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1. ~~NAME~~ **CUMMINGS, Douglas E.** ~~DATE~~ **3**  
~~RANK~~ **Pvt.** ~~ORGANIZATION~~ **Co. B. 165th Inf.**  
~~GRAVE LOCATION~~ **American Cty., Rimaucourt, Haute-Marne.** ~~CTY. NAME~~ **92**  
~~GRAVE~~ **10** ~~ROW~~ **10** ~~PLOT~~ **RIMAUCOURT (Haute-Marne)**

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION **10** **RIMAUCOURT (Haute-Marne)**  
 GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.  
 COORDINATES **E. 323.2 N.165.3**

CONCENTRATED TO **Not of record**  
 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.

~~DATE OF DEATH~~ **Sept 19, 1918**  
~~STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME~~ **Ill**  
~~MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED~~ **none**

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS **Not of record**  
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY  
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR *W.F. Brown*  
**WALTER F. BROWN, CAPT. QMC., Supervisor Area N° 4**

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION **Aug. 12, 1922** **26** **15** **Block B**  
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT  
**St. Mihiel American No. 1233, Thiaucourt** **CLK**  
 CEMETERY

AUDITED BY



Davis, Major General, The Adjutant General  
 NOV 8 - 1922

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.
2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.
3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.
4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form I6, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Cummings, (2312733) Douglas.

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

Pvt. Co. B. 165 Inf.

(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL. September 20. 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL. Rimaucourt, Haute-Marne.

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

Grave # 10. American Grave Yard # 1.

Rimaucourt, Haute-Marne, France.

GRAVE NUMBER. No. 10.

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Yes Cross?

Headboard?  Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes

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

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

REPORTED BY:

*Fred R Hampton*  
Fred R. Hampton.  
1st. Lt. San. Corps. Registrar  
Base Hospital 52. AEF. APO. 758.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Co B, 165th Infantry.  
42nd Division.

Cummings, Douglas.-Pvt. 2312733.  
Home. no address given....

On the 12th Sept. 1918, during our advance on St. Mihiel, I saw Pvt. Cummings get wounded, by a machine gun bullet, he got hit in the leg, he was taken away in a stretcher, I heard he died in Hospital afterwards

Buried Base Hospt. No. 52.

Informant. Cullinan, James.J.-Sgt. 89365.  
Co B. 165th Infantry.  
Home. 1084 Park Ave. N.Y.C.  
Not signed.....

G.C.C.

CUMMINGS, DOUGLAS E.

G O L D S T A R P I L G R I M E A G E S

PARTY NO. 1, SAILING MAY 7, 1930.

MASSACHUSETTS

Suffolk County

- ✓ Mrs. Lottie Cummings,  
145 State Road, Beachmont
- ✓ Mrs. Eliza J. Johnson,  
12 Raymond St., Everett
- ~~Mrs. Mary E. Mooney,  
Mooney Road, Revere~~

~~Cummings, Douglas E.  
m-1233~~  
Railroad Station Boston  
~~Johnson, Walter B  
m-1764~~

Route Going and Returning: N Y N H & H RR.

Itinerary: Lve. Boston(South Sta) Train 9 9:00 A.M. E.S.T. May 6  
Ar. New York (G.C.T.) " 9 2:30 P.M. " " " " "

Parlor Car, Seats 10-12-14, Car 49.

Elapsed time 5 hr. 30 min.

num judy - R. W.  
Partya

# MEDICAL RECORD

Cummings, Douglas E.  
# C B, 1659 Inf.

Station: Nancy France

Date: 5/21 1930

Name Cummings, Lottie, Mrs.

Home address 145 State Road, ~~Revere~~ <sup>Revere</sup> Mass.  
Boston Mass.

Address of Nearest friend or relative Daughter, Anna H Cummings.  
Same

Religion Protz. Age 69.

### History of Present complaint :

History of Diabetes Mellitus,  
No History of Coma  
On Balanced Diet and takes Tryptogen ,

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(over)

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates) Emotional Imbalance

Treatment and Progress: (include dates)

Rest .

Camphor Oil.

Disposition: (include dates)

Resumed Tour.

Remarks: 5/29/30 To Cherbourg - O.K. to travel Beach

~~Paul Shapiro~~  
Capt. USA 1st.

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	CUMMINGS	3	313
	Douglas, E		
BURIED	CEMETERY 1233	1	3
	GRAVE 26	2	26
	ROW 15	2	15
	BLOCK B	1	B. 2
STATE	Ill	2	13
RANK	Priv.	1	2
DIVISION	42	2	42
ORGANIZATION	165	3	165
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARITAL	no	1	2
NAME	CUMMINGS	3	313
	Lotter		
RESIDENCE	STATE Mass	2	25
	COUNTY Suffolk	2	13
	CITY Beachmont	3	X
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Poor	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	NO. 1930	1	1
ACCEPTANCE	YR. 1930	1	1
	yes	1	54
	Age 54		

*Sold  
May 7, 1930*

**AUDITED**  
OCT 17 1931



**{ITINERARY FOR ST MIHIEL GROUP}**

**PARTY "A"**

Arrived on the SS AMERICA May 16th at Cherbourg at 1:45 PM  
Met by Majors Dailey and Beach, Captain Haley and Miss Rulon and 2  
other nurses.

Conducted to the Gare Maritime Hall where greeted by French  
officials. Then to Paris by train. Arrived at the Gare des Invalides  
in Paris at 9:53 PM where photographs were taken and a speech of welcome  
made by Mr. Daniel Baque representing the French Minister of Tourism.  
Then taken to hotel.

May 17th - Morning was devoted to rest and to the transaction  
of personal business for the pilgrims at each hotel, this included the  
exchange of money, preparation of laundry, purchase of flowers and wreaths  
which certain pilgrims desired to place on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier  
and similar personal business. After lunch proceeded to Arc de Triomphe  
where Mrs. S. C. Thompson placed a wreath for the party. Then to tea at  
the Restaurant where short addresses were made by prominent persons - in-  
cluding General Pershing. Following the tea went to hotel for dinner  
and to rest or retire.

May 18th - Sunday - church and sightseeing.

May 19th - Visited Notre-Dame in the morning and had the  
afternoon free.

May 20th - 25th - Went to cemetery

May 26th - Sightseeing in and about Paris.

May 27th and 28th - Sightseeing which included a trip to  
Versailles.

May 29th - Left for Cherbourg to sail at 6:45 P.M. on the  
PRESIDENT HARDING.

Mrs. Lottie Cummings

Name..... CUMMINGS, Mrs. Lottie  
Paris Hôtel..... HOTEL DE PARIS  
Home address..... 145 State Road, Beachmont, Suffolk County, Massachusetts  
Party..... A                      Group        3                      Unit        S/S AMERICA  
Date of arrival..... MAY 16th, 1930.                      Date of departure..... MAY 29th, 1930. ~~SS.~~ HARDING  
Relationship..... Mother  
Name of deceased..... CUMMINGS, Douglas E.  
Rank..... Pvt                      Organization    Co. B, 165th Inf.  
Cemetery..... St. Mihiel

## REMARKS

desires quarters with Mrs. E. Mooney, Revere, Kentucky, Group 3 and  
Mrs. E. Johnson, Everett, Nebraska, Group 4

Mrs. Tillie Duncan, 1 Port Norfolk St., Neponset, Mass. to accompany her friend  
Mrs. Lottie Cummings

Mrs. Tillie Duncan, Friend (Mother of Canadian Soldier) accomp.  
these ladies: Contacted with Am. Exp. in States.  
Itinerary of Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Cummings furnished Am. Exp.  
Col. F. Higginson, Ch. I. W. G. C. notified of Mrs Duncan visit to  
Tyne Cottage, British Cemetery, Ypres Belgium. Reply received.



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NAME CUMMINGS, MRS. LOTTIE

S.S. HARDING JUN 6 1930

HOME BEACHMONT, SUFFOLK COUNTY, MASS.

R.R. *Wynnton to Boston*

STATION

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE

*Miss Annie Cumming  
145 State Road P*

*Beachmont  
Mass.*

April 19th, 1930.

Mrs. Lottie Cummings,  
145 State Road,  
Beachmont, Mass.

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

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

Party A  
 Number 108

CUMMINGS, DOUGLAS E. STM.

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

Mrs. Lottie Cummings

Name of Traveler

Beachmont, Suffolk County

Home Address

Massachusetts

Estimate cost of through Pullman.

New York, to Boston, Mass.

\$ 1.50

New York, to Boston, Mass.

Destination.

Via N. Y. N. H. & H. to Boston

June 7th, 1930  
Date of Departure

	Road	Tr. NO.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	car	U.S.G. Order NO.	Est. Cost
LV	New York-N	NH&H	10	6/7	9 AM	Seat 17 29	WD-1020134	1.50
AR	Boston			6/7	230 PM			
LV								
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TOTAL 1.50

Remarks: :

*[Faint handwritten notes and signatures in the Remarks section]*

QM 293 A-M

Cummings, Douglas E. - 1233

September 9, 1930

Mrs. Lottie Cummings,  
145 State Road,  
Beachmont, Mass.

Dear Madam:

The enclosed **passport** used by you on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe has been stamped showing "Pilgrimage Completed" and may be retained by you as an additional souvenir of your trip.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
1 passport

X

STATE

MASSACHUSETTS.....

CUMMINGS, DOUGLAS E.

Mother

NAME Cummings, Mrs. Lottie..... HOME ADDRESS 145 State Road,  
Beachmont  
Suffolk County.....

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN Miss Annie Cummings 145 State Road  
Beachmart Mass.....

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE 5/6 Train # 9 2:30 pm..... HOTEL COMMODORE..... ROOM NO. 737.....

Capr Childs

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE May 7th, 1930..... VESSEL S/S "AMERICA"..... CABIN NO. 203-C.....

DESTINATION CHERBOURG, FRANCE..... CEMETERY ST. MIHIEL.....

Party "A"

Station: Nancy, France,

Date: 5/21/30

Name Cummings, Mrs. Lottie

Home address 145 State Road, Beachmont, Revere, Mass.

Address of Nearest friend or relative Daughter, Anna H. Cummings,  
same address

Religion Prot.

Age 69

History of Present complaint :

History of Diabetes Mellitus  
No history of coma  
On balanced diet and takes Tryptogen.

(over)

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Diagnosis and complications: *(include dates)*

Emotional unbalance.

PRES. HARDING

Treatment and Progress: *(include dates)*

Rest.

Camphor Oil

NEW YORK

Disposition: *(include dates)*

Remarks: Resumed tour.

B.M. Sharpton

MAY 6 1930

5/29/30 to Cherbourg. OK to travel. Beach.

A. T. Bullard

*Cancelled*

RETURN NEW YORK

DATE .....

145 State Road  
Suffolk County  
Beachmont, Mass.

Mother

NAME ... Cummings, Mrs. Lottie ..... HOME ADDRESS .....

RETURN ON S. S. HARDING ..... HOTEL MCALPIN ROOM NO. No room

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE .....

JUN 6 1930

ROAD ny-NY-N ..... TRAIN 10 ..... CAR 29 ..... BERTH or SEAT 17 .....

REMARKS ... Left 3:30 Capt. Verheth .....

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.....  
.....

NAME

*Cummings Mrs Lottie*

A.

ADDRESS

*145 State Rd. Beachmont Mass.*

DATE

*6/7/30*

TO:

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

I BEG TO INFORM YOU THAT I HAVE RETURNED

TO MY HOME SAFELY AND IN GOOD HEALTH.

SINCERELY,

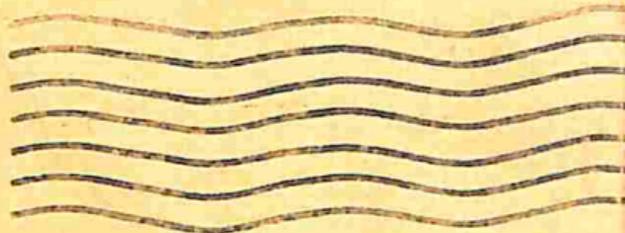
(SIGNED)

*Mrs Lottie Cummings*

WAR DEPARTMENT

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS



PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

QM 293 A-C  
Cummings, Jack 1233-M

May 22, 1930

Mrs. Martha Seales,  
369 Turley St.,  
Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

The invitation which was extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe sailing from New York on the S. S. American Merchant on July 12, 1930 has been withdrawn due to the fact that no acceptance has been received from you.

If you desire to make the pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you communicate your wishes to this office.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

165 C

Amurica - 5-7-30

1233

RETURN RECEIPT

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

*[Handwritten signature]*

(Signature or name of addressee.)

DELIVER TO ADDRESSEE ON

*[Handwritten signature]*

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery,

4/23

1923

# Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 926396

INSURED PARCEL

No. \_\_\_\_\_



PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE  
TO AVOID PAYMENT OF  
POSTAGE, \$300.

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING  
OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to

*G. M. General*

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,  
or Post Office Box,

*Munton Bldg.*

WASHINGTON,

D. C.

Annula - 5-7-30

1233

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RETURN RECEIPT

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

X Mrs. L. L. ...

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery,

4/21

1920

**Post Office Department**

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 926165

INSURED PARCEL

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Return to \_\_\_\_\_

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,  
or Post Office Box, \_\_\_\_\_

**WASHINGTON,**

**D. C.**

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE  
TO AVOID PAYMENT OF  
POSTAGE, \$300.



POSTMARK OF DELIVERING  
OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 21, 1930.

Cummings, Douglas E 1233

Mrs. Lottie Cummings,  
145 State Road,  
Beachmont, Mass.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. ~~291723~~ in the amount of \$5.00 , to pay for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST THIS CHECK BE CASHED AND USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT SPECIFIED.

If for any reason, you are not able to sail on the date mentioned in your invitation, the check must be returned to this office immediately.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

1 Incl.  
Check No.

Cummings, Douglas E.

M 1233

April 16, 1930

Mrs. Lottie Cummings  
145 State Road  
Beachmont, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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

Lv. Boston	9:00 A.M. May 6
Ar. New York	2:30 A.M. May 6

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

March 11, 1930.

Cummings, Douglas E. 1233 M

Mrs. Lottie Cummings,  
145 State Road,  
Beachmont, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

1233

*marked  
on list*

*Cummings Douglas E  
Pmt  
Co B 165th Inf.*

I *accept*

(Accept or decline)

the invitation extended

me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of the Government of the United States under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

*Mrs. Lottie Cummings*

(Name)

*Answered  
5-9-30*

*145 State Road, Beachmont, Suffolk Co., Mass.*

(Town or City)

(State)



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# THE AMERICAN LEGION

NATIONAL REHABILITATION COMMITTEE

710 BOND BUILDING

WASHINGTON, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO DATE AND No. \_\_\_\_\_

February 14, 1930.

Capt. A. D. Hughes,  
Quartermaster Corps,  
Office of the Quartermaster General,  
War Department,  
Washington, D. C.

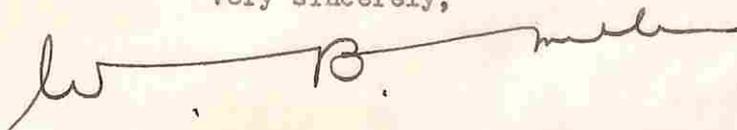
My dear Capt. Hughes:

1433

We are especially appreciative of the action taken by the Quartermaster General, as expressed in your letter of February 12, relative to the case of Mrs. Lottie Cummings, mother of the late Douglas E. Cummings, Private, Company B, 165th Infantry, whose remains are interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery in Europe, and we are advising those at interest of this action.

A request has been received from Dr. Irving N. Rattner, 518 West 111th Street, New York City, a World War veteran and graduate of Tulane University, for information as to whether there is any possibility that officials in charge of the Gold Star Mothers' Pilgrimage will require the services of any outside physicians to look after the medical requirements of those who make the trip to Europe. I have advised Dr. Rattner that, since the War Department is handling the entire affair, it is probable that any necessary medical service will be provided by the Army Medical Service. However, I should like to be sure about this and I am wondering if you would be good enough to advise me.

Very sincerely,



WATSON B. MILLER, Chairman,  
National Rehabilitation Committee.

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# THE AMERICAN LEGION

NATIONAL REHABILITATION COMMITTEE

710 BOND BUILDING

WASHINGTON, D. C.



QM 293 A-C

Cummings, Douglas E. - 1233

February 12, 1930

Mr. Watson B. Miller, Chairman,  
National Rehabilitation Committee, A. L.,  
710 Bond Building,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 8, 1930, with its enclosure from Mr. Gordon F. Holland, inquiring as to whether or not it would be possible to include Mrs. Lottie Cummings, mother of the late Douglas E. Cummings, Private, Company B, 165th Infantry, whose remains are interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery in Europe, with a group of mothers and widows who will make the pilgrimage early in May, 1930.

In view of the circumstances in this case, Mrs. Cummings has been listed to sail early in May of this year. A formal invitation, setting forth the name of the vessel upon which reservation has been made for her and the date of sailing, together with detailed information relative thereto, will be forwarded Mrs. Cummings within a very short time.

I shall be pleased to furnish any additional information relative to the pilgrimage you may desire.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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# THE AMERICAN LEGION

NATIONAL REHABILITATION COMMITTEE

710 BOND BUILDING

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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IN REPLY REFER TO DATE AND No. \_\_\_\_\_

February 8, 1930.

Maj. Gen. John L. DeWitt,  
Quartermaster General of the Army,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Gen. DeWitt:

I take the liberty of sending you herewith a copy of a letter received from Gordon F. Holland, Past Commander of the Revere Post No. 61, The American Legion, 210 Beach Street, Revere, Mass., relative to the case of Mrs. Lottie Cummings, 145 State Road, Beachmont, Revere, Massachusetts. In view of the circumstances as outlined, would it not be possible to include Mrs. Cummings among those Gold Star Mothers who will go to France with the first contingent next summer?

Sincerely,

*Watson B. Miller*

WATSON B. MILLER, Chairman,  
National Rehabilitation Committee.



FEB 10 1930  
Q. M. G.

*Cummings - Gordon F. Holland*

COPY

G. F. HOLLAND  
MANUFACTURERS REPRESENTATIVE  
210 BEACH STREET REVERE MASS

January 20, 1930.

Dennis Haverty, Esq.,  
Department Adjutant,  
American Legion,  
State House, Boston.

Dear Dennis:-

Referring to our recent telephone talk, regarding application of a Revere Gold Star mother to visit France next Summer, herewith are facts which we would like to have you take up, with Congressman William Connery of Lynn for us:

Gold Star Mother

Mrs. Lottie Cummings  
145 State Road  
Beachmont, Revere, Mass.

Deceased Veteran: C-65014

Douglas Earl Cummings, Private, Killed in Action  
September 19, 1918  
Buried in France.

1233  
Mrs. Cummings applied for trip to France in October or November of 1929. In list recently published, her name was not included although the name of another Gold Star Mother, Mrs. John Mooney, was published. Mrs. Cummings is suffering from Bright's Disease and according to her physician may not survive the present year. It is urgently requested that Mrs. Cummings be taken with the first contingent. Your cooperation to this end will be appreciated.

Cordially yours,

/s/ Gordon F. Holland

G. F. Holland, P. C.  
Revere Post 61.

QM 295 A-C  
Cummings, Douglas E.

January 14, 1930.

Hon. John W. McCormack,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. McCormack:

In reference to your recent call in behalf of Mrs. Lottie Cummings, Beachmont, Mass., who desires to make the pilgrimage to her son's grave in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery in France, I find that Mrs. Cummings' name was not listed among those who will make the pilgrimage in 1930 for the reason that the questionnaire sent her was not returned until after the list had been compiled. Therefore, it was necessary to list her as "unknown" with reference to the time she desired to make the journey.

It is noted that Mrs. Cummings is desirous of making the pilgrimage in 1930, and you may assure her that the records have been amended accordingly, and that she will be furnished detailed information in connection with the journey at an early date.

Very truly yours,

B. F. CHEATHAM,  
Major General,  
The Quartermaster General.

VES:MB

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Cummings, Douglas E. 1233 M.

Mrs. Lottie Cummings,  
145 State Road,  
Beachmont, Mass.

*Sailed May 7, 1930*  
*Imitation accepted for "America" during May 7<sup>th</sup> 1930*

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and ~~widows~~ <sup>mothers</sup> 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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/> (No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/> (No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	<input type="checkbox"/> (Yes)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (No)
4. Please give your age and state of health	Age 54 (Years)	Health (Good) (Poor) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. What language do you speak?	English <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes)	(No) Other language (Specify language spoken)



For The Quartermaster General,  
Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope *Mrs Lottie Cummings*

July 23 1929

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To Quartermaster General  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir

My son Douglas  
& Cummings Jr. Co. B. 165<sup>th</sup>  
Infantry was never  
married. Through a  
mistake there has been  
overlooked and not  
answered before

Yours very truly  
Lottie Cummings

145 State Rd  
Beachmont, Mass  
or 43 Bennett St  
which is the new name  
for the street



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May 23 1929.

Cummings, Douglas E

Mrs. L. Cummings,  
145 State Road,  
Beachmont, Mass.

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 Douglas E. Cummings, Co. B, 165th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, 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.

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QM 295 A-C  
Cummings, Douglas E.

January 14, 1930.

201 Hon. John W. McCormack,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. McCormack:

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Very truly yours,

B. F. CHEATHAM,  
Major General,  
The Quartermaster General.

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Letter from friend.

Mrs. Lottie Cummins  
43 Bennington St  
Beachmont, Mass.

Part Revere, Mass

was not included

? name unknown.

1233

Douglas E Cummings

Yes - 1930.

QM 293 A-M

Cummings, Douglas E. - 1233

September 9, 1930

Mrs. Lottie Cummings,  
145 State Road,  
Beachmont, Mass.

Dear Madam:

The enclosed **passport** used by you on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe has been stamped showing "Pilgrimage Completed" and may be retained by you as an additional souvenir of your trip.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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CROSS INDEX

QM 293 A-C  
Mooney, John - 1232 M

April 17, 1930

Hon. John W. McCormack,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. McCormack:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 29, 1930, relative to the desire of the Auxiliary of the American Legion, Revere, Massachusetts, that Mrs. Mary Mooney be invited to make the pilgrimage to the grave of her son, the late Corporal John Mooney, at the same time Mrs. Lottie Cummings makes the journey.

The records of this office show that Mrs. Mooney has declined an invitation to sail on the SS "America" May 7, stating that it would be impossible for her to make the journey at that time. She has accepted an invitation to sail on the SS "America" July 2.

Mrs. Cummings has accepted an invitation to sail on the SS "America" May 7. Under the circumstances, Mrs. Mooney and Mrs. Cummings could not make the journey together, sailing May 7.

In connection with your postscript as to when the mothers and widows from Massachusetts will make the pilgrimage, you are informed the records of this office show that the women from Massachusetts will sail in groups during the months of May, June and July of 1930. The mothers and widows who do not desire to make the journey this year will be communicated with in 1931, when the pilgrimages are being arranged for that year. Three hundred and ten invitations have been issued to Massachusetts women, one hundred and seventy-nine of which have been accepted to date. A number of the women have signified their desire to go at a later date and they will be given an opportunity to make the journey on a later boat in 1930 as desired, or during the years 1931, 1932 or 1933, as they may wish.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

O. Q. M. G.

X 293 Cummings, Lottie

Cummings, Douglas E.

M 1233

April 16, 1930

Mrs. Lottie Cummings  
145 State Road  
Beachmont, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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

Lv. Boston 9:00 A.M. May 6

Ar. New York 2:30 A.M. May 6

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cummings, Douglas E. 1233-M

March 19, 1930

Mrs. Lottie Cummings,  
145 State Road,  
Beachmont, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.  
Regulation.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Cummings, Douglas E. 1233 M

March 11, 1930.

Mrs. Lottie Cummings,  
145 State Road,  
Beachmont, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-C  
Cummings, Douglas E.

February 12, 1930

Mr. Watson B. Miller, Chairman,  
National Rehabilitation Committee, A. L.,  
710 Bond Building,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 8, 1930, with its enclosure from Mr. Gordon F. Holland, inquiring as to whether or not it would be possible to include Mrs. Lottie Cummings, mother of the late Douglas E. Cummings, Private, Company B, 165th Infantry, whose remains are interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery in Europe, with a group of mothers and widows who will make the pilgrimage early in May, 1930.

In view of the circumstances in this case, Mrs. Cummings has been listed to sail early in May of this year. A formal invitation, setting forth the name of the vessel upon which reservation has been made for her and the date of sailing, together with detailed information relative thereto, will be forwarded Mrs. Cummings within a very short time.

I shall be pleased to furnish any additional information relative to the pilgrimage you may desire.

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  
Cummings, Douglas E. 1233 M.

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Lottie Cummings,  
145 State Road,  
Beachmont, Mass.

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

May 28, 1929.

Cummings, Douglas E

Mrs. L. Cummings,  
145 State Road,  
Beachmont, Mass.

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 Douglas E. Cummings, Co. B, 165th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, 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,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

Bd ✓

CUMMINGS, Douglas E., Pvt.

February 27, 1924

Mrs. Lottie Cummings,  
145 State Road,  
Beachmont, Mass.

Dear Madam: The Quartermaster General desires to invite your attention to the inclosed card which gives the permanent cemetery location of the soldier's grave in which you are interested.

This American military cemetery is one of those to be maintained by the United States for all time in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of dignified design, with the name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.

Please be assured that in effecting removal of the dead, the utmost reverential care was exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed this sacred duty. For the future, these graves will be perpetually maintained by the Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

1-Incl.  
Record card.

Assistant,  
R. L. FOSTER

MFK  
Zol



Cummings, Douglas E

2,312,733

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number)

Pvt

Co B 165 Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

*mother*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

*No*

(Yes or no.)

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

*yes*

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

*Mrs Lollie Cummings*

*27 Endicott Ave*

*Beachmont*

*Mass*

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by G.M. in.

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12-10-20

REVIEWED  
OSP. SS.

G.M. in. - 12-11-20

COMPILATION N/R REQUESTS

I. DATA COMPILATION

A. Location Index Card:-

(1) Name CUMMINGS, Douglas E Ser. No. 2312733 )  
 (2) Rank Pvt Organization Co. B, 165th Inf. ) TYP. JS  
 (3) Date of death 9/19/18 ) CKR. McH

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

(4) Cause of death DWRIA ) TYP. TW  
 (5) Grave No. 10 Row -- Plot -- Sect. -- ) CKR. J.C.R.

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 Concentration  
 St. Michel #1233  
 Mass. 6-16-22

II. FILES EXAMINATION

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

B. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD

Date of receipt None

(6) Relationship Mother  
 (7) Name Mrs Lattie Cummings  
 (8) Address 27 Endicott Ave., Belmont, Mass  
 (9) Desires remains brought to U. S.? No  
 (10) Desires remains brought to U. S. and interred in National Cemetery at Yes  
 (11) If brought back, what shipping instructions? -

SEE SUSPENSION REMARKS

at 4/16/20

C. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE

Date of communication

(12) Does correspondence Change or qualify request as made on A.G.O. card?  
 If so, specify such information.  
 No Correspondence

(13) A. G. O. Files EXAMINED by Ewe (Date) 4/2/20

D. (14) G R. S Files - Correspondence. (Has reference been made to File No. Cancellation memos.?)

Yes. Does such correspondence, if containing request for disposition, reconcile with that of A. G. O.?  
 (Specify "Yes or "No".) If "No", give date of communication, the name, address, and relationship and substance of request. Mother.

Mrs Lattie Cummings, 145 State Road Belmont, Mass.  
 7-7-20 cancels request on cards, asks that body be left where it is.

(15) G. R. S. Files EXAMINED by HM (Date) 7-15-20

rechecked  
 7/12/20

III. FINAL ACTION

A. MEMORANDUM to D. M. O. in E. made (Date) .....

(16) Removal of Remains (within custody of G.R.S.) to .....

(17) Instructions that remains be left undisturbed .....

(18) Typed by ..... Checked by June 17th 1920 (Date) .....

B. G. R. S. FORM NO. 114 made (Date) 4-19-20 .....

(19) Typed by V.A.H. Checked by ..... (Date) June 17th-20  
4-19-20

C. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

76-15-20

*Form 128 - 5-18-20 request shipment  
to Arlington National Cemetery 5-15-20  
& address to 145 State Road Beachmont Mass.  
Letter 7-7-20 Mrs Lottie Cummings  
mother, 145 State Road Beachmont Mass  
requests body remains in + trace.*

D. Dispatched (Date) ..... (Let. Trans. No. 7-15-20)

*Par. #2. Not to be returned. (S.L.)*

Approved by .....

(Date) .....

Rimacourt, Ht. Marne

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place

Date

Jan. 19, 1922

2212733

1. REMAINS OF

**CUMMINGS, Douglas E**

SERIAL NUMBER

**Co. B. 105 Inf.**

RANK

**Pvt**

ORGANIZATION

2. Disinterred (date):

**Jan 19 1922**

From (give complete location):

**Amer. Cem. No. 92**

**Rimacourt Ht Marne**

**Gr 10**

By: Group

**1**

Unit

**4**

3. Reburied (date):

**Aug 12 1922**

In (give complete location)

**Gr. 26 Bk. B Row 15**

**Cty. 1235**

By: Group

**Reburial**

Unit

**Casket & snipping case**  
Nature of Reburial

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

**Uniform and wooden box. Body 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:

**No effects found.**

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

**Unable to determine**

(a) Height (actual measurement)

(b) Weight (estimated)

**Unable to determine**

(c) Hair—Color

**Unable to determine**

Quantity

**Unable to determine**

Characteristics

**Unable to determine**

(d) Hair on face—Color

**None**

Location

**None**

Quantity

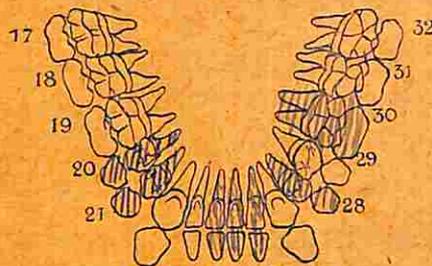
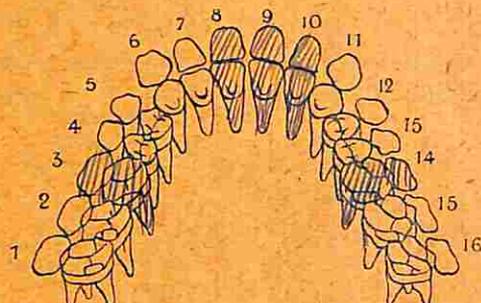
**None**

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

**Unable to determine**

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

**None**



**Dec. 3, 14, 30. MAD. 8, 9, 10, 20, 21, 24, 26, 28**

7. Disinterment supervised by

*E G Scott*  
**E G Scott**

Approved: **RB**

*R L Tain*  
**R L Tain, Capt. QMC**

(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by

*H L Kramer*  
**H L Kramer**

Approved:

*A E Dewey*  
**A E Dewey 1st Lt QMC**

(Title)

## 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.

<b>MISSING TEETH</b>	All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :	
<b>CROWNED TEETH</b>	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :	
<b>BRIDGE WORK</b>	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus :	
<b>FILLINGS</b>	Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :	
<b>CARIES (CAVITIES)</b>	Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :	
<b>DENTURES (PLATES)</b>	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 Jan 19 1922

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT 1716. COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters. Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name <u>CUMMINGS, Douglas E</u>	10. Name <u>Douglas E Cummings</u>
2. No. <u>2212733</u>	11. No. <u>2312733</u>
3. Rank <u>Pvt.</u>	12. Rank
4. Org. <u>Co. B. 165th Inf.</u>	13. Org.
5. D.D. <u>9-19-18</u>	14. (a) D.D.
6. C.D. <u>DOV</u>	(b) D.B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. <u>10</u> Sec.	15. Grave No. Sec.
8. Plot Row	16. Plot Row
9.	17. <u>None</u>

18. Cemetery <u>American Cty.,</u>	19. Commune or town <u>Rimaucourt,</u>
20. Dept. or County <u>Haute-Marne,</u>	21. Country <u>France.</u>
22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. <u>92</u>	

23. Disinterred (Date) Jan. 19 1922 By E G Scott

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name <u>CUMMINGS, Douglas</u>	Serial No. <u>2212733</u>
Rank <u>Pvt</u>	Organization <u>Co. B. 165 Inf.</u>
	<u>Gr. 10</u>

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

Ray Brown  
Signature Junior Technical Assistant  
Ray Brown

PREPARATION

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

No effects found.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, recognition impossible.

28. Nature of burial Uniform and wooden box.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? see lines 10 and 11.

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Jan 19 1922 By E G Scott

31. Casket sealed by E G Scott

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor E G Scott)

AUDITED BY  
202 9-6-23

E G Scott

26 B 9

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-26357

32. Designation of body:

Name Douglas CUMMINGS Serial No. 2212733

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. B. 165th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel Amer. Cty., 1233, Thiaucourt, M-et-M.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Jan 19 1922 By E G Scott

35. I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector R L Fain Capt QMC

36. Remarks Disc on body reads Douglas E Cummings 2312733 Disc on cross reads. 2312733 Douglas E Cummings

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Jan 19 1922

To point of Concentration Chaumont Ht Marne

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer WALTER P. BROWN (Name) Captain, Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_

By G.R.S. Representative G. J. BLAKE

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 19 FEB 1922

To Permanent Cemetery St Mihiel (1233) Thiaucourt M et M

Convoyer Michael Plotkin Signature Shipping Officer WALTER P. BROWN (Name) Captain, Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

40. Received: Date 23 FEB 1922

G.R.S. Representative G. D. GAMBLE, Captain, Q.M.C.

41. Reinterred Aug 12 1922 (Date)

42. Grave No 26 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot Blk. B Row 15

G.R.S. Representative A E Dewoy 1st. Lt. QMC

Am July 7<sup>th</sup> 1920

A few weeks ago I filled out a blank concerning the removal of my body from France. As I was sick mentally and physically the result of a serious operation as well as grief I made a very unwise decision viz, to have him brought to the National Cemetery as I have not been here but I was afraid he would be neglected so far away, but since I have read in papers the US Government was going to look after graves of those who

Priv Douglas & Cummings  
Co B. 16<sup>th</sup> Inf. rd 69<sup>th</sup>  
New York.

there, and always will  
now it would be a great  
relief to me if I could have  
been left where he fell  
with his comrades and  
know he was cared for  
if any thing happens  
to me

Will or can you have  
the matter changed for  
me I hope it is not too  
late.

Yours Respectfully  
Mrs Kate Cummings  
145 State Road  
Beachmont

noted on + photo  
see. 7-15-20

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24334  
Cummings  
Douglas

G. H. S.  
JUL 14 1920



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MAY 10 1920

G. R. S. Form #120  
Shipping Inquiry.

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

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FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.G.  
145 State Rd  
TO: Mrs. Lottie Cummings, 27 Endicott Ave., Beachmont, Mass.  
SUBJECT: Disposition of remains of Pvt. Douglas Cummings.

*Push Answer*  
*Return to U.S. Army address 7*

Records of this office show your request to be as follows:

Remains to ~~be returned to United States~~... Interred ~~Arlington, Va.~~

Shipped to ~~National Cemetery~~

*See Letter July 7-1920*

*not*

If any modifications of the foregoing are desired please write same fully on the other side of this sheet.

The nearest living relative may choose between, (1) return of remains to home for burial; (2) interment in Arlington, Va., National Cemetery; or (3) remain in France.

You are requested to fill out the following without delay and return in enclosed penalty envelope, which does not require postage.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

Noted on Form No. 113

Date 6-15-20

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
<del>Widow</del>			
<del>Children (Name of first)</del>			
<del>Father</del>			
Mother			
Brothers			
<del>Sisters</del>			

Date May 14 1920

Signature Mrs. Lottie Cummings

New Address 145 State Rd. Beachmont Mass. Relationship Mother

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2. Soldier's No. 2312733

3. CUMMINGS DOUGLAS  
Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials

4. PVT. B 165 Inf  
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. Sept 18-18 GAS  
Date of Death Cause, if known

6. Sept 19-1918 AEF 92  
Date of Burial Cemetery

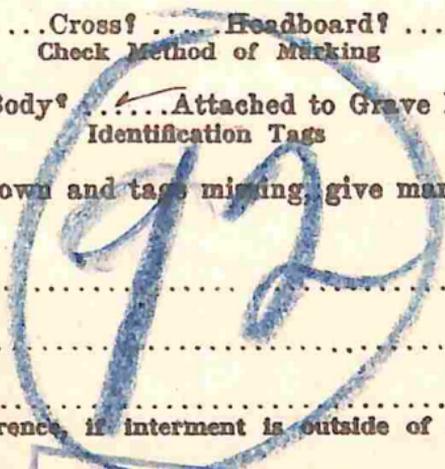
7. RIMACOURT HTEMARNE  
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. 10  
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

9. Name Peg? ..... Cross? ..... Headboard? ..... Bottle? .....  
Check Method of Marking

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

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



12. Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery  
.....

13. W. W. Williams 2nd Lt  
Give name of Captain or Burial Officer

Signed SGT. Murphy

Group ..... Unit 303 G. R. S.



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Cummings, (2312733) Douglas  
Surname of deceased. Christian name.

Private, Co, B, 165 Inf  
Rank and organization; if civilian, capacity and department in which employed.

3-121 September 19, 1918  
Date of death.

Base Hospital #52, Rimaucourt, Haute-Marne,  
Place of death.

Acute Dilatation of Heart, L.  
Cause of death.

September 20, 1918  
Date of burial.

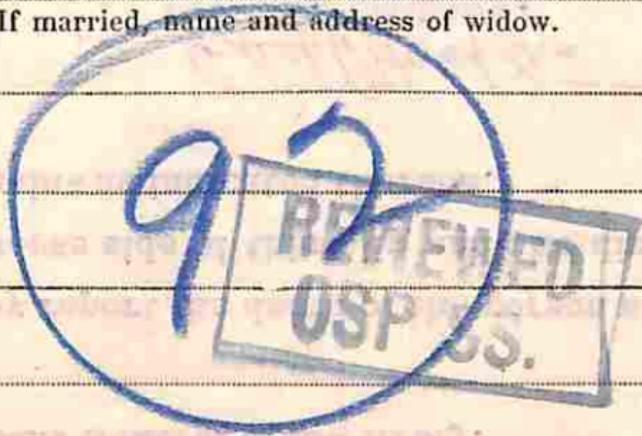
Grave #10, American Grave Yard # 1.  
No. and locality of grave, or other disposal of remains.

Rimaucourt, Haute-Marne, France

Single  
Married or single.

If married, name and address of widow.

Remarks:



REPORT OF DEATH AND DISPOSAL OF REMAINS

20 OCT 1918

Rimaucourt, Haute-Marne, France.

Station

October 14, 1918., 191

Date

The Adjutant General of the Army.

I hereby report the death of the person named on the reverse side of this slip and the disposal of his remains as indicated thereon.

*Fred R. Hampton*  
Fred R. Hampton,

1st, Lt., S.C. Registrar,

Commanding X  
Base Hospital #52, APO, 768

(See G.O., No. 67, War Department, April 19, 1910.)

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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

## LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Cummings, (2312733) Douglas  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt. Co. B. 165 Inf.  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL September 20 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL Rimaucourt, Haute-Marne

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

Grave # 10, American Grave Yard # 1

Rimaucourt, Haute-Marne, France

GRAVE NUMBER No. 10

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Yes Cross? Headboard? Bottle?

### IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes

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

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

92

78 SEP 20 1918

REPORTED BY Ed. N. Hampton  
1st. Lt. 3rd. Corps. Registrar  
Base Hospital 52. AEF. APO. 758.  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

REVIEWED  
OSP SS

This portion to be sent to Chief of Graves Registration Service