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Curry

(Surname)

John V.

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial no.)

2nd Lt.

C. P. 28th Inf.  
(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

mother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

yes

(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:

Duplicate

~~Mrs Sara F. Curry~~

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

~~102 Henry St.~~

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Sara F. Curry

102 Henry St.

(Number and street or rural route.)

Plains, near Wilkes Barre, Penna.

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Am. City. #176

Drawn by Pm

176-96

2-14-21

REVIEWED  
OSP SS.

cl 2-15-21

Entered on list

*France*

C U R R Y, John V.

2nd Lieut. Co. E, 28th Inf.

Killed in action May 30/18, in  
France.

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To The A. G. O.

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G.R.S. Form #114 B

FEB 6 - 1926

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

1. NAME CURRY, John V. SERIAL No. \_\_\_\_\_

RANK 2nd Lt. Inf. ORGANIZATION Co. E. 28th Inf.

**8 DIVISION**

GRAVE LOCATION American Cty. Villers Tournelle, Somme 176

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

162

B

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 26 Row B. Am. Cem. Cantigny Somme

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES 21 SE. 121.98-331.90.

*cty 1263*

CONCENTRATED TO 5/21/19. 85 B

Am. Mil. Cty. Villers Tournelle (Somme) DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Map 21 SE. E119.8.

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N. 330.8.

Form 16, 5/21/19. CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Form 16, 5/21/19. signed Lt. Temple Bowling, shows No ident. tag found on body or cross. No other means of identification.

Form 16-A, 12/13/20. signed S.D. Campbell, Capt. Inf, shows No ident. tag found on body or grave marker. Officer's "U.S." and Infantry collar ornaments. Body does not appear to be hospital case. Skull badly fractured-lower jaw missing.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS 12/13/20. 162 B 176

Form 16-A, 12/13/20. DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE OF DEATH May 30, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME - Pa -

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT AWARD CEMETERY

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR W.R. BUCKLEY, Capt. C.A.C.

*W.R. Buckley*

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Oct. 26, 1922. 14 26 Block A

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

Somme American #636, Bony (Aisne).

CEMETERY

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FEB 8 A.G.O.  
WORLD WAR DIV.

FEB 9 1926

AUDITED BY

MAR 24 1928

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A.G.O.  
FEB 8 1956  
WORLD WAR DIV.

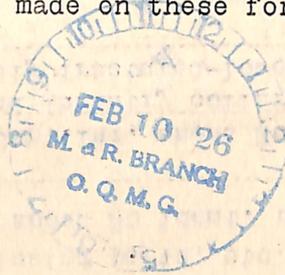
INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

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.

Remains of: Curry, John V.

Name: CURVEY

John V.

Number:

Rank: 2nd Lieut.

Organization: 28 Inf. Co. E.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group 1

Unit 302

Disinterred (Date) 5-21-19 From: (Give complete location)

Grave 26 Row B Am. Cem. Cantigny, Somme. 21 SE 121.98-331.90

Reburied (Date) 5-21-19 in: (Give complete location)

Grave 85 Sect. B Am. Cem. Villers-Tournelle, Somme. 21 SE 119.76-330.92

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Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Cross. No coffin. Decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? No

What other means of identification were found on the body?

None

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Note:

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

Supervised by: Lt. Temple Bowling 1st Lt. Temple Bowling  
C.O. Group 1 Unit 302

Number of pages: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

It is hereby certified that the above named person is a member of the \_\_\_\_\_ and is entitled to the same rights and privileges as other members of the same.

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Note:

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RECORD OF DIRECTOR GENERAL AND ASSISTANT

Date: 2-21-19

U.S. B. FORM NO. 10

Curry, John V.



IRVING NATIONAL BANK  
NEW YORK

ORGANIZED  
1851

CABLE ADDRESS:  
"IRVINGBANK-NEW YORK"

July 30 1919.

Grave Registration Service.  
War Department;  
Washington, D.C.

O. Q. M. C.  
CEN. BR.  
Rec'd  
AUG - 1 1919

Dear Sirs;

My Brother ~~Lieut. John V. Curry~~ formerly  
of Co. E. 28th Infantry of the First Division was  
killed in the Battle of Cantigny and I am very  
desirous of learning just where he is buried and  
would like to find out if it is possible to get  
a picture of his grave.

Anything you may do, or any information  
you may give me will be appreciated. Kindly ad-  
dress all letters to 36 west 97 th Street, New  
York City. Thanking you for your trouble, I am

Very Truly Yours

*Frank D. Curry*

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Curry, John V.

1st Incl.  
Office, Quartermaster General. August 2, 1919. -- To the  
Bureau of Communication, Hdqrs. National American Red Cross,  
Washington, D.C.,

1. Forwarded for your action relative to photograph of grave.  
Writer advised of reference.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

H.R. Lealy,  
Major, Quartermaster Corps.

POW  
293.3 - Cemetery

293.2-Geneterial.

August 2, 1919.

Office, Quartermaster General of the Army.

Mr. Frank I. Curry, 36 West 97th St., New York City, N.Y.

Location of grave.

1. Replying to your letter of the 30th ultimo, relative to the location of the grave of your brother, you are informed that the records of this office show that Second Lieutenant John V. Curry, Co. F, 28th Infantry, died May 30, 1918, and is buried in the American Military Cemetery, at Cantigny, Department of Somme, France.

2. A copy of your letter has been forwarded this date to the Bureau of Communication, American Red Cross National Headquarters, this city, for necessary action relative to photograph of grave. Applications for photographs will be filled as soon as possible.

H. L. Rogers,  
Quartermaster General of the Army.

By:

H. R. Lonly,  
Major, Quartermaster Corps.

FCW

293.2 Curry John V

nd Lt. John V. Curry - Co F. 27 Inf  
died - 5-30-18 - Conn. Tro. 1263 - Report of  
May 4th to 10th (med)

Curry, John V.  
2nd Lieut.

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Pennsylvania

GOLD STAR MOTHERS' PILGRIMAGE

S.S. REPUBLIC, JUNE 25, 1930

Luzerne County

Name: Mrs. Sara Frances Curry (I-21)

Address: 102 Henry St., Plains, Pa. (Entrain at Wilkesbarre, Pa.)

Route: Lehigh Valley R. R. to New York

Lv. Wilkesbarre Train No. 30  
Ar. New York (Penna. Sta.)

7.50 A.M. June 24  
12.10 P.M. June 24

Accommodations:  Parlor Car Seat

Elapsed Time: 4 Hours 20 Minutes <sup>1/4</sup>

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Curry, John V.	CUR	3 12 0 1 8
BURIED	CEMETERY	636	1 5
	GRAVE	6	2 06
	ROW	26	2 26
	BLOCK	4	1 1
STATE	Pa		2 44
RANK	2nd Lt		1 1
DIVISION	1		2 01
ORGANIZATION	28		3 028
ARM	Inf.		1 1
MARTIAL	No		1 2
NAME	Curry, Mrs.	CUR	3 12 0 1 8
RESIDENCE	STATE	Penna	2 44
	COUNTY	Suzerne	2 40
	CITY	Plains	3 xxx
RELATION	Mother		1 1
OTHER			1
ELIGIBILITY	(Prev. Trip) <sup>yes</sup> yes		1 1 (3)
NATIVITY			1
RACE			1
ENGLISH	yes		1 1
ATTENDANT			1
HEALTH	Good		1
NO. OF SONS			1
DATE OF TRIP	MO.		1
	YR. 1930		1
ACCEPTANCE	Yes		1 1
29/514/PJ	Age 56		56

1930  
 June 25

AUDITED  
 SEP 26 1931 446

Party "I" - Itinerary - Somme Group

Sailed June 25, 1930 on SS REPUBLIC. Capt. F. M. Child and Lt. G. E. Young in charge. Arrived Cherbourg 10.30 pm July 5th. Tender arrived 5.35 am July 6th, bearing Major Bailey and 8 other officers; 4 nurses and 2 civilian employees. Train left at 8.21 am. Arrived Gare des Invalides 2.15 pm. Met by Col. Ellis, members of his staff and a detail of interpreters and nurses.

July 7th. Morning devoted to transaction of personal business. Exchange of money, preparation of laundry, etc. Left hotel by bus at 3 pm for Arc de Triomphe where Mrs. Emmeline Neubert placed a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Tea and reception at restaurant Laurent after ceremony. Returned to hotel for dinner. Evening free.

July 8th. Left 8.15 am Via Porte de la Chapelle & Ecouen. Arrived Chantilly 10.00 am. Rest stop Hotel du Parc. Left 10.30 am Via Senlis. Arrived Compiègne 12.00 noon. Lunch Hotel Rond Royal. Left 2.00 pm and arrived Carrefour De L'Armistice 2.15 pm. Left 2.45 pm Via Compiègne & Noyon. Arrived Saint Quentin 5.00 pm. Dinner and sleep Hotel de France.

July 9th, 10th. Daily visits from St. Quentin to Somme American Cemetery.

July 11th. Visit to Cemetery. Left Cemetery 11.00 am and arrived Cambrai 12.00 noon. Lunch Brasserie La Taverne. Left 2.00 pm and arrived Lille 4.00 pm. Dinner and sleep Hotel Royal.

July 12th. Morning free. Lunch at Hotel. Left Lille 2.15 pm Via Seclin, Carvin, Lens, Viny Ridge. Arrived Arras 4.00 pm. Rest stop Brasserie Moderne. Left 4.30 pm and arrived Amiens 6.45 pm. Dinner and sleep Hotel de l'Univers.

July 13th. Morning free. Visit Amiens & Cathedral. Lunch at Hotel. Left 1.30 pm Via Breteuil. Arrived Beauvais 3.20 pm. Rest stop Hotel de France. Left 4.00 pm and arrived Paris 6.15 pm. Dinner at Hotel.

July 14th. Sightseeing trip Paris Notre Dame. Lunch at Hotel. Sightseeing trip Paris Napoleon's Tomb. Dinner at Hotel.

July 15th. Morning free. Lunch at Hotel. Versailles. Refreshments Belle Cycliste. Dinner at Hotel.

July 16th. Fontainebleau Via Melun. Lunch at Hotel Legris. Visit Chateau. Dinner at Hotel.

July 17th. Boat train for Cherbourg 10.30 am. Arrived Cherbourg 4.15 pm. SS AMERICA sailed shortly after 6.10 pm. Capt. Child and Lt. Young in charge. Arrived New York July 26th.

Mrs. Lora F. Curry  
Address Plain Pa  
Stopping at going home with son  
With Frank Curry  
Address Plain Pa

File 1729

D. 50 A

RECEIVED RAILROAD AND PULLMAN TICKET

Frank Curry,

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~~1700M~~  
1715

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NAME CURRY, MRS. SARA FRANCES

S.S. AMERICA

JUL 25 1930

HOME PLAINS, LUZERNE COUNTY, PA.

R.R. L. V. & Wilkes Barre

STATION

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE June 24 - 31 -

Mr. Frank D Curry

66 79<sup>th</sup> St

Brooklyn  
N.Y.

Chemical Natl Bank

57<sup>th</sup> St 8<sup>th</sup> Ave

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

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

Party I  
 Number 1729

*CURRY, JOHN V.*

SOM

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

Mrs. Sara Frances Curry  
 Name of Traveler

Estimate cost of through Pullman.

Plains, Luzerne County  
 Home Address

New York, to Wilkes Barre, Pa.

Pa.

\$ 1.13

New York, to Wilkes Barre, Pa.  
 Destination.

Via L. V. to Dest.

July 27, 1930  
 Date of Departure

Ticket Expires - June 24, '31

	Road	Tr. NO.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	car	U.S.G. Order NO.	Est. Cost
LV Penn Sta	LV	709	7/27	8.50A	812	71		1.13
AR to Barre	"	"	"	1.39				
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TOTAL 1.13

Remarks: :

*Escorted to train by Capt Merrill Rose*

June 10th, 1930

Mrs. Sera Frances Curry,  
102 Henry Street,  
Plains, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Please attach the enclosed tags to each piece of baggage, thus to protect the safe arrival of same in New York.

Upon your arrival in this City, you will be met at the Railroad Station by a United States Army Officer, in uniform, who will wear on the left sleeve of his coat a blue cloth band, showing a Gold Star and the word "Pilgrimage". This officer will escort you and your baggage to your Hotel in New York City.

For The Officer in Charge:

*Arrived Pa. Sta. June 24th 12:10 PM*  
*Met by Capt Jas. A. Cistero*

George F. R. Taylor,  
1st. Lieut., Q.M. Corps.  
Assistant.

Enclosures -

Name..... CURRY, Mrs Sarah Frances  
Paris Hôtel..... HOTEL CARLTON  
AV. DES CHAMPS-ÉLYSEES  
Home address..... 102 Henry St., Plains, Luzerne County. Pennsylvania.  
Party..... I..... Group..... 5..... Unit ~~Sp~~. REPUBLIC.  
Date of arrival..... July 6, 1930..... Date of departure ~~Sp~~. AMERICA, July 17, 1930.  
Relationship..... Mother  
Name of deceased..... CURRY, John V.  
Rank..... 2nd Lt. Organization..... Co.E. 28th Inf.  
Cemetery..... Somme

REMARKS



1887-1888

QM 293 A-M V.  
Curry, John W. - 636 M

August 6, 1930.

Mrs. Sara F. Curry,  
102 Henry St.,  
Plains, Pa.

Dear Madam:

The testimonial dated July 25th to the Secretary of War, which you and the other mothers and widows returning on the SS America were so kind as to send regarding your pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, has been referred to me for reply.

It is gratifying to know that the officers of the Army and the nurses in charge of your group rendered such courteous and efficient service. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages and has expended every effort that those making the journey might have a comfortable and pleasant trip. I feel, however, that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation shown by the mothers and widows who are making the pilgrimage.

I am indeed pleased to receive such complimentary remarks concerning the care and consideration shown the women making the journey by the personnel connected with the pilgrimage.

Sincerely yours,

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

ADH  
JTH  
WRG

LEB

# MEDICAL RECORD

JUNE 30, 1930

Party: " I "

S. S. REPUBLIC

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Eastbound  
Westbound

Name MRS. CURRY

Home Address

Name and address of nearest relative or friend

Religion

Age

History of present complaint: PHARYNGITIS. SPRAY, GARGLE.

(OVER)

INSTRUCTIONS: This card will be prepared for each Pilgrim treated on ship, east or west bound. Cards to be included in report of Liaison Officer upon return to New York.

*Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)*

*Treatment and Progress: (include dates)*

*Disposition: (include dates)*

*Remarks:*

RETURN NEW YORK

JUL 26 1930  
DATE .....

NAME <sup>M</sup> Curty, Mrs. Sara Frances HOME ADDRESS 102 Henry St.,  
Plains, Luzerne Co.,  
Penn.  
RETURN ON S. S. S/S AMERICA HOTEL MCALPIN ROOM NO. 1897

*with Mrs. B. Blaine*

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE 7/27

ROAD L ✓ TRAIN 9 CAR 71 BERTH or SEAT 112

REMARKS .....

1906

RETURN RECEIPT

636

Republic 6/25/30

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

Mrs. Sara Frances Curry

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery,

5/31/30, 192

Form 3811

05-0116

Deliver to addressee

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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

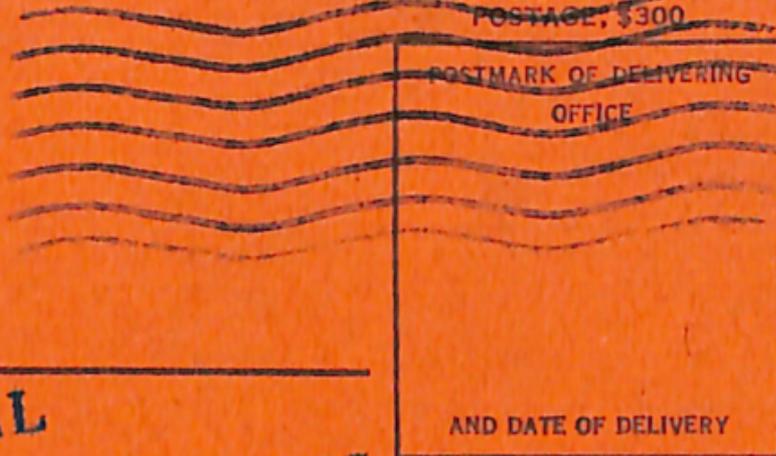
REGISTERED ARTICLE



No. 9267

INSURED PARCEL 7930

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



Return to Q. M. GENERAL

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

(NAME OF GENERAL)  
MUNITIONS BUILDING

WASHINGTON,

D. C.

1906-c

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RETURN RECEIPT

Republic 6/25/30

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

Sara Frances Curry

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, 6/7/30, 191

# Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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

REGISTERED ARTICLE No. *927340*

INSURED PARCEL No. \_\_\_\_\_

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

Street and Number, }  
or Post Office Box, }

Post Office at \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Postmark of Delivering Office



and Date of Delivery. *1930*

*Q. M. GENERAL*  
(Name of sender.)

MUNITIONS BUILDING

*Washington, D. C.*

STATE.....PENNSYLVANIA.....

Curry, John V.

M.

NAME .....CURRY, MRS. SARA FRANCES..... HOME ADDRESS 102 HENRY ST., PLAIN S.  
LUZERNE, CO.NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN .....MR. FRANK T. CURRY.....  
66--79th St., Brooklyn, N.YARRIVAL IN NEW YORKDATE .....JUNE 24, 1930..... HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA..... ROOM NO. 1715.....DEPARTURE NEW YORKDATE .....JUNE 25, 1930..... VESSEL S.S. REPUBLIC..... CABIN NO. ....302-B.....DESTINATION .....CHERBOURG..... CEMETERY .....SOM.....

# MEDICAL RECORD

Party: "I" .....

S. S. July 21, 1930 .....

Eastbound  
Westbound

Name Curry, Mrs. Sarah .....

Home Address .....

Name and address of nearest relative or friend .....

Religion .....

Age .....

History of present complaint:

Sub. Conjunctival Hem. No treatment necessary

(OVER)

INSTRUCTIONS: This card will be prepared for each Pilgrim treated on ship, east or west bound. Cards to be included in report of Liaison Officer upon return to New York.

*Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)*

*Treatment and Progress: (include dates)*

*Disposition: (include dates)*

*Remarks:*

I.

NAME Curry, Mrs. Sara France

ADDRESS 102 Henry St., Plains Luzerne Co., Pa.

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

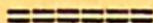
TO: OFFICER-IN-CHARGE,  
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

I BEG TO INFORM YOU THAT I HAVE RETURNED  
TO MY HOME SAFELY AND IN GOOD HEALTH.

SINCERELY, *and gratefully*

(SIGNED) *Sara F. Curry*

WAR DEPARTMENT



OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300.



PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

QM 293 A-G

Curry, John V. 636

June 9, 1930.

Mrs. Sara F. Curry  
102 Henry St.  
Plains, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of June 4, 1930, advising that it will be impossible to change your sailing date from June 25th to August 30th, when making the pilgrimage to the grave of the late John V. Curry.

In this connection, you are advised that your name has been retained on the list of mothers and widows scheduled to sail on the SS "Republic", June 25, 1930, and arrangements will be made accordingly.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

MS

In reply to  
2M 20 Q-C  
Curry, John U. 636

War Department  
Office of Quarter Master General  
Washington,

Dear Sirs -

Luzerne Co.

I am sorry but it  
will impossible to change  
my sailing date. I am  
a teacher and cannot  
afford to lose any time  
from my school which  
re-opens Sept 1 -

Yours respectfully  
Sara F. Curry

102 Henry St  
Plains, Pa

June 4 - 1930



QM 293 A-6

Curry, John V. - 636

June 3, 1930.

Mrs. Sara Frances Curry,  
102 Henry St.,  
Plains, Pa.

Dear Madam:

This office has not yet received your passport for use in connection with your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe.

It is imperative that every mother or widow making this pilgrimage, whether an American citizen or not, have a passport issued and in the hands of this office before she begins her trip.

Please comply as early as possible with the instructions shown in form letter attached, or if you have heretofore taken this action advise this office to that effect.

Should the clerk of the court not have been furnished with "Special Pilgrimage Passport" applications, please request him to take the matter up at once with the Passport Bureau, Room 170, State, War and Navy Building, Washington, D. C., and he will be furnished with these forms.

The person to whom you should apply is the Clerk of the Common Pleas Court at Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne Co., Pa.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, U.S. Army,  
Assistant.

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Form Let.

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QM 293 A-C  
Curry, John V. 636

June 2, 1930

Mrs. Sara F. Curry,  
102 Henry Street,  
Plains, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 21 advising that you have made a previous trip to the grave of your son, the late Lieutenant John V. Curry.

You are advised that Section 2 (b) of the Act of March 2, 1929, reads as follows: "\*\*\*But no mother or widow who has previous to the pilgrimage visited cemeteries described in section 1 shall be entitled to make any such pilgrimage, \*\*\*".

However, an amendment to this Act became a law under date of May 15, 1930, and Section 2 was amended to read in part "Upon acceptance of the invitation the mother or widow shall be entitled to make one such pilgrimage at Government expense."

In view of the fact that an invitation has been forwarded you to sail on the SS "Republic" June 25, 1930, which invitation has been accepted by you, arrangements are being made for you to make the pilgrimage at that time.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

HL

accounts for

Republic

6/25/30 -

Shall I delete  
Per?

636 - Hughes

Capt

ASG

say

OK

for  
her  
1930  
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162 Henry St  
Plains Pa.

War Dept.

Office of Quartermaster General  
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

636

I am writing this letter to find out if I made a mistake in the questionnaire you sent me. You asked if I had ever been in France and I said no. I thought you meant if I had been there at the expense of the government.

A few days ago I read in a New York paper that mothers who had been in France were ineligible to make this pilgrimage. I was there in 1923.

Will you please write and let me know the facts.

Yours respectfully

Sara Frances Curvey

May 21, 1930



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Curry, John V. 636-M  
Republic 6/25

May 12, 1930

Mrs. Sara Frances, Curry  
102 Henry Street  
Plains, Pa.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not furnished the name of your Emergency Addressee as requested in letter of instructions from this office.

It is requested that in the blank space below you write the name and address of the person in the United States whom you desire to be notified in case you become seriously ill or other emergency arises while you are making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Name

*Frank J Curry*

Address

*Assistant Manager Chemical National Bank  
57 + 8<sup>th</sup> St New York City*

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Env.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 11, 1930.

Curry, John V. 636 K

Mrs. Sara Frances Curry,  
102 Henry St.,  
Plains, Pa.

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.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

October 7, 1929

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Curry, John V 636 -M

Mrs. Sara Frances Curry,  
102 Henry Street,  
Plains, Pennsylvania.

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JUN 25 1930

Dear Madam:

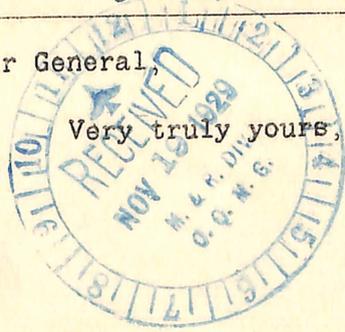
The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, 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) <i>yes</i>	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <i>yes</i>	(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) <i>Letter 5/21/30 says he has</i>	(No) <i>No had prev. trip.</i>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age (Years) <i>56</i>	Health (Good) <i>yes</i> (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <i>yes</i> (No)	Other language (Specify language spoken) <i>English</i>

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Curry, John V.  
636

August 28, 1929.

Mrs. Sara F. Curry,  
102 Henry St.,  
Plains,  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 16, 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:

*no*

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.

*Mother  
Mrs. Sara Frances Curry  
102 Henry St., Plains Pa*

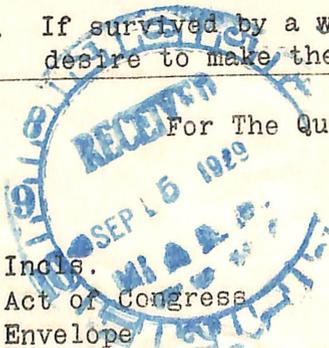
3. If ~~survived~~ by a ~~widow~~ or mother does she desire to make the pilgrimage?

*Yes*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope



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

Republic  
6-25-30  
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Curry, John D.

I accept the invitation extended  
(Accept or decline)

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

*Mrs. Sara Frances Curry*

Mrs. Sara Frances Curry,

(Name)

*102 Henry St Plains Luzerne County Pennsylvania*

102 Henry Street, Plains, Luzerne County,

(Town or City)

Pennsylvania

(State)

Wickham Park  
Pa.



QM 293 A-M ✓  
Curry, John - 636 M

August 6, 1930.

Mrs. Sara F. Curry,  
102 Henry St.,  
Plains, Pa.

Dear Madam:

The testimonial dated July 25th to the Secretary of War, which you and the other mothers and widows returning on the SS America were so kind as to send regarding your pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, has been referred to me for reply.

It is gratifying to know that the officers of the Army and the nurse in charge of your group rendered such courteous and efficient service. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages and has expended every effort that those making the journey might have a comfortable and pleasant trip. I feel, however, that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation shown by the mothers and widows who are making the pilgrimage.

I am indeed pleased to receive such complimentary remarks concerning the care and consideration shown the women making the journey by the personnel connected with the pilgrimage.

Sincerely yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Curry, John V. 636-M

June 13, 1930

Mrs. Sara Frances Curry,  
102 Henry Street,  
Plains, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

Somewhat heavier clothing is required to be worn in Europe than is necessary in the United States, in order to be comfortable. During the summer in Europe it is cool during the day and the nights are frequently chilly. Considerable rain is usually encountered during this time.

In order that you may be comfortable at all times, regardless of the condition of the weather, and may avoid missing any of the sights or any part of the itinerary which has been planned for you, the following suggestions are made.

The clothing which you will take with you should be slightly heavier and warmer than you would normally wear in the United States during the summer and should be strong and durable. It is essential that you take with you the necessary equipment to afford protection from the cold and dampness. Be sure to take at least two pairs of comfortable shoes to provide a change in the event your feet become wet, a pair of rubbers, an umbrella, and a sweater or some warm wrap to be used should the weather become uncomfortably cool. It is very desirable that, in addition to the sweater, you have with you a full length coat of medium weight for general wear.

The shortages of suitable facilities for laundry and the frequency of the moves you will make while in Europe will make it impracticable to secure as frequent service of this nature as may be desired. You should therefore provide yourself with sufficient Underwear, nightgowns, stockings and handkerchiefs to meet your requirements should it be impossible to have your washing done more frequently than once in two weeks.

If you will read carefully the suggestions made above, and comply with them, it will add greatly to your comfort throughout the trip and will assist the Government in carrying out successfully its plans for conducting the pilgrimage. This letter is being sent to every mother and widow who has accepted the invitation sent to her by the Government to visit the grave of her son or husband.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Curry, John V.

May 16 1929.

Mrs. Sara F. Curry,  
102 Henry St.,  
Plains,  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

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 Second Lieutenant John V. Curry, Co. E, 28th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Bony, Aisne, 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,

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

QM 293 A-C

Curry, John V. 636

June 9, 1930.

Mrs. Sara F. Curry  
102 Henry St.  
Plains, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of June 4, 1930, advising that it will be impossible to change your sailing date from June 25th to August 30th, when making the pilgrimage to the grave of the late John V. Curry.

In this connection, you are advised that your name has been retained on the list of mothers and widows scheduled to sail on the SS "Republic", June 25, 1930, and arrangements will be made accordingly.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Curry, John V-636

June 6, 1930

Mrs. Sara Frances Curry,  
102 Henry St.,  
Plains, Pa.

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. Wilkesbarre Train No. 30	(Lehigh ValleyRR)	7:50 AM	June 24
Ar. New York (Penna. Sta.)		12:10 PM	June 24

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.

OM 293 A-0  
Curry, John V. - 636

June 3, 1930.

Mrs. Sara Frances Curry,  
102 Henry St.,  
Plains, Pa.

Dear Madam:

This office has not yet received your passport for use in connection with your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe.

It is imperative that every mother or widow making this pilgrimage, whether an American citizen or not, have a passport issued and in the hands of this office before she begins her trip.

Please comply as early as possible with the instructions shown in form letter attached, or if you have heretofore taken this action advise this office to that effect.

Should the clerk of the court not have been furnished with "Special Pilgrimage Passport" applications, please request him to take the matter up at once with the Passport Bureau, Room 170, State, War and Navy Building, Washington, D. C., and he will be furnished with these forms.

The person to whom you should apply is the Clerk of the Common Pleas Court at Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne Co., Pa.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Col. Corps,  
Assistant.

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QM 293 A-C  
Curry, John V. 636

June 2, 1930

Mrs. Sara F. Curry,  
102 Henry Street,  
Plains, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 21  
advising that you have made a previous trip to the grave of  
your son, the late Lieutenant John V. Curry.

You are advised that Section 2 (b) of the Act of  
March 2, 1929, reads as follows: "But no mother or widow  
who has previous to the pilgrimage visited cemeteries described  
in section 1 shall be entitled to make any such pilgrimage, \*\*\*".

However, an amendment to this Act became a law under  
date of May 15, 1930, and Section 2 was amended to read in part  
"Upon acceptance of the invitation the mother or widow shall be  
entitled to make one such pilgrimage at Government expense."

In view of the fact that an invitation has been for-  
warded you to sail on the SS "Republic" June 25, 1930, which  
invitation has been accepted by you, arrangements are being  
made for you to make the pilgrimage at that time.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 298 A-C  
Curry, John V. 836

June 2, 1930

Mrs. Sara Frances Curry  
102 Henry Street  
Plains, Pennsylvania

Dear Madam:

The acceptances from the mothers and widows who are to make the pilgrimage to France, sailing on the SS REPUBLIC, June 25, 1930, are far in excess of the number anticipated, and due to this fact this boat will be somewhat crowded and the accommodations will not be as satisfactory as The War Department desires to furnish. Over 300 women have accepted invitations to sail on this boat and it is desired if possible to reduce this number to around 200 by voluntary transfers of women who are booked to sail.

Much more comfortable accommodations can be furnished on the SS REPUBLIC, sailing August 30, 1930, and should you change your sailing date to August 30th, a more comfortable trip can be assured.

If you desire to change from June 25th to August 30th, please notify this office at once, in order that the necessary adjustments can be made.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Curry, John V. 636-M  
Republic 6/25

May 12, 1930

Mrs. Sara Frances, Curry  
102 Henry Street  
Plains, Pa.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not furnished the name of your Emergency Addressee as requested in letter of instructions from this office.

It is requested that in the blank space below you write the name and address of the person in the United States whom you desire to be notified in case you become seriously ill or other emergency arises while you are making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

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Name

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Address

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Curry, John V. 636-M  
Republic 6-25

May 9, 1930

Mrs. Sara Frances Curry,  
102 Henry St.,  
Plains, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Requests for stop-overs on return from the pilgrimage to the American cemeteries in Europe are being received by this office, in some cases, too late to take action.

Transportation arrangements for the round-trip are made a month before departure and requests for stop-overs on return must be in this office at that time.

Stop-overs can not be allowed on the trip to New York or in Europe, but may be allowed at any point on return from New York provided there is no additional cost or, if there is, that it is paid in advance by the pilgrim.

If you desire stop-overs at any point on return, please advise this office AT ONCE as to the cities where you desire to stop and we will be glad to arrange accordingly, or advise you if there is any additional cost to be paid by you. Send your request direct to this office and do NOT include it with your passport application.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Curry, John V. 636 M

April 11, 1930.

Mrs. Sara Frances Curry,  
102 Henry St.,  
Plains, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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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.

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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.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

April 11, 1930.

Curry, John V. 636 M

Mrs. Sara Frances Curry,  
102 Henry St.,  
Plainfield, N. J.

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  
Curry, John V 636 -M

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Sara Frances Curry,  
102 Henry Street,  
Plains, Pennsylvania.

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

Curry, John V.  
636

August 28, 1929.

Mrs. Sara F. Curry,  
102 Henry St.,  
Plains,  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 16, 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  
Curry, John V.

May 16, 1929.

Mrs. Sara F. Curry,  
102 Henry St.,  
Plains,  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

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 **Second Lieutenant John V. Curry, Co. E, 28th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Bony, Aisne, 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.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-C

February 28, 1927.

CURRY, John V. - 2nd Lt.

Mrs. Sara F. Curry,  
102 Henry Street,  
Plains, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

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 overseas military cemetery is to be maintained by the United States for all time. The graves will be permanently marked by white headstones inscribed with the name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves, as soon as possible, and without necessity 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 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.

K. J. HAMPTON,  
Lt. Col. Q.M.G.  
Assistant.

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25/560/EYS

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE April 6, 1928

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 CURRY, John V.
- 2. No. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Rank 2nd Lieut.
- 4. Org. Co. E, 28th Inf.
- 5. D.D. May 30, 1918
- 6. C.D. KIA
- 10. Name \_\_\_\_\_
- 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_
- 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_
- 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) D.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

- 7. Grave No. 14 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Plot Block A Row 26
- 9. \_\_\_\_\_
- 15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_
- 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_
- 17. \_\_\_\_\_
- 18. Cemetery Somme
- 19. Commune or town Bony
- 20. Dept. or County Aisne
- 21. Country France
- 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. #636
- 23. Disinterred (Date) April 6, 1928 By J.J. DILLON
- 24. Inscription on grave marker:
  - Name CURRY, John W. Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_
  - Rank 2nd Lieut. Organization Co. E, 26th Inf.
- 25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? \_\_\_\_\_ On body? \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

- 26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).
- 27. Condition of body \_\_\_\_\_
- 28. Nature of burial metallic casket
- 29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? \_\_\_\_\_
- 30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date April 6, 1928 By J.J. DILLON
- 31. Casket sealed by J.J. DILLON

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

*J.J. Dillon*  
J.J. DILLON

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. \_\_\_\_\_

32. Designation of body: \_\_\_\_\_

Name CURRY, John W. ✓ Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

Rank 2nd Lieut. Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Co. E, 28th Inf.

33. Consigned to: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Permanent Cemetery Somme, Bony, Aisne

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) April 6, 1928 By J.J. DILLON

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 J.J. Dillon

J.J. DILLON

36. Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

To point of Concentration \_\_\_\_\_

(Name)

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

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

By G.R.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_

To Permanent Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_

(Name)

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

40. Received: Date \_\_\_\_\_

G.R.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

41. Reinterred April 6, 1928 Somme American Cty.

(Date)

42. Grave No. 6 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot Block A Row 26

G.R.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

J.F.V. Brady  
Superintendent.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF CURRY, John V. SERIAL NUMBER ---  
 RANK 2nd Lieutenant. ORGANIZATION Inf. Co. E, 28th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : April 6, 1928. From (give complete location) :  
Grave 14, Block A, Row 26.

By : Group Cty. Unit \_\_\_\_\_

3. Reburied (date) : April 6, 1928. In (give complete location) :  
Grave 6, Block A, Row 26.

By : Group Cty. Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial Metallic Casket.

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

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

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

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Weight (estimated) \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Hair—Color \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

Characteristics \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Hair on face—Color \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

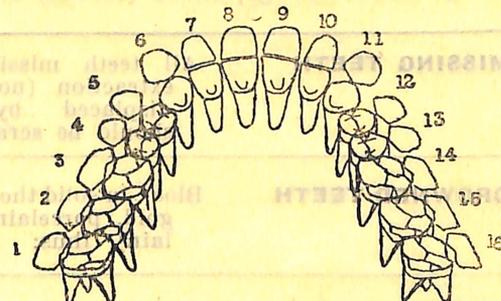
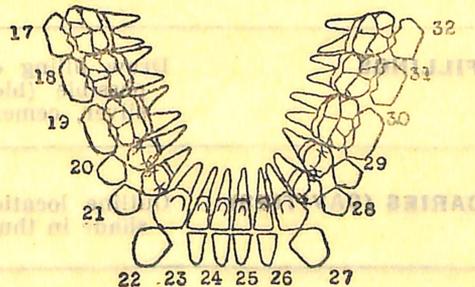


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



7. Disinterment supervised by J. J. Dillore

Approved : \_\_\_\_\_  
(Title) \_\_\_\_\_

8. Reburial supervised by J. J. Dillore  
3-7832

Approved : \_\_\_\_\_  
(Title) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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.

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<p><b>BRIDGE WORK</b> ..... Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus:</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD AND PORCELAIN BRIDGE      GOLD BRIDGE</p>
<p><b>FILLINGS</b> ..... Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">SILVER FILLING      GOLD FILLING GOLD FILLING      GOLD FILLING</p>
<p><b>CARIES (CAVITIES)</b> ..... Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">CAVITY DECAYED      DECAYED</p>
<p><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 ».</p>	

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

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

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**FOREIGN DEPARTMENT**  
THEODORE S. ELLIS, MANAGER

June 22, 1923.

CABLE ADDRESS:  
MINEBAN

War Department,  
Office of the Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Your reference QM 293 C-R----Curry, John V.  
2nd Lt.

Please accept our thanks for your letter of June  
21st covering the location of the grave of the above noted lieutenant.



Very truly yours,

*Theo. S. Ellis*

Manager Foreign Department.

*293 Curry, John V.*  
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*SW*

In reply refer to:  
CM 223 C-B  
Curry, John V. 2nd Lt.

o.k.

June 21, 1923.

Mr. Theo. S. Ellis,  
Mgr. Foreign Dept.  
Miners Bank of Wilkes-Barre,  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter dated May 25th 1923, addressed to the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. in Europe, and referred to this office for consideration, the Quartermaster General desires you to be advised that the remains of the late 2nd Lieutenant John V. Curry, Company E, 28th Infantry, have been permanently buried in Grave 14, Row 26, Block A, Somme American Cemetery, Bony, Department of Aisne, France.

The nearest railroad station to this cemetery, is St. Quentin, which is 17 kilometers (approximately 10 miles) from the cemetery. Motor car accommodations can be arranged in St. Quentin. This cemetery may be reached by railroad from Paris, station Gare-du-Nord, to St. Quentin, with frequent train service, about 2 hours ride.

If your clients will call at the office of the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, France, detailed information will be gladly furnished concerning all matters pertaining to traveling in France and visiting the graves of our soldier dead. An information service is maintained there for the purpose of assisting visitors to the graves of relatives or friends.

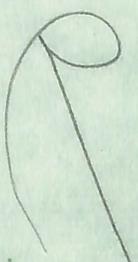
Very truly yours,

H. J. CONNER,  
Assistant.

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Q.M.C. Europe  
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JUN 21 1923  
M. H. V.



X 293 Ellis, Theodore S.

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Hq. A.G.R.S., Q.M.C. in E., 8 ave d'Iena, Paris, France, June 6th, 1923 - To:  
Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington, D. C.

1. For reply to writer. The records of this office show Lieutenant John Curry, Co. B, 28th Infantry buried in Grave 14, Block A, Row 26, Somme American Cemetery #636, Bony, Aisne.

2. With reference to information as to how to reach the cemetery, leaving from Paris railroad train is taken to St. Quentin from which point motor transportation must be used to get to Bony.



R. P. HARBOLD  
Chief

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*Curry, John B*

O.Q.M.C.

*R.H.H.*

*293 Curry, John B.*

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JUN 20 1923



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THEODORE S. ELLIS, MANAGER

May 25, 1923.

Chief, American Graves Registration Service,  
Q. M. C. In Europe,  
8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, France.

Dear Sir:

We have clients sailing from this country on July 18th, who wish to visit the grave of a relative, and we would appreciate any information which you could forward us to their use, as to how best to reach the cemetery and burial spot.

The deceased was

Lieutenant John B. Curry,  
Company E, 28th Regiment,  
First Division

and the information that they have is that he is buried at Somme, American Military Cemetery at Bony (Aisne).

These relatives will be deeply grateful to you for your reply.

Very truly yours,

*Theo. S. Ellis*

Manager Foreign Department.



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Original

Place *Villers Lornelle Comm*

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date *Dec 13-1920*

1. REMAINS OF *John V. Curry* SERIAL NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

RANK *2nd Lieut. Inf.* ORGANIZATION *Co E. 28th Inf.*

2. Disinterred (date): *Dec 13-1920* From (give complete location):

*Gr 85 Plot B - Cem 176 Villers Lornelle Comm*

By: Group *Three* Unit *See One*

3. Reburied (date): *Dec 13-1920* In (give complete location):

*Gr 162 Plot B Cem 176 Villers Lornelle Comm*

By: Group *Three* Unit *See One* Nature of reburial *2 blankets in pine box*

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

*In uniform in burials in pine box  
Badly decomposed*

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

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

*Officers "U.S." and "Infantry" collar ornaments.  
Body does not appear to be hospital case*

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) *Impossible to determine*

(b) Weight (estimated) *Impossible to estimate*

(c) Hair—Color *no hair on skull*

Quantity *do*

Characteristics *do*

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

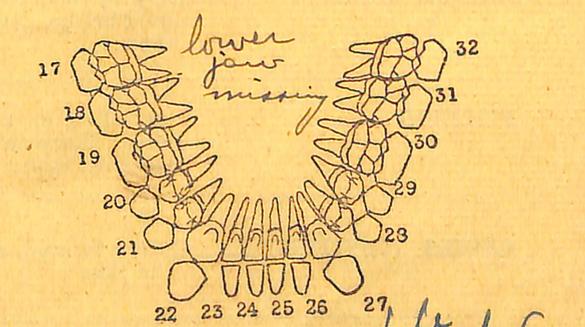
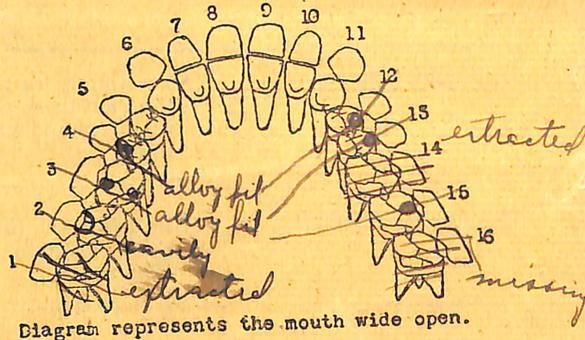
Location *do*

Quantity *do*

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

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

*skull badly fractured - lower jaw missing*



*file  
5/17/25  
D-30270*

7. Disinterment supervised by *Arthur B. Proctor* (Arthur B. Proctor, 1st Lt. QMC) Approved: *S. D. Campbell* (S. D. Campbell, Capt. Inf.) (Title) *M. of S. #1*

8. Reburial supervised by *Arthur B. Proctor* (Arthur B. Proctor, 1st Lt. QMC) Approved: *S. D. Campbell* (S. D. Campbell, Capt. Inf.) (Title) *M. of S. #1*

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<p><b>FILLINGS</b>.....Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">SILVER FILLING      GOLD FILLING</p>
<p><b>CARIES (CAVITIES)</b>.....Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">CAVITY DECAYED      DECAYED</p>
<p><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."</p>	

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

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G.R.S. FORM #114-A.

STATION Amiens, Somme

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Nov. 16, 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 CURRY, John V. 13

10. Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

3. Rank 2nd Lt. Inf.

12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_

4. Org. Co. E. 28th Inf.

13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_

5. D.D. May 30th 1918

14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_

6. C.D. KIA

(b) D.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 162 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_

8. Plot B Row \_\_\_\_\_

16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_

9. \_\_\_\_\_

17. no discrepancy

18. Cemetery American

19. Commune or town Villers Tournelle

20. Dept. or County Somme

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 176

23. Disinterred (Date) Nov. 16, 1921

By H. T. Geller

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name John V. Curry

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

Rank 2nd Lt. Inf.

Organization Co. E. 28th. Inf.

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

R. H. Albin  
Signature Junior Technical Assistant  
L. H. Albin.

PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).  
Body previously reburied . Strips and bottle record check with form 114-A.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Features not recognizable.

28. Nature of burial Blanket and wooden box.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? \_\_\_\_\_

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Nov. 16, 1921 By H. T. Geller

31. Casket sealed by \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) \_\_\_\_\_

H. T. Geller  
H. T. Geller  
**AUDITED BY**  
L. H. Albin 20 22-17-25

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-13467

32. Designation of body:

Name CURRY, John V. Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

Rank 2nd Lt. Inf. Organization Co. E. 28th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Somme American Cty. #636, Bony, Aisne

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Nov. 16, 1921 By H. T. Geiler

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 J. J. Powers

J. J. Powers, 1st. Lt. QMC GS

36. Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Nov. 16, 1921

To point of Concentration Amiens, Somme

(Name)

Convoyer Charles Herzbach Signature Shipping Officer J. J. Powers

J. J. Powers, 1st. Lt. QMC

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Nov. 16, 1921

By G.R.S. Representative Hubert W. Beyette, Capt. QMC

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 21 NOV. 1921

To Permanent Cemetery No 636, Bony, Aisne

(Name)

Convoyer S. C. Stewart Signature Shipping Officer H. W. Beyette

H. W. Beyette, Capt. QMC

40. Received: Date 25 NOV 1921

G.R.S. Representative S. R. D.

41. Reinterred Oct. 26, 1922

(Date)

42. Grave No. 14 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot Block A Row 26

G.R.S. Representative D. E. Lowry

D. E. LOWRY, 1st. Lt. QMC..

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF CURRY, John V SERIAL NUMBER --  
RANK 2nd.Lt.Inf. ORGANIZATION Co E. 23 Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Nov. 16, 1921 From (give complete location): Gr. 162, Plot B. Amer.Mil.Cem. 176, Villers Tournelle, Somme

By: Group 3 Unit F.S. 8

3. Reburied (date): Oct. 26, 1922 In (give complete location): Grave no. 14, Row 26, Block A, Somme Am. Cty. 636, Bony (Aisne)

By: Group Reburial Unit D.E. LOWRY, 1st Lt. QMC. Nature of reburial

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Wrapped in blanket and in wooden box.  
Skeleton disarticulated. Features unrecognizable.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:  
Body previously reburied by Field Section. Metal strips and bottle record agree with form 114.-A.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to estimate

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

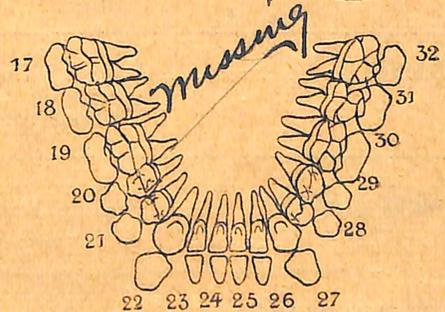
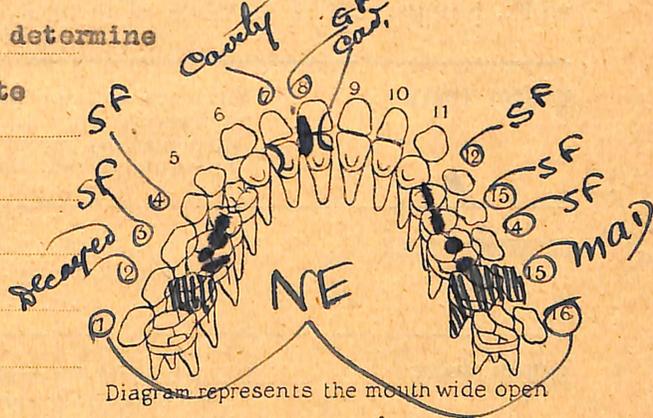
Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color none visible

Location -

Quantity -

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



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) Lower jaw missing. Head shattered.

Checker: L. H. Albin,

7. Disinterment supervised by H. T. Coiler, S.E. Approved: J. J. Powers, 1st Lt. QMC  
(Title) Insp.

8. Reburial supervised by [Signature] Approved: D. E. Lowry  
(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.

**MISSING TEETH** ..... All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus:



**CROWNED TEETH** ..... Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:



**BRIDGE WORK** ..... Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus:



**FILLINGS** ..... Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:



**CARIES (CAVITIES)** ..... Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:



**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"

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 4166

Returned 5/22/22  
Concentration  
Sonne # 636  
Moss 6-8-22

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name CURRY, John V. Ser. No. ---  
(b) Rank 2nd Lt. Organization Co. E, 28th Inf.  
(c) Date of death 5-30-18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. DB  
CKR.

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

(a) Grave No. 85 Row --- Plot --- Sec. B TYP. DB  
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. John V. Curry, (Wife) Wilkesboro, Pa.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases NO CARD CKR. JGL

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Sara F. Curry (b) Relationship mother  
(c) Address 102 Henry St. Plains, Pa. (near Wilkes Barre Pa.)  
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S. ~~See~~ *yes*  
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at *yes*  
(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. ---

OK  
AES

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

Examiner's Initials *BBP* Date 9-15-1920

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

dated

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

*no correspondence*

Examiner's Initials *BBP* Date 9-15-1920

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

*Mother Mrs Sara F. Curry  
102 Henry St. Plains, Luz Co Pa, near Wilkes Barre (3-5-20)*

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? *yes*

Examiner's Initials *HW* Date 9-15-1920

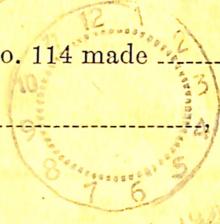
COUNTRY FRANCE

CEMETERY No. 176

SHEET No. 96

Checked by 2-15-21

CENTRAL DIVISION  
OVERSEAS MAIL SECTION



VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_ Checked by \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on 9/24, 1920

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

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*Form 120-10/20/20 Mother changes her address to Sara F. Curry, 102 Henry St., Plains, Pa. and requests Body remain in France. no widow or children but no mention of father.*

*10/21/20 - Letter from mother requests body remain in France.*

*10/25/20 - Letter to mother re father's consent if living - (10-27-20-8)*

*Letter 10/27/20 from mother states soldier's father died Aug. 24, 1898 and mother desires Body Remain in France.*

*B W P E; - Mrs. Sara Frances Curry (Mother)*

*Parsons Plains, Pa*

NOV 23 1920

TO REMAIN IN EUROPE.

*C. M. P-7-21B)*

182 Henry St  
Plainfield Pa

October 27, 1920

176-98

Graves Registration Service  
Hoboken New Jersey.

Dear Sirs -

In answer to your letter of October 25,  
I wish to tell you that Gilbert V. Curry  
father of Lt. John V. Curry Co E. 28th Inf.  
died August 24, 1898.

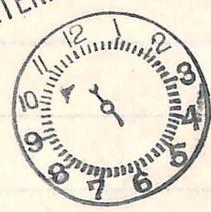
Yours respectfully  
Sara F. Curry

P.S.

My wish is that the body of my  
boy will rest in a permanent  
American Cemetery in France,  
Sara F. Curry

noted  
7/15  
29-20  
S.C.H.

CEMETERIAL DIVISION



OCT 29 20

WAR DEPARTMENT  
 QUARTERMASTER CORPS  
 Cemeterial Division, Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C.  
 Room 350, Pier 2, Hoboken, N. J.

October 25, 1920.

File No. 293.8 Cemeterial Division,  
 ( CURRY, John V. )

Mrs. Sara F. Curry,  
 102 Henry Street,  
 Plains, Pa.

Dear Madam:-

Before this office can comply with your wishes that the remains of your son, the late Lieutenant John V. Curry, Co. E. 28th Infantry, be left in France, it is necessary that you state definitely whether or not the late soldier is survived by a father, and if so, kindly furnish his name and address.

If the late soldier is so survived, it is necessary that the father concurs with your wish that the remains be left in France.

Your early reply, using the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage, will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. E. SHANNON,  
 CAPTAIN, Q. M. CORPS.  
 OFFICER IN CHARGE.

BY: *Clay S. Worick*

CLAY S. WORICK,  
 CAPTAIN, A. G. D.

*10/27*  
 Noted on Form No. 115

Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Dear Sirs*

*I am writing this on the same letter you sent me so that there will be no misunderstanding. Gilbert V. Curry father of Lt. John V. Curry, Co. E, 28th Inf. died Aug 24, 1898.*

*Yours respectfully*

*p.s. I am desirous that the body of my boy be left in France.*  
*Sara F. Curry*

GEMETERIAL DIVISION



ОКТОБРИ 29 1930

СОВЕТСКИЙ СОЮЗ  
МИНИСТЕРСТВО  
ВНЕШНИХ ДЕЛ

Ваше письмо от 25 октября 1930 года получено.

В ответ на ваше письмо от 22 октября 1930 года сообщаем, что...

Ввиду того, что в настоящее время в Москве отсутствуют...

Ваше предложение рассматривается в установленном порядке...

С уважением,

Секретарь  
М. И. Смирнов

(Секрет)  
Министерство иностранных дел СССР

ОКТОБРИ 29 1930

С. И. Смирнов  
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CAPTAIN, Q. M. CORPS.  
OFFICER IN CHARGE.

By:-

CLAY S. WORICK,  
CAPTAIN, A. G. D.

Mailed - O.P.D.  
98  
OCT 25 1920

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noted on 115  
10-27-20 - 98

102 Henry St. Plaine, Luz. Co. Pa.

October 21, 1920.

176-96  
noted  
10-22-20

Graves Registration Bureau  
Hoboken N. J.

Dear Sirs -

I received a paper yesterday which I signed and returned to you with the request that I wished my boy's body to be buried in a permanent American Cemetery in France. I had already received a letter from the government telling me that my wishes in that matter had been filed with the government and I was quite nervous and worried about it. I am writing this to tell you that I want the body left in France. I can't understand why I should receive that notice as I had been assured that my request in that matter would be attended to.

Yours respectfully  
Sara F. Curry  
mother of St. John V. Curry  
Co E, 28th Inf.

10/22

CEMETERIAL DIVISION



OCT 22 20

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

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C.  
To: Mrs. John V. Curry, Wilkesboro, Pennsylvania.  
SUBJECT: Remains of 2nd Lt. John V. Curry, Co. E, 28 Inf.

*date*  
*noted*  
*11-15-20*  
*N.E.K.*  
*over*

The records of this office show that you have requested that this body of Sara F. Curry (mother) of 102 Henry St., Plains, Pa. requested body returned to United States and interred in National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia. *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.
<del>Is soldier's widow re-married?</del>			
<del>Soldier's widow</del>			
Soldier's children (Name oldest first.)			
1			
2			
3			
Father			
Mother Mrs. Sara F. Curry	102 Henry St	Plains	Pennsylvania
Brothers (Name oldest first.)			
1 Frank J. Curry	4 West 92nd St	New York	N. Y.
2			
3			
Sisters (Name oldest first.)			
1 Isabel J. Curry	102 Henry St	Plains	Pennsylvania
2			
3			

Date October 20, 1920 Signature Sara F. Curry  
Address 102 Henry St Plains, Pa. Relationship Mother

CEMETERY DIVISION



OCT 21 20

October 20, 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. To be buried 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 \_\_\_\_\_ and buried in \_\_\_\_\_ National Cemetery.~~

4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

*I desire to have the body remain in France in a permanent American Cemetery*

Signature Sara F. Curry

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.

3-7800

WASHINGTON  
SERVICES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNMENT GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WAR DEPARTMENT

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

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C.  
 To: Mrs. John V. Curry, Wilkesboro, Pennsylvania.  
 SUBJECT: Remains of 2nd Lt. John V. Curry, Co. E, 28 Inf.

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<b>Is soldier's widow re-married?</b> Soldier's widow			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Father			
Mother			
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		

Date

Signature

Address

Relationship

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ I, the undersigned, am the \_\_\_\_\_ and nearest living relative of the within-named  
(Relationship.)

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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



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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION

*Please push.*

*C-21827*

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

CURRY, John V.

2nd Lt.

176 - 96.

2/16/21.

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

Co. E, 28th Inf.

D-D. 5-30-18.

*Copy sent  
to all kept  
3-9-21*

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

*Mrs. Sara Frances Curry*

*Mother*

Address

*Parsons P. O. Plains, Penna.*

S/709/LML

*[Faint handwritten notes and stamps at the top of the page]*

SECTION NO: 1  
FEB 25 1921  
INSURANCE DIV.

SECTION NO  
MAR 2  
WAR RISK INSURANCE  
Office of the Director  
FEB 18 1921  
MAIL SECTION

D-D-1-30-18  
00-8-30-18

R-9

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

UNIT

GRADE

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CERTIFICATE NO

DATE

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
GENERAL INVESTIGATION  
DIVISION

*[Circular stamp with illegible text]*

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G.R.S. #106  
DISPOSITION OF BODY

War Department  
Office of the Quartermaster General.  
Graves Registration Service  
Washington, D.C.

March 15, 1920

For information of:

- (a) The Adjutant General of the Army
- (b) G.R.S., Paris, France.
- (c) Office Files.
- (d) Photographic Section.

Case of:

2nd Lt. John V. Curry,  
Co. E, 28th Inf.

Grave Location:

Grave 85, Sect. B, Amer.Cty/  
Villers, Somme.

Request for actions checked below:

- (a) Return of Body to the U.S.
- (b) Permanent Burial in France.
- (c) Cancellation of former requests.
- (d) Change of address.
- (e) Photograph of grave.

has been made by:

Mrs. Sara F. Curry, (Mother)  
102 Henry St., Plains,  
Luz. County, Penna .

By authority of the Quartermaster General

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

Chief, Graves Registration Service.

NS-2992/L



CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
REGISTRATION SECTION

Nov. 3. 192 1.

FILE

MEMO FOR:

Cards Department.

1.

CASE OF:

Co. E, 28th Inf.

ORGANIZATION (Old)

CURRY, John V. 2nd. Lt.

(Name)

Correction or additional data changes as shown below have been made on the Registration Card of the above-mentioned soldier and a corresponding change will be necessary on the Organization Card:

ORGANIZATION (New)

FILE NO.

SURNAME

SERIAL NUMBER

FIRST NAME AND INITIALS

RANK

DATE OF DEATH

CAUSE OF DEATH

	Date	Place	F-1A No.
Orig.			D-
1st. Reb.			D-
2nd Reb.	12/13/20	176	D- 30270
3rd Reb.			D-

FILE

(Note: In the above spaces below double line fill in ONLY the new date and data correcting previous information)

BY: Miss Lannon

Card.

(Department)

5 x 8 card was sent to file.

Corrections made  
on Organization  
File Card:

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March 17, 1920.

4166-Inquiry Branch-(Curry, John V., 2nd Lieut.)

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

Mrs. Sara F. Curry, 102 Henry St., Plains, Luz. County, Pa.

Request for permanent Interment in France.

FILED

1. In reply to your letter of March 5th, 1920, you are advised that cancellation of your former request for the return to the United States of the remains of your son, 2nd Lieutenant John V. Curry, has been noted and record has been made of your request that the remains of this soldier be permanently interred in France.

2. Your attention is invited to the fact that the remains of this soldier are now interred in Grave #85, Section B, American Cemetery at Villers, Department of the Somme, having been transferred from the American Cemetery at Cantigny, Department of the Somme. It is, therefore, impossible to grant your request that this officer be permanently interred where he fell. Though no definite plans have been announced it is proposed that the bodies of all of our soldier dead remaining in France will be concentrated in one of several large cemeteries, which will remain permanently under the maintenance of the United States Government and will be decorated and beautified under the direction of the National Commission of Fine Arts.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Colonel, U. S. Army,  
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

By:

CHARLES J. WYNNE,  
Captain, C.M.C.

ACS:BG:KK  
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

C. S. S. MAILED  
MAR 20 1920

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WAR DEPARTMENT,  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,

MEMORANDUM,

REFERRED TO  
FOR:

*Col Perce  
y R S*

~~Memo. for Secy.~~

~~Draft of reply.~~

Direct reply.

SECY.'S OFFICE.



A. E. C. TALLY

Bodies of soldiers & others, reg.  
that they remain in France  
# 43.

Received - - Inq. Dept.

102 Henry St, Plains Pa, Mar. 5, 1920

War Department,  
Washington D. C.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE  
MAR 9 - 1920  
WAR DEPARTMENT

Dear Sirs -

I filled out a card and sent it to you saying that I would like to have my son Lt. John V. Curry, Co. E, 28th Infantry, who was killed at Cantigny May 28 (officially noted May 30) brought home and placed in a National cemetery.

I have reconsidered that and I want him to rest where he fell and I wish you would send me a card that I can fill out to that effect to be filed in your records and destroy the first one.

Respectfully Yours  
Mrs. Sara F. Curry - (mother)

Mrs. Sara F. Curry  
102 Henry St -  
Plains Luz. Co. Pa,  
near Walkers-Barre,

ASSISTANT AND CHIEF CLERK  
MAR - 9 1920  
5 WAR DEPT.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE & STORAGE  
WASHINGTON

3/17/20

ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY

\_\_\_\_\_ Circumstances of Death  
(Par. #2, Bul. 10-C-W)

\_\_\_\_\_ Liberty Bonds  
(G.R.S. Form 111)

\_\_\_\_\_ Flowers, Flags, etc.  
(Par. #6, Bul. 10-C-W)

\_\_\_\_\_ War Risk Insurance  
(G.R.S. Form 111)

\_\_\_\_\_ Monument  
(Par. #6, Bul. 10-C-W)

\_\_\_\_\_ Photographs  
(Par. #11, Bul. 10-C-W)

\_\_\_\_\_ Discrepancies in Inscription  
(Par. #9, Bul. 10-C-W)

\_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Burial In  
 (a) France (G.R.S. Form 106)

\_\_\_\_\_ Personal Effects  
(G.R.S. Form 111)

\_\_\_\_\_ (b) Other Countries

\_\_\_\_\_ Accrued Pay  
(G.R.S. Form 111)

Return of Bodies From

\_\_\_\_\_ (a) France (G.R.S. Form 106)  
(Par. #12, Bul. 10-C-W)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (b) Other countries

\_\_\_\_\_ Maintenance  
(Par. #7, Bul. 10-C-W)

Remarks: G.L.

NOTE: In addition to information furnished on Nos. 1, 6, 11, and 12, G.R.S. Form 101-A (Information Blank), supply data on the following:

Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15.

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Analysis Clerk.

File #4166.

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

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May 15th 1919.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.  
TO : Cpl. Walter Davis, 7th F.A. Brigade Hqrs. A.P.O. 793,  
American E.F.  
SUBJECT : 1st Lieut. John Curry, 28th Infantry, American E.F.

1. In reply to your letter of inquiry, I am very sorry to have to inform you that my field forces has not as yet succeeded in obtaining any definite burial information regarding this soldier. You may rest assured that every possible effort will be made to locate the grave, and, if necessary, a special search will be made of the area where he died and is, no doubt buried.

2. Careful note is being made of your name and address, and immediately the burial information is received, you will be informed.

By direction:

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

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

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

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NAME

John Curry

FILE NUMBER

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SERIAL NUMBER

RANK

ORGANIZATION

1st Lieut

28th Inf

NO.

QUESTION

REPLY

- 1. Do particulars of soldier given above agree with records? *Yes.*
- 2. Date of Death
- 3. Grave Location: *No Burial report.*
- 4. Who reported burial?
- 5. Confirmed by G.R.S.? *Yes*
- 6. How is grave marked?
- 7. Identification Tags:
  - (a) Buried with Body?
  - (b) Attached to grave marker?
- 8. Emergency address:
- 9. Has above been notified? (Give date).

ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY

Flowers, flags etc.  
(Par. #5, Bul, 10-B)

Effects(G.R.S. Form Nos  
7 & 7-A)

Monuments (Par. #6, Bul.  
10-B)

Accrued Pay (G.R.S.  
Forms 19 & 22)

Disinterments (Par. #8,  
Bul. 10-B)

Liberty Bonds  
(G.R.S. Forms 21 & 22)

Circumstances of death  
(G.R.S. Form No. 6)

War Risk Insurance  
(G.R.S. Forms 20 & 22)

Photograph requested  
(File 004.5)

Disposition of Remains  
(a) Return to U.S.) Form 23

Grave Location *Ch. de*

(b) Remain in France Form 24

(c) Miscellaneous letter

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REMARKS:

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HEADQUARTERS  
SEVENTH FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE  
A.P.O.793

April 26th, 1919.

From: Cpl. Walter Davis, 7th F.A. Brigade Hqrs.,  
A.P.O.793, Amer. E.F.

To: Chief, Graves Registration Service,  
American E.F.

Subject: Location of Grave.

Kindly advise as soon as possible,  
location of grave of 1st. Lieut. John Curry,  
28th Infantry, who was killed May 30th, 1918  
at the Battle of Cantigny.

*Walter Davis*

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HEADQUARTERS  
SEVENTH FIELD ARTILLERY  
A.P.O. 793



From:

Cpl. Walter Davis, 7th Bn. A.P.O. 793, Amer. H.Q.

To:

Chief, Graves Registration Service, American H.Q.

Subject:

Location of Grave.

Kindly advise as soon as possible location of grave of 1st Lieut. John Curry, 28th Infantry, who was killed May 30th, 1918 at the Battle of Cantigny.

*John Curry*

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

Reference - 4166.

April 14th, 1919.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.  
TO : Q.M. Sgt. M. McNirce, Hqrs. Co. 346 Labor Bn., A.P.O. 705, American E.F.  
SUBJECT : 2nd Lieut. John V. Curry, Co. E, 26th Infantry, American E.F.

1. In reply to your letter of inquiry, I am very sorry to have to inform you that my field force has not as yet succeeded in obtaining any definite burial information regarding this soldier. You may rest assured that every possible effort will be made to locate the grave, and, if necessary, a special search will be made of the area where he died and is, no doubt, buried.

2. Careful note is being made of your name and address, and immediately the burial information is received, you will be informed.

By direction

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

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

MBD-gg.

Per

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

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

FILE NUMBER 4166

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FROM:- A.R.C.

DATE: 2/20/19

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following ~~soldier~~:

NAME CURRY, JOHN V. NUMBER

RANK 2<sup>nd</sup> LT. ORGANIZATION Co. E, 28<sup>th</sup> INF.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
✓ 1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	1. Yes. CURRY John V. 2nd Lieut. Co. E 28th Inf.
✓ 2.	Date of Death.	2. 5/30/18.
✓ 3.	Cause and place of death.	3. k/a.
✓ 4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	4. 175.
✓ 5.	Date buried.	5. Not given.
✓ 6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.	6. Not given.
7.	Who reported burial.	
✓ 8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	⑧ no
✓ 9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	9. Not shown.
✓ 10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	10. Not shown.
11.	Who is nearest relative?!	
✓ 12.	His N/R been notified? (Give Date)	12. No.
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the Photograph No. ?	

N.B. All Proper names to be printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.

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

March 27, 1919.

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.  
TO: Home Communication Section A. R. C., Paris.  
SUBJECT: Lieut. John V. Curry, Co. E., 28th Infantry.

Burial information not yet advised. Inquiry is being made, the result of which will be communicated to you in due course.

By direction

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

per

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

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Capt. Dix,  
Graves Registration Bureau  
AMERICAN RED CROSS AP 717

Paris,..... Feb. 5, 1919.

Name of Soldier: John V. Curry

Rank: 2d Lieut.

Company: Co. F

Regiment: 28th Inf.

Forward Burial Report to  
"Bureau of Communication" for  
Miss Helen Hayes,  
825th N. Main Avenue,  
Scranton, Pa.

Burial report required for Paris.

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Capt. Dix,  
Graves Registration Bureau  
APO 717  
AMERICAN RED CROSS

Feb. 5, 1919.  
Paris, .....

Name of Soldier: John V. Curry,

Rank: 2d Lieut.

Company: Co. E

Regiment: 28th Inf.

Forward Burial Report to  
"Bureau of Communication" for  
Cpl. Walter Davis,  
Hdqrs. 7th F. A. Brigade  
APO 779

Burial report required for Paris.

ADD



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

FILE NUMBER 4166

FROM:-

DATE: 3/18/19

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME CURRY, JOHN V.

NUMBER

RANK 2nd.Lt.

ORGANIZATION Co.E.28th. INF.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	① yes
2.	Date of Death.	② 5-30-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	③ KIA
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	④ CC# 175
5.	Date buried.	
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.	
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	
11.	Who is nearest relative?	
12.	Has M/R been notified? (Give Date)	
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	

⑪ Mrs. JOHNNY CURRY (WIFE)  
WILKESBORO, PA.

⑫ No

No Burial INFO

3-20-19

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