. Received: Date _____

G.R.S. Representative _____

41. Reinterred Meuse Argonne Cemetery #1232. Nov. 10, 1921.
(Date)

42. Grave No. 21 Section _____

43. Plot Block B Row 46

G.R.S. Representative

James W. Younger
James W. Younger
Captain, QMC

cbr

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

WASHINGTON

Hoboken, N. J.

DEC 7 1920
No change

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

To: Mrs. James Cumming, Ridgefield, Conn.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt., 1st Class, William J. Cumming, Amb. Co., #102,
22nd Div.

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body remain in Europe.

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Major, U. S. A.

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

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Was soldier married? <i>no</i>	<i>Batonah St</i>	<i>Ridgefield Conn</i>	
Soldier's widow			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Father <i>James Cumming</i>			
Mother <i>Margaret</i>			
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1 <i>Henry</i>		
	2 <i>Donald</i>		
	3		
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1 <i>none</i>		
	2		
	3		

Date *Dec 9th 1920*

Signature *Mrs James Cumming*

Address *Ridgefield Conn*

Relationship *Mother*

IMPORTANT.—CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper.



WAR DEPARTMENT
MATERIAL DIVISION

Dec 9th

1920.

I, the undersigned, am the Mother and nearest living relative of the within-named soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:
(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.
- ~~2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to _____ (Name.)
_____ (R. R. station.) _____ (State.)~~
- ~~3. To be returned to the U. S. and buried in _____ National Cemetery.~~
4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

Signature Mr James Cumming

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNMENT GENERAL OF THE PUBLIC
MATERIAL DIVISION

4005

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

Enl. Apr. 3, 1917
at Bridgeport, Conn.
File No. 243

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name CUMMINGS, William J. ^{11/10/18} Ser. No. none
 (b) Rank Pvt. 1 class ^{11/10/18} Organization Amb. Co. No. 102, 26th Div. ^{22nd} TYP. als.
 (c) Date of death 1/5/18 (d) Cause of death Operation for Mastoiditis
Meningitis and Measles.

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

(a) Grave No. 698 ^{met 10/19/21} Row - Plot - Sec. - TYP. als.
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. James Cummings, (Mother) Ridgefield, Conn. ^{11/10/18}

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

OADP AGENTS

CKR. W

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Mrs. James Cummings (b) Relationship mother
 (c) Address Ridgefield, Conn.
 (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 W L M Date 10-30, 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 W L M Date 10-30, 1920.

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

no request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes - MB

Examiner's Initials MB Date 11-1, 1920.

COUNTRY France

CEMETERY No. 258 ^{10/19/21} 59

SHEET No. 277 ³

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

MB 11-26-20

EXHUMED FOR
CONCENTRATION

Reviewed H-7-21 JSH

Checked 11/10/18

CEMETERIAL DIVISION

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 115 made _____, 1920.

Typed by _____, Checked by FEB 18 1921, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION



RECEIVED

CEMETERIAL DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SEC.

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 1920
Cumming, William J. letter on NOV 13 1920, 1920
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PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED

IX. CORRECTIONS

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

FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN - BODY TO REMAIN IN EUROPE. FEB 18 1921

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: *12-9-20 Form #120 Mother as per address as father M.K. wishes body left in Europe 12-23-20 ECL*

2/16/21 Hoboken advises mother, Mrs. James Cumming, Ridgefield Conn. that her wish will be complied with.

11-15/20 Letter of Transmittal, Europe advised that body of William J. Cumming recorded as buried in Gr. 6, Cty. 59 is not to be returned.

9/17/21 Audit Dept. amended records to show that body of William J. Cumming is now reburied into Gr. 98, Cty. 258. Forms 115 have been

adjusted accordingly. MEH. 10/19/21 *10/19/21*

10/29/21 Europe advised of adjustment body not to be returned 10/29/21 11/9

FOR EXAMINED FOR CONTAINMENT

WAR DEPARTMENT
QUARTERMASTER CORPS
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
PIER 2, HOBOKEN, N. J.

February 15, 1921.

FILE NO. 293.8 Cem. Div. Cor. Branch.
(CUMMING, William J.)

MEMORANDUM FOR: Central Division, O.Q.M.G., Overseas Project
Sub-section, Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT: Return of Records - Cemetery #59.
Transmittal Memorandum Number H- 1216.

1. The records pertaining to the following case are returned herewith, it having been definitely determined that the body is to remain in Europe:


REFERENCE NO:

3

Cumming, William J., Pvt. 1/c, Serial Number --,
Amb. Company, No. 102, 22nd Division.

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,
Officer in Charge.

By:



F. C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

1 Incl.

Recorded 2-19-21
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WAR DEPARTMENT
QUARTERMASTER CORPS
CEMETERIAL DIVISION, GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
PIER 2, HOBOKEN, N.J.

February 16th, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div. Cor. Br.
(CUMMING, William J.)

Mrs. James Cumming,
Ridgefield,
Connecticut.

Dear Madam:

Receipt of "Shipping Inquiry" relative to the remains of your son, the late William J. Cumming, Private First Class, Ambulance Company #102, 22nd Division, is acknowledged.

Pursuant to your request, instructions have been issued that the remains be left in France for burial in a permanent American Cemetery. You are assured that the grave site will always be maintained as a fitting memorial of the late soldier's sacrifice.

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R.E. SHANNON,
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,
Officer in Charge.

By:

F.C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant.



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Noted on Form No. 115

Date J E Y 4 7 - 21

RECEIVED

FEB 18 1921

CEMETERY DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SEC.

OFFICE OF THE
OVERSEAS PROJECTS
WASHINGTON

THE OFFICE OF THE
OVERSEAS PROJECTS

MEMORANDUM FOR:

RE: [Illegible text]

DATE:

APPROVED BY: [Illegible]

BY: [Illegible]

[Illegible text]

[Illegible text]

[Illegible text]

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File No. 243

*See 115
11-15-21*

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

CUMMINGS, William J. *1/10 B*

*Enl. Apr. 3, 1917
1st Bridgeport, Conn
als.*

(a) Name *Pvt. 1st class* *1/10 B* Ser. No. *11-10 B*
 (b) Rank *1/5/18* Organization *Operation for Mastoiditis*
 Cause of death *Meningitis and Measles.*

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

als.

(a) Grave No. *98* *Row* *Mch. 17, 1921* Plot *11-10 B* (Mother) *Ridgefield, Conn.*
 (b) Emerg. Address *11-10 B*

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

CKR *11/13*

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

*A.g.o card - Mrs James Cumming (mother)
 Ridgefield Conn requests that body be not returned
 aeu 11/13/20*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on

Letter of transmittal on *NOV 13 1920*

PHOTOGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED aeu

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

NOV 27 1920

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of Relationship Desires Action taken
 and Source and name

*10/29/21 Europe advised of
 adjustment - body not
 to be returned *10/29/21*
11/9/21
*see *10/19/21**
*max**

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

FEB 13 1921

COUNTRY G.R.S. FORM 115-A August 1920 France GEMETERY NO. 258 *10/19/21 DB* 59 SHEET NO. 277 3

11/15/20 Letter of Transmittal, Europe advised that body of William J. Gunning recorded as buried in Gr.6, Cty.59 is not to be returned.

9/17/21 Audit Dept. amended records to show that body of William J. Gunning is now reburied into Gr.98, Cty.258. Forms 115 have been adjusted accordingly. MEH. 10/19/21 *RB 10/19/21*

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WAR DEPARTMENT

Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington.

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Adjustment Made
NOV 18 1920

Handwritten signature/initials

G.R.S. Form S-W-20
Information Requested of A.G.O.

Date 11/3/20

File No. Registration.

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed. Request confirmation of all information shown.

- a. Surname *Cummings* Cummings,
- b. Christian name William J.
- c. Serial Number None
- d. Organization Amb. Co. No. 102, 28th Div.
- e. Rank Private (Pvt. 1 c/l.)
- f. Date of death 1/5/18
- g. Cause of death Operation for Mastoiditis Meningitis & Measles
- h. Authority (C.C. 1/11) No record in Graves in Burial Records
- i. Emergency address 107 Linwood Ave Bridgeport Conn
- j. Relationship mother

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

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

FILE

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

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

Place of Enlistment. Bridgeport Conn.
Date of Enlistment. Apr 3, 1917

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

BY: *N. J. Gerner*
N. J. GERNER,
1st. Lt. Q.M.G.

Handwritten notes:
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537/343
11-6-20
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COMM. NO: 59
SERIAL NO: 3
TYPED BY: ZS

8-713/MB

To: HEADQUARTERS GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

Q.M. Form G.B.
Report No. 6
Sheet No. 1

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BURIAL*IN*PERMANENT
..CEMETERIES..

No. of Cemetery ___ Local Cemetery ___ Date ___ January 8, 1918.

Place of Cemetery ___ Base Hospital No. 36, VITTEL, VOGES.

Place of Death ___ U.S.A. Base Hospital No. 36

Disposal of Tags ___ 2 buried with body. Sealed bottle, bearing name, date
of death, cause of death ect. placed in casket.

Name ___ Cummings, William J. ___ Rank ___ Private

Regiment and Company ___ Ambulance Co. No. 102, 26th division

Nature of marking ___ Identification Peg

Disposal of personal effects ___ Sent to Adjutant General, Paris, France.

Signed ___ *Wm D. Maxon*

Chaplain

Officer in Charge.

NOTE: Soldiers of the Jewish faith to be checked thus in the Margin,

JAN 16 1918

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Graves Registration Service,
U. S. A. P.O. #732, A.E.F.
April 3, 1918.

From: G.O., Unit 504 - G.R.S., S.O.S.
To: Chief, Graves Registration Service, S.O.S.
A.P.O. #717, A. E. F.
Subject: Information, burial of W. J. Cummings.

1. Request that information be furnished by indorsement hereon, concerning place of burial of William J. Cummings and Organization to which this man formerly belonged.

2. This information is requested for Private George Briggs, of B. H. #23, A.P.O. #732, who claims relationship of first cousin to this man.

CHARLES J. WYNNIE,
2nd Lieut. Inf. U. S. R.
Com'd'g Unit 304 - G.R.S.

722.-B

1st Ind.

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A. E. F., Hq. S. O. S., O. G. R. S., April 6, 1918, - To Lieut. Charles J. Wynne, Inf. U. S. R. Com'd'g. Unit 304, G. R. S., A. P. O. 732, A. E. F.

1. Returned, with the information that William J. Cummings, Private Ambulance Co. No. 102, 26th Division, died January 6th, 1918, at Base Hospital No. 36, following an operation for mastoiditis, complicated by meningitis and measles. He was buried January 8th, 1918, in Lot No. 6, Plot No. 1, Local Cemetery at Vittel, France.

By authority:

H. J. CONNER
2nd Lieut. Q. M. C. N. A.

Case of CUMINGS, William J., Pvt., Ambulance Co.
102, 26th Div.

Burial Report - Corrections or Additions.

Requested by The Chief, Burial Department, A.E.F.

Reported by Commanding Officer, Date..... 191...
Base Hospital # 36,
A. E. F.

Omissions Noted or)
Verifications desired) only on items checked below:-
(No notation is desired unless the item is preceded by a check mark in the
column at left of figures.)

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|-------|--|---|
| 1. | Name of deceased..... | (Initials and spelling) |
| 2. | Rank..... | |
| 3. | Company | |
| 4. | Regiment or Corps..... | |
| 5. | Date of death..... | |
| ✓ 6. | Cause of " | Meningitis, complicating mastoiditis..... |
| 7. | Place " " | |
| 8. | Date of burial..... | |
| 9. | Name of Cemetery..... | |
| 10. | In what town) | and Department?) |
| ✓ 11. | Number of grave..... | Section #1. Grave #6. |
| 12. | Marking of " | |
| 13. | Was original tag buried with body?..... | |
| 14. | Has duplicate tag been sent to this office?..... | (See Par. 6, G.O. 21, H.A.E.F. 1917) |
| ✓ 15. | Nearest relative of deceased..... | Mrs. James Cummings..... |
| ✓ 16. | Relationship and address..... | Mother (?), Ridgefield, Conn. |

It is requested that this information may be forwarded as soon as
practicable, to -

Chief, Burial Department, A. E. F., A. P. O. No. 706.
C.C. PIERCE
Major, A. Q. M., U. S. A.

G. O. 21 and 27, A. E. F., 1917, require that one aluminum identi-
fication tag shall be buried with body of deceased, and that duplicate tag
shall be sent to this office.

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HEADQUARTERS AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

January 17, 1918.

From: Adjutant General, A.E.F.
To: Commanding General, L. of C.
Subject: Information for Burial Register.

1. It is requested that the accompanying forms be forwarded to the proper officers for compliance and returned to the Chief Quartermaster, H.A.B.F.

F. R. KENNEY
Adjutant General

fdd.

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1st Ind.

Hq. L. of C., A.E.F., France, January 24, 1918.-To C.O., Vitell.

Requesting this paper be transmitted to C.O., Base Hospital #36 for compliance. Early return of this paper is desired.

By command of Major General Kernan:

E. B. Gray
E. B. GRAY
Acting Adjutant General

EBG/wvd

(1 Enc)

HEAD BASE HOSPITAL 23

Jan 27. 18

2nd Ind.

C.O., Base Hospital 23, A.E.F., Jan. 28/18. To Commanding Officer, Base Hospital 36, A.E.F.

1. Forwarded.

G. V. Rukke
G. V. RUKKE
Major, M.C.

Sec 1 #6
FEB 3 Rec'd

CHIEF QUARTERMASTER
CUMMINGS
JAN 20
AMERICAN EXPEDITION

William J. Cummings
Rec'd JAN 15 1918
O.C.Q.M., L.

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O.C.Q.M., L. of C

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Office of the Quartermaster,
Base Hospital #36, L.O.C., A.E.F.,
January 9, 1918.

From: Quartermaster, Base Hospital #36, L.O.C., A.E.F.
To: Chief Quartermaster, U.S.P.O.#702, L.O.C., A.E.F.
Subject: Death and disposition of remains of Private William J. Cummings,
Ambulance Company #102, 26th Division.

1. In compliance with A.R. 167, 1913, I submit the following report:
 1. Name: Cummings, William J., Rank: Private.
 2. Organization: Ambulance Company #102, 26th Division.
 3. Date of death: January 5, 1918.
 4. Place: Base Hospital #36, L.O.C., A.E.F.
 5. Cause of death: Natural causes. (Following operation for mastoiditis, complicated by meningitis and measles. In line of duty.)
 6. Disposition of remains: Buried in local cemetery, Jan. 8, 1918 at 2:30 P.M.
 7. Place of interment: Known as Lot 6, Plot 1, Local Cemetery, Vittel, Vosges, France, assigned to American Forces, and in accord with Plat filed in Office Q.M., B.H.#36, L.O.C., A.E.F.
 8. Method of marking grave: Headboard in accord with A.R. 495, 1913.
 9. Itemized statement of expense: Digging grave 12 francs (= \$2.11), per Tel. aut. 1st Ind., C.Q.M., L.O.C. 12/20/17 to Camp Q.M., Vittel, Vosges, France.
2. Buried in coffin taken over from the French Government.

Andrew T. Schantz
Capt. Q.M., U.S.R.,
Base Hospital #36, L.O.C., A.E.F.

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O. C. Q. M., L. of C., Jan. 16, 1918. To: Chief Quartermaster, AEF
1st Ind. CLR:ACL

1. Forwarded.

Wm

J. M. Carson
J. M. Carson,
Col. Q. M. C.
C. Q. M.

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