

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 4-12-22

File No. 87369 Registration.

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

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

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

- a. Surname **MURPHY**
- b. Christian name **Joseph H.**
- c. Serial Number **1235177**
- d. Organization **Co. A, 109th Inf.**
- e. Rank **Opl.**
- f. Date of death **7-30-18**
- g. Cause of death **K/A**
- h. Authority (C.O.#) **518 also 539-27**
- i. Emergency address **Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy, 547 No 65 St., Phila., Pa.**
- j. Relationship **mother**

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- a. Age of enlistment **26 yrs / mo.**
- b. Color of eyes **Blue**
- c. Color of hair **Brown**
- d. Height **65 in.**
- e. Weight **135 lbs.**

DENTAL CHARTS

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

- a. Strike out teeth missing
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f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)

*Rt middle and ring fingers
slightly deformed from playing baseball.*

DS slip attached to file papers

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

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CEMETERY NO:

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BY:

Charles J. Wynne
Charles J. Wynne,
Captain, Q.M.C., U.S.A.

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Murphy
Joseph H.*

Address reply to

WAR DEPARTMENT

PURCHASE, STORAGE, AND TRAFFIC DIVISION
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE
WASHINGTON

Division

DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE
Munitions Building

No:
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CODE SLIP



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DIVISION	<i>28</i>	2	<i>28</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>109</i>	3	<i>109</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARITAL	<i>No</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Murphy</i>	<i>MUR</i>	3	<i>3 12 8</i>
<i>Mrs Elizabeth</i> RESIDENCE <i>84 1/2 Kenmore Road</i>	STATE <i>Pennsylvania</i>	2	<i>44</i>
	COUNTY <i>Phil</i>	2	<i>51</i>
	CITY <i>W. Phil</i>	3	<i>220</i>
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Bad</i>	1	<i>2</i>
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 12, 1932.

Murphy, Joseph H. (AM-U)

Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy,
842 Kenmore Road,
W. Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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


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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours


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

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

No
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Elizabeth Murphy

O. M. 275 a-m. Phila. Pa.
Murphy, Joseph H. Am. U. m. 3/22/32.

Dear Sir,

I am sorry but I must decline the invitation for the trip abroad for all time.

My complaint is such that sick stomach must be avoided above all. I dare not disregard my advice about such a trip.

I feel that I must not put my daughters under the strain of knowing

I am going against the
warning I have had.

We have already gone
through so much sorrow
and grief.

I am writing so that the
quota ^{may be} made up without
reference to my case.

I am sorry that it must
be, but I am sure you
will understand how we
all feel about it.

I sincerely thank you again
even though I cannot go.

Very Truly Yours
Elizabeth Murphy
842 Kenmore Rd.
Phila Pa



QM 293 A-M
Murphy, Joseph H. (MA U)

March 18, 1932

Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy,
842 Kenmore Road,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 14th, advising that you are unable to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in honor of your son, the late Corporal Joseph H. Murphy, during the coming summer.

It is deeply regretted that your health will not permit you to make the journey at this time, and it is sincerely hoped that you will improve rapidly.

The pilgrimage was authorized by Congress in an endeavor to bring a measure of peace and solace to the hearts of the mothers and widows whose loved ones made the supreme sacrifice during the World War, and it would seem from the many letters received from women who have made the journey that this effort has not been in vain. I am sure that you too would derive a great degree of consolation from a visit to the battlefields of France where your sons gave their lives for their country.

You will be communicated with again relative to your desire to make the journey when pilgrimages are being arranged for 1933, which is the last year for which they are authorized.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Phila. Pa. 3/14/32,
842 Kenmore Rd

Q. M. 293 A-M.

~~Murphy, Joseph H. (A M 26)~~

Dear Sir,

not on '32 invit. list

It is with regret that I have to decline your invitation to visit the place where my son's lost their lives. My health is such that my doctor and family think it very unwise for me to take a sea voyage.

lot here, It is indeed a
splendid thing our Govern-
ment has done for us Irish-
ers, and I thank all who
in any way helped to make
the trip possible for us even
though I cannot accept my-
self.

Thanking you again
and for all past consid-
erations,

I am very truly
Yours,

Elizabeth Murphy.

My trouble being stomach and
heart.

I should like to see that
Chapel very much indeed.
I wish we could have
something like it here.
I visited Gettysburg and
felt pleased and honored
to see my father-in-law
name inscribed on the
Pennsylvania Monument
there.

Of course my other son
was sent home and I
have him in our family



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MAR 18 1932

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QM 293 A-M
Murphy, Joseph H. (AM-U) M

March 7, 1932.

Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy,
842 Kennore Road,
West Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in honor of your son, the late Corporal Joseph H. Murphy. In reply to a questionnaire you advised that you did not desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer of 1932.

While it is regretted to advise that the remains of your son have not been located and you will understand no grave can be shown you as that of your son, there is more than an even chance that his remains have been recovered and lacking means of identification, have been interred in the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery in France under a cross inscribed: "Here Rests in Honored Glory an American Soldier Known but to God." The name of your son, together with the names of other veterans who lost their lives in this section and whose remains have not been located, will be inscribed in a memorial chapel which is now under construction in the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery and is expected to be completed during the coming summer. Should you make a pilgrimage, the itinerary prepared for you will include a visit to this cemetery.

It is noted you previously stated your health was poor, and in this connection you are assured that should you make a pilgrimage every consideration will be given your physical condition at all times. Properly qualified personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past two years many mothers who were in poor health and of advanced age made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that you would experience no difficulty in making the journey and it is sincerely hoped you will reconsider and decide to make a pilgrimage this

summer. In the event you decide to make the pilgrimage, it is requested that you notify this office at the earliest practicable date in order that the necessary arrangements may be made for you. You are assured that the journey will not only be made at the expense of the Government, but everything possible for your comfort and welfare will be provided.

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-AM
Murphy, Joseph H. Cpl.(AM-U) M

June 15, 1931

Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy,
842 Keamore Road,
W. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



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

No
Write answer here

Mrs Elizabeth Murphy
Sign here

No. M. 293 a - m. Philadelphia, Pa.
Murphy, Joseph. 1764
No. M. March 13th. 1931.

Dear Sir -

My son the late Corporal
Joseph Hooker Murphy Co. A. 109th.
Infantry was not married.
He always lived at home
with me.

He enlisted in the Army in ^{Sept,} 1912
and served until Sept. 1915 with
4 Casualty Troop B. at Fort Scho-
field, Honolulu, O. I.

He was called to serve in the
World War Sept. 1917 and was
killed in action July 30, 1918. He
lived at home again during the
two years 1915 to 1917.

I hope this information will

be satisfactory and if there is
any further information I can
give you I will gladly do ~~so~~.
so.

Yours truly
Elizabeth Murphy
842 Kenmore Rd.
West Phila., Pa.



Phila. Pa.

Sept. 4th /30

To The —

Quartermaster General,

Dear Sir —

I would indeed like
to make the pilgrimage
to the Country where
my son's died for their
Country,

My doctor has for-
bidden the trip as

accept the invitation under different conditions

Thanking you for this and all other attentions I have received

I am

Yours truly

Elizabeth Murphy

842 Fernmore Rd.

Oakbrook, Phila.

Pa.

I suffer from a serious stomach trouble and other complaints which he tells me I had better not take any chances.

However I want to thank you and all who has made this possible for me Mother. I should be so very much pleased to

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

August 12, 1930.

Murphy Joseph H. 1764-U M Cpl.

Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy,
842 ~~Keamere~~ Road, *Remmore Rd*
W. Philadelphia, Pa.

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Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?

No

2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?

No

3. Please give your age and state your health.

Age *66 yrs*
Condition of Health *poor*

4. Do you speak English?

Yes

5. What other language do you speak?

None

For The Quartermaster General,

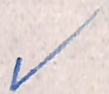


Very truly yours,

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

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WASHINGTON



IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Murphy, Joseph H. 1764 U M

June 26, 1930

Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy
842 ~~Keamore~~ Road *Kenmore Rd.*
W. Philadelphia, Penn.

Dear Madam:

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

This office has no record of any person entitled under the Act mentioned to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe as the mother or widow of the above named deceased service man. To complete the list of eligibles and to assure that, if the above named man is survived by a mother or widow entitled to make a pilgrimage she receive an invitation to do so, it is requested you answer the following questions in the space provided on this letter and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

2. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not remarried?

If so, give her name and address:

3. Is the deceased survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him according to the terms of Section 4 (a) of the enclosed Act as amended?

If so, give her name and address:

Elizabeth Murphy
842 Kenmore Rd
W. Phila. Pa.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

July 12, 1932.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Murphy, Joseph H. (AM-U)

Mrs. Elisabeth Murphy,
842 Kenmore Road,
W. Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

QM 293 A-M
Murphy, Joseph H. (MA U)

March 18, 1932

Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy,
842 Kenmore Road,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

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It is deeply regretted that your health will not permit you to make the journey at this time, and it is sincerely hoped that you will improve rapidly.

The pilgrimage was authorized by Congress in an endeavor to bring a measure of peace and solace to the hearts of the mothers and widows whose loved ones made the supreme sacrifice during the World War, and it would seem from the many letters received from women who have made the journey that this effort has not been in vain. I am sure that you too would derive a great degree of consolation from a visit to the battlefields of France where your sons gave their lives for their country.

You will be communicated with again relative to your desire to make the journey when pilgrimages are being arranged for 1933, which is the last year for which they are authorized.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Murphy, Joseph H. (AM-U) M

March 7, 1932.

Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy,
842 Kenmore Road,
West Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

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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-493-AM

June 15, 1931

Murphy, Joseph H. Cpl. (AM-U. M)

Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy,
842 Keamore Road,
W. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

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QM 293 A-M
Murphy, Joseph H. 1764 U M

March 11, 1931

Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy,
842 Kenmore Road,
W. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested that you advise whether or not the late Corporal Joseph H. Murphy is survived by a widow, and if so, her name and address.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

N. 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
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August 12, 1930.

Murphy Joseph H. 1764-U M Cpl.

Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy,
842 Keamore Road,
W. Philadelphia, Pa.

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

Dear Madam:

This office has no record of any party entitled under the Act mentioned above. Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?

2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?

3. Please give your age and state your health.

Age
Condition of Health

4. Do you speak English?

5. What other language do you speak?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Murphy, Joseph H. 1764 U M

June 26, 1930

Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy
842 Keamore Road
W. Philadelphia, Penn.

Dear Madam:

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

This office has no record of any person entitled under the Act mentioned to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe as the mother or widow of the above named deceased service man. To complete the list of eligibles and to assure that, if the above named man is survived by a mother or widow entitled to make a pilgrimage she receive an invitation to do so, it is requested you answer the following questions in the space provided on this letter and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

2. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not remarried?

If so, give her name and address:

3. Is the deceased survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him according to the terms of Section 4 (a) of the enclosed Act as amended?

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C

Murphy, Joseph, H.

July 27, 1925.

Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy,
511 N. 65th St.,
W. Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that receipt be acknowledged of your letter of June 25th, 1925, addressed to the Director of the Veterans' Bureau, and forwarded to this office for reply concerning the disposition of the remains of your son, the late Corporal Joseph H. Murphy, Company A, 109th Infantry.

This office regrets to have to inform you that the grave of your son has not as yet been located. The case, however, is still under investigation. Constant search is also going on through the fields and woods where American troops fought, with gratifying results in that graves are being continually found.

You may be assured that every effort will be made by the Department to locate the grave of your gallant son. Should the investigation prove successful, the remains will be returned to this country for final burial, in accordance with your wishes.

In the event of any favorable developments, you will be informed.

Very truly yours,

D. K. MITCHELL,
Major, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

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File
6/27/25

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

Date 5/28/26

SUBJECT: Information required for Cemeterial Division.

TO: The Adjutant General of the Army, World War Division, Washington, D.C.

1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed:

- a. Surname Murphy ✓
- b. Christian name Jos H. ✓
- c. Serial number 1235177 ✓
- d. Organization Co A-1092 Inf ✓
- e. Rank Pvt 1/2 Cpl ✓
- f. Emergency Address _____
- g. Date of death 7/30/18 ✓
- h. Authority _____
- i. Cause of death ICA ✓
- j. Place of death _____
- k. Place of burial _____

l. Date of discharge _____

✓ BODY DESCRIPTION

- a. Date of enlistment Sept 18/17
- b. Age at enlistment 26 yrs
- c. Color of hair _____
- d. Height 5' 5"
- e. Weight* 126
- f. Fractures or breaks none of record

✓ Shoe size _____

✓ DENTAL CHARTS

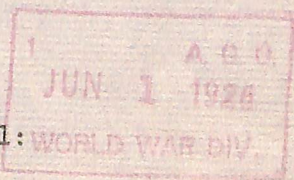
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✓ List of orgs. with which he served -

24/552/EYS
18 Bn 154 D B.
M S Co. 314 Inf. Co A 109 Inf.

LW/K/ Sec

For The Quartermaster General: WORLD WAR DIV



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UNITED STATES VETERANS BUREAU
WASHINGTON

July 22, 1925.

Graves Registration Service,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO: FABB

MURPHY, Joseph H.
(deceased)
C-197,700

Gentlemen:

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All future communications with reference to this case should bear the "C" number, C-197,700.

For the director,

CHARLES E. MULHEARN,
Assistant director.



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Murphy
Joseph H.

(copy)

No. 511 N. 65th St.,
West Philadelphia, Penna.
June 25, 1925.

Charles E. Mulhearn:

Dear Sir,

I have just received the enclosed card and cannot understand it. I lived at 547 N. 65th St. from Aug. 1915 untill July 1919.

Then I removed to 511 N. 65th and have lived here ever since. If I had changed my address why is the card sent here to 511 N. 65th.

During the summer months of 1922 I was stopping at No. 135 S. Lansdowne Ave. Lansdowne, Del. Co. Pa. I was expecting to receive the body of my boy the late Corpl. Joseph H. Murphy Co. A, 109th Inf. and notified the Government of that change. I have never made any other change and this card has me very much worried.

I have just gotten over some trouble through no fault of mine over an insurance check which I did not receive untill June 1st, that I should have had March 1st. and I sincerely hope I am not going to be put about concerning my checks July 1st. I beg your kindness in giving this matter your earliest attention.

Is it possible for you to give me any information concerning my boy's body. Has the work been completed? and if so then I must give of hope of getting him. I will be truly grateful for anything you may be able to tell me. Thanking you in advance I remain,

Yours respectfully,

(Mrs) Elizabeth Murphy.

GM 293 A

Murphy, Joseph H.

Dec. 19, 1923.

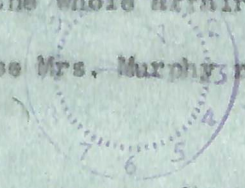
Director of the Veterans' Bureau,
Washington,
D. C.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that this office is in receipt of a letter of December 13th, 1923, from Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy, 511 N. 65th St., W. Philadelphia, Pa., mother of the late Corporal Joseph H. Murphy, 1236177, Company A, 108th Infantry, which reads in part as follows:

"I also want to ask your advice about compensation for this boy. I refused it at the time of his death I felt so dreadful about the whole affair."

Will you please advise Mrs. Murphy regarding the compensation of Corporal Murphy.



DEC 20 1923 Very truly yours,

R.O.C.

R. L. FOSTER,
Assistant.

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Murphy, Joseph H.

December 18, 1923.

Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy,
511 W. 65th St.,
W. Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that receipt be acknowledged of your kind letter of December 13th, 1923.

Please be informed that the investigation in the case of your son, the late Corporal Joseph H. Murphy, Company A, 109th Infantry, is still being pursued, and will be continued so long as the slightest hope of locating the grave can be entertained. However, if upon completion of this investigation, it has been found impossible to identify the body of this soldier, it will be assumed that his remains have been buried as unknown due to the fact that he had no means of identification on his person at the time of his death. In this event you may take solace in knowing that your gallant son's body rests among his comrades in a permanent American Cemetery, where the grave will be tenderly cared for by a grateful Nation for all time.

Please realize that the loss of some identities is an unavoidable circumstance of war, but one which has come to Americans in a greatly less degree than to the Allies. The Department would have been gratified could it have saved every relative this additional bereavement, but it was not humanly possible.

The failure so far to identify the remains of this soldier appears to be one of those tragedies of war which cannot be escaped and which the bereaved relatives should bear with the same patriotic spirit as that which actuated the soldier when he gave his life for his country's good.

You may rest assured that everything possible will be done to identify the remains of your son, for your loss is fully realized. You will be immediately informed of any favorable developments.

The Director of the Veterans' Bureau, Washington, D. C., has this day been requested to advise you regarding your son's compensation.

Very truly yours,

R. L. FOSTER,
Assistant.

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File 293: C-a.
Murphy, J. S. Gb.

No 511 N. 65th St.
St. Chilo. Ca.

Dec. 13th /23.

G. J. Comer,

Dear Sir:

It has been so long since I heard anything concerning the body of my son, the late Copt. Joseph G. Murphy, of Co. A, 109th Infantry, 28th Div.

Please tell me, if all hope is gone of ever finding my poor boy's remains.

I would much rather know the truth, I am living under such a strain that it has undermined my health completely.

My dreadful sorrow and loss of my son never grow less.

I am very sorry to trouble you again, though I feel sure you read this with the same patience you have always shown to me.

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And I also want to ask your advice about Compensation for this boy.

I refused it at the time of his death I felt so dreadful about the whole affair.

Now living conditions have become so dreadful my rent has increased from time to time and I am informed now beginning the first of the year there will be another increase owing to the increased assessments of this property which I believe has been \$1000 and I suppose you know in such cases the tenant always suffers.

And I find I have more than I can get through with, especially now that I am sick so much.

Any information you can give me in either ~~case~~ case I shall

be very thankful for.

I thank you in advance
and also for all other
kind answers I have al-
ways received from your de-
partment.

Very truly yours

(Mrs) Elizabeth Murphy

511 N. 65th St.

St. Phila.

Ca.



DEC 15 1923

Name **Murphy** 235177 **Joseph**

Rank **Corporal** Co. **---** { Corps }
Regt. **---**

Date of Death **---** **87369**

Place **Hill 230, 3/4 kilometer south of Cierges, France.**

Cause **---**
Killed in action.

Over Date of Burial **August 6, 1918**

Grave No. **72 Row B.**

Cemetery **Battlefield, 3/4 kilometer south of Cierges, Near Bois des Grimettes.**

Identified by { Tag } **Tags**
Papers
Clothing

List of Effects **---**

2nd Lt. C.M. Cameron, F.N.G.

Field Record Made by **Charles J. Wynne**

2nd Lt. Inf. U.S.A. Com'd'g.

Company **304**, Graves Registration Service

(Sgt. Wright)

Group No. 1.

For additional data use reverse side

28 SEP 1918

Battlefield Cemetery on Hill 230.
Fere-en-Tardenois Map 1:20000 in
square bounded by co-ordinates
270-271 198-199.

Field sketch No.2-Wynne.

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To file

pending result
of search

W. J. [unclear]

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Murphy,

(Surname.)

Joseph (Hooker)

(Christian name in full.)

1,235,177

(Army serial number.)

~~Cpl. Pvt.~~

Co A, 109th 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?

No

(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:

m

~~William~~ ~~Cushing~~

(Name of person to receive remain's.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

1108 Snyder Ave Phila, Penna.

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Elizabeth Murphy (mother)

547 N. 65th St. Phila, Penna.

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

file p. Read carefully the letter accompanying this card

Drawn by M K S

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12-21-30

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OSP SS.

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File: 293. G-A
Murphy, Jos. H.

87369

April 21, 1923.

Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy,
511 N. 65th Street,
West Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

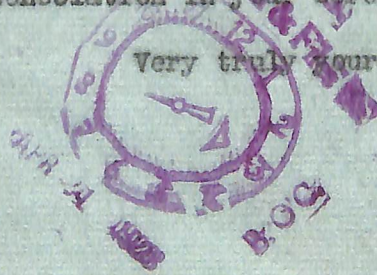
The Quartermaster General desires that receipt be acknowledged of your letter of April 16, 1923 and that your request that efforts to locate the body of your late son, Corporal Joseph H. Murphy be discontinued, shall have a limited acceptance.

It is necessary that the Department continue investigation of many other cases and in those investigations, strangely unexpected clues are oftentimes discovered leading to identifications one thought hopeless. Should something of the kind develop with reference to Corporal Murphy, and you receive notice that his remains have been identified, you may accept the same in good faith for it will be so made.

It is very seldom that identification rests solely upon dental information. There is almost always corroborating evidence and the dental information becomes but one of several evidences upon which the Department relies. However, in any event, your son's name and death are recorded in the archives of his country for all time.

Please accept the thanks of the Department for your words of appreciation of its efforts and renewed assurance of willingness to serve you in all ways possible, or to do anything that would tend toward consolation in your bereavement.

Very truly yours,



H. J. Conner
Assistant.

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Handwritten initials and date:
4/21/23
96m

Mrs C

Mina F. Murphy

511 N. 65th Street

West Philadelphia

293.8 C.A

87369.

To -

Wm. J. Connor -

Dear Sir -

I would like
to call off the search for
the body of my son, the late
Corporal Joseph W. Murphy.
I cannot rest the awful
thought of not knowing
him only by the teeth
is more than I can bear.
Were I to get a body row
I should never know if

I think where - ever his poor
remains are I shall let
them rest.

I am sorely disapointed
I had ^{been} so sure of both my boys
being buried in their own
Country.

I sincerely thank your depart-
ment for all the polite and
kind consideration shown me
concerning both my boys.

From beginning to end of this
affair the government has
been fine to me. Thank You

Yours truly

4/16/23 (Mrs) Elizabeth Murphy

it were my boy or not.

There had been a report
sent to me that his left
side had been completely
blown off, and which I did
not want to believe.

I know now believe that
report to be true and
I think there probably has
been nothing left of my
poor boy to properly recog-
inize.

How I came to get the pic-
ture and number of his
grave I cannot imagine
I have thought until I am
almost insane, and now



JOSEPH H. MURPHY

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FILE No. 87369 ✓

PARTICULARS OF GRAVES TAKEN FROM PHOTOGRAPHER'S FIELD RECORD,
FOR CORRECTION BY REGISTRATION BRANCH, G,R,S,

PHOTOGRAPH No,

F-22327 ✓

SENT ✓

NAME OF CEMETERY

American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles (Aisne) #608 ✓

	PARTICULARS ON CROSS	CORRECT PARTICULARS
1. NAME	Murphy, Joseph H.	1. ✓
2. RANK		2. Cpl ✓
3. NUMBER		3. 1235177 ✓
4. ORGANIZATION		4. Co A 109th Infy ✓
5. DATE OF DEATH		5. 7/30/18 ✓

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST RELATIVE:

Elizabeth Murphy, Mother,
547 N. 65th St., West Phila.,
Pa.

NAME Murphy SURN Joseph Hooker BORN 1235-177
 ARMY NAVY BRANCH OF SERVICE 108th Inf. CLASSIFICATION REGIMENT OR SHIP COMPANY RANK Corp.

NAME OF INQUIRER Elizabeth Murphy RELATION Mother ADDRESS 547 N. 65th St., West Phila. Pa.
 A _____ B _____ C _____ D _____

CASUALTY INFORMATION

INQ.	INF. REQ.	INF. SENT	CL'S	NATURE OF SICKNESS, WOUND OR DEATH	WHEN	WHERE	HOSPITAL
A	10/11/18	2/20/18	M	In action			
			OR	to duty O.R. 1-6-19			
			D	non huptid O.R. 4-6-19			
			K	in action " " 5-4-19			
			K	3 Paris Hupts			

WHERE BURIED Cemt. # 613 by R.S. 369 - Sh 21 Cierges Amer Cemt.

REMARKS Reported 8/30/18. not stated if official. O.R. 9/20/18.
 OR 1-6-19
 " " 4-6-19
 " " 5-4-19

GRAVE PICTURE

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NAME Murphy, John Henry BORN
 SURNAME GIVEN OR INITIALS
 ARMY BRANCH OF SERVICE CLASSIFICATION 2nd Arm. Sv. REGIMENT OR SHIP COMPANY RANK Sgt. Maj

NAME OF INQUIER Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy RELATION ADDRESS 547 N. 65th St., Philadelphia, Pa
 A B J. E. Still C D
Rector all Saints 11th & Snyder ave

CASUALTY INFORMATION

INQ.	INF. REQ.	INF. SENT	CL'S	NATURE OF SICKNESS, WOUND OR DEATH	WHEN	WHERE	HOSPITAL
B	3-11-19		D	Of Disease			
			D	Cancel Rpt 5-30-19			J. H. # 23
			D	Onew.			F. H. 23.

WHERE BURIED

REMARKS O.R. 2/25/19-b a. g. 2/6/19.

GRAVE PICTURE NO. J-994

NOTE. INDICATE THE FOLLOWING LETTERS IN THE CLASSIFICATION OF CASUALTY COLUMN, D-DEAD, W-WOUNDED, M-MISSING, P-PRISONER O K-CONDITION ALL RIGHT
 Form No. 471 THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

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SENT

PHOTOGRAPH No. J-994

RELEASED

NAME OF CEMETERY German Communal Cemetery, (American Plot) Engers, Germany #1306
Grave No. 9

	PARTICULARS ON CROSS	CORRECT PARTICULARS
1. NAME	Murphy, John H.	1. ✓
2. RANK	Sgt. Major	2. ✓
3. NUMBER		3. 203737 ✓
4. ORGANIZATION	-----	4. H.q. Major. Hq. Det. 2nd, Amb. tn. ✓
5. DATE OF DEATH		5. 2-5-18 ✓

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST RELATIVE:

X

*Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy
547 N. 65 St.
Phila. Pa.*

8/5/22.

Case of:

File -----

MURPHY, Joseph H. serial 1235181
Pvt. Co A, 109th Inf.

Reported by Red Cross Searchers;

The following report is found in the R.C.S report for the 28th Division
" "Little Joe Murphy- the other was a corporal- was killed instantly at St
Aignan by same shell that killed Harbridge July 15 or 16. They were operating an
automatic rifle. I saw this as I was in command of the platoon".

Signed Harry L. Frissel, former corporal of this organization
Address 1300 W. Cambridge, Philadelphia, Pa.

This case came up in connection with another man by same name in same
organization, ~~the~~ The serial given above belongs to a discharged man. and AGO does
not identify ~~another~~ another man by same name in this organization.

A letter is requested to the informant Harry L. Frissel requesting him
to give fuller details as to who "Little Joe Murphy" was and the locality where ki
killed. also in what company as there is no record in Co A of either this man
or Harbridge who helped in the operating of the automatic rifle.

Investig tor
B. Wilbourn.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CONSTRUCTION DIVISION OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

No.

From:

To:

Subject:

In reply refer to:
293.8 C-R 87369

Feb. 9, 1923.

Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy,
511 N. 65th St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that receipt be acknowledged of your letter of the 6th instant, furnishing information regarding the condition of the teeth of your late son, Corporal Joseph H. Murphy, Company A, 109th Infantry, prior to enlistment. This data will be used in connection with the investigation in this case, which it is hoped will ultimately meet with success, and you will be immediately informed of any favorable developments.

The Department desires to thank you for your expressions of appreciation of the work being performed in an effort to locate the remains of your heroic son.

Very truly yours,

MAILED

FEB 9 1923

G.R.S.

H. J. CONNER,
Assistant.

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MWS

293.8 C-Q # 87369.

No 511 1/2. 65th St. Phila. Pa.

Feb. 6th /20

H. J. Conner -

Dear Sir -

In reply to your kind letter of Feb. 2nd. am sorry to say I cannot give much information regarding my son's teeth.

He was never to a dentist since getting his second teeth.

The two front teeth were

Recorded, Cemetery Dept., O. O. M. C.
File # 293.8 C-Q # 87369

just a trifle back of the teeth either side of the front teeth, it was however so slight that I do not know whether it will be of any assistance.

There was also a small birth mark just a little above and between the eye brows, at times it showed quite red and was not larger than my thumb nail.

I suppose it will be too late for anything of that kind to help in the search.

I want to thank you and all who have any part in this awful work.

I fully appreciate all the Government has been doing and truly sorry this dreadful thing has occurred.

Thanking you again

I remain
yours truly

Elizabeth Murphy

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Have just remembered my
son had one or two
fingers broken at the first
joint, one was quite bent
he received them while
playing ball, with Troop B.
4th. Cavalry in which he
served from 1912-1915 at
Schofield Barracks at

Honolulu
H. O.



FEB 8 1923



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GRAVES REGISTRATION SER.

No 511 N. 65th St.
St. Philo. Pa
Jan. 22nd/23

recorded, Genealogical Div., O. O. M. G.
File # 19318 87369

To -
E. C. Davis,
Executive Assist.
G. R. S.

Dear Sir -

Please pardon
me for again writing you
about my son, the late
(Copt. Joseph H. Murphy, 123517)
Co A. 109th Infantry) who was
killed July 30th 1918.
In July I was notified that
my son had not been buried

Murphy Joseph H.

worst at once.

The soldier that was buried
in what was supposed to
be my boys grave? has his
body been sent home? I have
been hoping my boy would
be found in the grave that
soldier was supposed to be in.

Please excuse me I do not
want to be a trouble
to you, my dreadful sorrow
and anxiety is my only excuse.
Thanking you in advance
for any information -

I remain
Yours truly
Elizabeth Murphy

where I had been told.

I have tried to be patient
all these weary months
hoping every day would
bring me news from Wash-
ington.

Is the work still going
on, or if it has been
completed will you please
let me know.

If all our boys have
been brought home then
of course I must give up
all hope, and would
much rather know the

No 135 S. Lansdowne ^{Or}
Lansdowne Pa.

7/20/22

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E. C. Davis
Executive Assist- J. R. B.

Dear Sir -

I want to thank
you for your kind and splen-
did letter, and I thank
God that there are such
men as your-self in this
upset world to-day.

I hope I did not write a
impatent letter, though I
scarcely know what I did

write, my mind is at times so far
away trying to understand why
it all had to happen.

How-ever your letter is a great
comfort to me and I shall try to
be more patient in the future.

My one great comfort is that both
my sons wanted to go and willing
to give their Country the best they
had to give and which I know they
did give:

My youngest son enlisted April 30th /17
served twenty-one months with never

a murmur, he was with Edg. Det,
2nd Div. Amm. Train, and died of Pneumonia
Feb. 5th /19 while with the Army of
Occupation in Germany.

The one I am looking forward to coming
home, would not leave me at first
as my oldest son was on what proved
to be his death bed, he told me he would
stay until he was called but would
not claim exemption, and I honored him
for that.

Well I lost all three of my sons in
less than 17 months, so you see I had
some terrible sorrow.

I know you will excuse me if I sent you

you an impatient letter, and al-
ways intend to keep your letter
before me.

I am enclosing the entire record
of my boy's death, will you kindly
~~enclose~~ return it when you are
through with it.

Again I thank you for your
kindness.

Yours truly
Elizabeth Murphy

E. Murphy

135 S. Sandowne Ave

Sandowne

@a.

In reply refer to:
293.8 C-R #87369

Feb. 2, 1923.

Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy,
511 N. 65th St.,
W. Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

In reply to your letter of January 22nd 1923, the Quartermaster General desires you to be advised, that the body found in the grave, reported as being that of your late son, Corporal Joseph H. Murphy, Company A, 109th Infantry, is still in Europe in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery at Seringes-et-Nesles, Department of Aisne, France.

Please be assured every effort is being made to locate the remains of your heroic son and it is not the intention of the Department to discontinue same until every available means has been exhausted.

All of our soldier dead have not been returned to this country. Remains were returned only in those cases where the relatives have requested such action. As you were previously informed, no limit has been set for the return of remains in such cases as yours, and if the remains of your son are located, they will be returned to this country for final burial, if it is still your wish.

To assist in the investigation in this case, the Department will be grateful if you will secure from your local dentist, who may have performed dental work for the deceased, prior to his entry into the Service, a chart showing all such treatment performed - the same to include crowns, fillings, bridges, extractions, etc. It is also desired that you furnish information as to whether you recall your son having a supernumerary tooth, or conspicuous spaces between the teeth, or any other peculiarities which might assist in the identification.

There is inclosed herewith envelope, which requires no postage, and may be used for your reply.

The Department desires to again convey to you its deep sympathy on account of the loss you have sustained and commend you for the great sacrifice and contribution you have made to the cause for which your sons gave their lives.

MAILED

Very truly yours,

FEB 3 1923

H. J. CONNER,
Assistant.

1 incl. envelope
G.R.S.

SUSPENDED FOR

Feb 2nd

LN

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

MURPHY, 1235177, Joseph H.

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

Pvt. Co. A. 109th. Inf.

(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH:

CAUSE OF DEATH:

DATE OF BURIAL:

PLACE OF BURIAL:

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

GRAVE NUMBER:

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

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

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

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OSP 53.

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

FILE

Co. A. 109 Inf.

Murphy, Joseph H. Pvt. 1235181.

Missing July 30th, 1918.

Sub Per 153 CC492 Now reptd buried 8/ 6/ 18, date and cause of death to be determined. Buried Cem. #613. (R 369- 21) Cierges Amer Cem.

Mrs. E Murphy (Mother) 547 North 65th St. Philadelphia, Pa.

Informant: M. J. Estill, Searcher
Central Records Office
12 April 1919.

Inquirer: Elizabeth S. Ellicott, Base Hosp. 30.
Bn. Sgt. Major John H. Murphy; Hdqs; Horses Bn. 2nd Amn. Train.

Home address;
Inquirer: Mr. John A. Murphy,
2417 South W 9th St. Des Moines.

Mac.

28

1235181
belongs to
Constantine Pichezzi
Co A 109 7/30/18
K/A

in gr. 230
See 4

Co. A. 109 Inf.

MURPHY Joseph H. Pvt. 1095101

Missing July 30th 1918

"Little Joe Murphy - the other was a corporal - was killed instantly at St-Aignan by same shell that killed Harbridge July 15 or 16. They were operating an automatic rifle. I saw this as I was in command of the platoon."

Informant: FRISSEL Harry D. Cpl. 1235144
Camp Pontaneron.
Co. A. 109 Inf.
Home: 1300 W. Cambridge, Phila, Pa
February 11, 1919

Inquirers:

To U.S.A.

Elizabeth S. Ellicott;
Searcher

Base Hosp. No. 30

Mr Murphy Holm A. 2417 So. W.
9th St. Des Moines.

Mary C. Frost, Searcher

Ramp...

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

February 2, 1923.


File #87369

Murphy, Joseph H.

1 Advise in reply to the inquiry that the body found in the grave of her late son, is still in Europe in the American Cemetery at Seringes-et-Nesles, and that every effort is being made to locate the grave of her son, and effect a positive identification.

2 Request her to secure a dental chart from her local dentist showing etc., also advise if soldier had a super-numerary tooth, or conspicuous spaces between the teeth, and any other peculiarities which might assist in the identification.

3 Note: Please do not use the d.c. form letter for the part of letter requesting the D.C. but include the references mentioned in Par. 2, underlined.


S.M. Wheeler

Head. 28th Div.
Death Report

Murphy, Joseph H. Corps. (1235177) Co. A 109th Inf.

He was hit by rifle or machine gun fire. He had several bullet holes. He died instantly. This occurred near Chourmont, on or about July 31st 1919.

We buried him on a hill between Chourmont and =
Sergy.

Signed, Earl H. Luddoth

1st Lt. 109th Inf.

2/24/19

Information given by,

Goodroe, Willard A. Pvt.

(1235151) Co. A 109th Inf.

Copied by Sgt. W.E. Straw (1236288 Hdq. 28th Div.
from official report filed at statistical office, 28th Div.
May 9th 1919.

July 24, 1922.

Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy,
135 S. Lansdowne Ave.,
Lansdowne, Pa.

Dear Mrs. Murphy:

Your letter of July 20th 1922 is received. No, I did not read impatience in your first letter, but a great sorrow, laid upon you for your country's sake, which I was anxious to ameliorate if possible. I am very glad you wrote me as you did, because it is encouraging to know, that our efforts toward serving the bereaved attain a measure of success.

Despite the great sorrow it has brought, yours has been a glorious motherhood. To your country and your God you gave men who have nobly achieved as men. Let the spirit with which you endowed them at birth and the character which you developed in them through childhood and youth, be as spiritual bread cast upon the waters, returning now to sustain you until the great reunion in that land of eternal peace, the sure heritage of such sons as were yours and such mothers as you are.

beautiful

For the Quartermaster General:

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

LN
RED

1 incl.

MAILED

JUL 25 1922

G.R.S.

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, Q.M.C. IN EUROPE
8. AVENUE D' IENA, PARIS

87369

File No.

July 10, 1922

From: Chief,

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

Subject: Acknowledgment of Correspondence.

Receipt this date is acknowledged of the following
correspondence from your office:

Letter)

dated: June 22, 1922

~~Indorsement~~)

File No. C. R. ---334 Cty. 608

Subject: Board of review cases on which identity could not be determined

Name: Cpl. Joseph H. Murphy
Pvt. George T. McNeely
etc..

H. F. BETHERS,
Colonel, Q.M.C.



JUL 25 1922

REGISTRATION SER

87369

July 17, 1922.

FILE

Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy,
135 S. Lansdowne Ave,
Lansdowne, Pa.

Dear Mrs. Murphy:

Your piteous letter of the 11th instant is received. No more distressing duty has ever fallen upon me than to sign such letters as that of July 3rd to you. If there were any honorable way to escape the duty alloof us in this Service would be glad. But from the very first it was determined to deal honestly with the bereaved and to redeem that determination, tragic truths must sometimes be told. I do not think you would want it otherwise, even though one of the terrible results of the war has wrought for you a double bereavement.

You ask how it occurred, and I wish we could tell you, for then we could know how to rectify the heart-breaking error. Your son met a heroic death in one of the more terrible engagements of the most deadly war of all history, the awfulness of which neither tongue, nor pen, nor artists brush can faintly depict. He was buried by his "buddies" who, with brains reeling and nerves wrecked from their terrible struggle in the service of this country and humanity must yet, before resting, turn and render the last solemn service to their fallen comrades. If one of these "buddies", tried to the very limit of endurance, perhaps with reason almost dethroned from his awful experience, became confused and wrongly marked his comrade's grave, cannot we excuse him, when we think of what he had come through and know that the error was not of the heart?

We hope we may yet identify your son's remains, but if the Almighty in the furtherance of his inscrutable purpose, should decree that this be not so, is it not possible for you to accept this decree, and think first upon the achievement of your son and the aid he contributed to the cause of justice and humanity? Surely his spirit lives and would seek to comfort your aching heart. Somehow I believe, if he could speak from beyond the veil, he would bid you glory in your motherhood and in his martyrdom until such time as you will surely be united in that heavenly land where peace reigns eternal and all earthly things are forgotten and become as dross.

No limit has been set for the return of remains in such cases as yours, and we will not given up investigation while we have any hope of identification. Your son has a grave under the flag for which he

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293.8 C-R #87369--(Murphy, Joseph H.Cpl.)

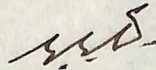
FILE

died and if not identified, his last resting place, though among the unknown, will be reverently cared for as long as our Government endures.

If you will send the name of the soldier to whom you refer as helping bury your son, we will endeavor to find his address and learn what aid he can render toward identification.

I have tried to write to you as a soldier to a soldier's sorrowing mother and as I would want a comrade to write to my own mother, now among the Saints, in like circumstances. May I hope that my effort has in some measure afforded you comfort?

For the Quartermaster General:



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

LN
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1 Incl.
Photo returned

MAILED

JUL 17 1922

G.R.S.

d. a.

No 135 S. Lansdowne
Lansdowne Pa

7/11/22

C. E. Davis
Executive Assist.
G. O. S.



Mc
Received,
Cemeterial Div., O. O. M. G.
7/11/22
87369

Dear Sir -

I have received the
dreadful news about my poor
boys body not being in the
grave where he was supposed
to be and of which I have a
picture.

How in the world has this
dreadful thing happened.
I thought I had all the sor-
row one mother could have

have to give up all hope.

I have been prostrated ever since I received your letter.

I am enclosing the full directions of my boy's grave also a picture of the grave hoping it may be of some use.

(Corporal Joseph Hooker Murphy
1235177 Co A. 109th Infantry
Buried in Grave # 229 @ lot 5
Section G.

American Cemetery # 608 Seringes-et-Neules. this will be found on H. A. S. form No 107, file 87369)

I shall be very thankful indeed for any news you can give me.

when I lost both my young^{er} sons in the war but it seems I am to have still more.

Tell me please is there anything I can do to help locate him.

I have the name but no address of the soldier who buried him when he was killed, will it be of any use for me to get the soldier's address from Washington.

Can you tell me how long it will be before the work of sending these boys home is completed.

I suppose after that I shall

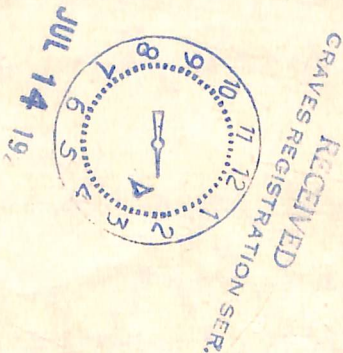
After August I shall be at
my home No 511 N. 65th St
St. Chilo. Ca

Thanking you in advance

I am

Yours truly

Elizabeth Murphy



FILE

July 3, 1922.

293.8 G-R #87369 (MURPHY, Joseph H.) Cty. 608 - Sht. 2325.

~~XXXX~~

Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy, 155 S. Lansdowne Ave., Lansdowne, Pa.

Case of Cpl. Joseph H. Murphy.

FILE

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date reporting your temporary address for the Summer months and requesting that in case the body of your late son, Corporal Joseph H. Murphy, is returned to the United States before the last of August, that you be addressed at 155 South Lansdowne Ave., Lansdowne, Pa. Proper record of your request is made and you are assured that notice of arrival of the body will promptly reach you.

2. In connection with the return of the body of your late son to the United States, the Department has met with difficulties of which it has been reluctant to inform you in the hope that they might be overcome and thereby avoid adding to your anxiety, but unfortunately the desired result has not been accomplished; in consequence the Department must inform you that upon opening the grave supposed to contain the remains of your late son it was found to contain the body of another soldier. Diligent search has been instituted and it is to be hoped it will meet with ultimate success. You will be promptly informed of any favorable development in the case.

3. It is with sincere regret that the Department must convey to you this depressing information but so long as there remains possibility of locating the body of your late son, you may be assured that no effort will be spared to locate the grave.

For the Quartermaster General:

MAILED

JUL 5 1922

G.R.S.

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

J.C.P.
MS

No 135 S. Sandowne Ave
Sandowne

Ora.

~~Nov 23, 1921~~

Gentleman -

For the summer
months I shall be stop-
ping at the above ad-
dress.

If the body of my son, the
late late Capt. Joseph E. Murphy
Co A. 109th Infantry, should
be sent home any time

I shall notify you at once.
Is it possible for you to
give me any information
concerning him, it seem's so
long and there are so
many reports to the effect
that the last were brought
home a few weeks ago.

My boy is buried in No
Grave
229, Plot 5, Section G.

American Cemetery 608
Berings - et - needles.

Can you tell me, have
any boys from that Cem.

between this date and
the last of August, I shall
thank you if you will
telegraph me at the above
address.

Of course if he gets home
I shall return home as
he will be buried from
my home which is at
511 N. 65th St. Ph. Phila. Pa.

If I should return home
before the last of August

been brought home yet.
Anything you can tell me
concerning this, I shall
be most thankful for.
I am hungry for informa-
tion of my boy.

I lost two sons over there
but received the other one
two years ago, without any
trouble whatever.

Thanking you in advance
I am, yours very truly,
Elizabeth Murphy

GENERAL DIRECTOR



WAR DEPARTMENT
QUARTERMASTER CORPS
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
ARMY SUPPLY BASE
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

ec/rcp

June 27th, 1922.

SUBJECT: Re Remains Corporal Joseph C. Murphy.
TO: The Quartermaster General of the Army,
(Graves Registration Service), Washington, D. C.

1. Forwarded herewith communication from Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy for reply. The records in this case were forwarded your office Nov. 23, 1921.

R. E. Shannon

R. E. SHANNON
Graves Registration Service.

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Recorded, Central Div., O. O. M. B.
File # 2938
7369

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REGISTRATION DIV
JUN 28 1922



cc/rep

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R. E. SHANNON
Graves Registration Service.



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JUNE 28, 1952

RE: Honorable Colonel Joseph C. Murphy

TO:

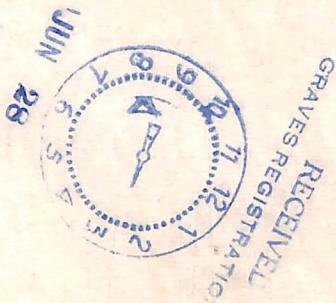
The Quartermaster General of the Army,
(Graves Registration Service), Washington, D. C.

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1. Forwarded herewith communication from Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy
for reply. The records in this case were forwarded your office Nov. 23, 1951.

H. E. SHERRILL
Graves Registration Service

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FILE UNDER NO. 87369

MURPHY, Joseph H.,

87369

INDEX SHEET

FILE

SYNOPSIS

May 22, 1922.

For letter to Europe giving no Grave location - See B/R correspondence
Cty. 608.

M.E. Beverly,
Investigator.

X case of McNeely, Geo J.

DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO.

Hennessy, James
Bradshaw, Fremont W.
Sleith, Edward

INSTRUCTIONS.—Under "Synopsis" make brief entry showing date of communication and from whom received and synopsis sufficient to identify the papers. When these index sheets become numerous under a subject they will be entered on the consolidated index sheet and then destroyed.

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CASE OF MURPHY, Joseph H., S#1235177, Cpl., Co. A, 109th Infantry

GRAVE #229, Sec. G, Plot 5, Cty. 608

DECISION Body in grave is not that of above man.

DENTAL CHART

Date of Enlistment		Report on Disinterment			
A.G.O.	Dental Work	Emergency Address Dental Work	Missing B.D.	Dental Work	Miss A.D.
Missing U.R.					6
3					7
					8
U.L.				14 Badly decayed	9
16					11
L.R. 17			17 Ext.		13
					24
19					25
L.L. 30					26
					31
32					

Above discrepancies can not be accounted for as follows:
Age 26 years and 1 Month

BODY DESCRIPTION

A.G.O. Report	E/A Report	Report on Disinterment
Height 5 Ft. 5 In.		Impossible to determine
Weight 135 Lbs.	N O N E	"
Hair Brown		"
Fractures None		Head shattered - Right Radial Fractured

IDENTIFICATION TAGS

Found on Body

Found on Cross

No

Yes

OTHER IDENTIFYING MARKS

Found on Body

None

ORIGINAL BURIAL DATA

Body in this Grave concentrated from Grave 72, Cty. 613
This man reported buried originally " " " "
Organizations of other men buried around original location 110th Infantry

The number of discrepancies in W. Chart, makes it impossible to identify this body as Murphy. Concur. J. M. Wheeler.

M. E. Beverly
M. E. Beverly
Investigator

APPROVED:

Chas. L. S. Spr...

CASE OF: MURPHY, Joseph H., Cpl.,
S#1235177, Co.A, 109th Inf.,

Searchers report shows that he was hit by rifle or machine gun fire. He had several bullet holes. Died instantly - This occurred near Courmont on about July 31, 1918. Was buried on a hill between Courmont & Sergy.

Body to be returned to U.S.

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A

Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 5-4-22

File No. 87369 Registration.

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

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

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

a. Surname MURPHY ✓

f. Date of death 7-30-18 ✓

b. Christian name Joseph H. ✓

g. Cause of death K/A ✓

c. Serial Number 1235177 ✓

h. Authority (C.O.#) C. C. 51 P ✓

d. Organization Co. A, 109th Inf., ✓

i. Emergency address Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy
547 N. 65th St. Phil. Pa.

e. Rank Cpl. ✓

j. Relationship mother ✓

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

a. Age of enlistment 26 yrs 1 mo. ✓

b. Color of eyes blue ✓

c. Color of hair brown ✓

d. Height 5 ft 5 in. ✓

e. Weight 135 lbs. ✓

f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks) ✓
vacination scar - outside l.u. a.

DENTAL CHARTS

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

a. Strike out teeth missing

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
upper right upper left

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
lower right lower left

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

CEMETERY NO:

SHEET NO: Beverly.

TYPED BY:

BY:

Charles J. Wynne,
Captain, Q.M.C., U.S.A.

S/3310/LML

4 Received A. G. O. MAY 5 1922

Robert C. Davis
Acting the Adjutant General
apt 5-6-22

Address reply to

WAR DEPARTMENT
PURCHASE, STORAGE, AND TRAFFIC DIVISION
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE
WASHINGTON

Division

DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE
Munitions Building

No:
From:
To:
Subject:



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GENERAL REGISTER



Co. A, 109 th Inf.
28 th Div.

MURPHY, Joseph H - Corp. 1235177

He was hit by rifle or machine gun fire. He had several bullet holes
He died instantly. This occurred near Courmont on About July 31-1918.
We buried him on a hill between Courmont & Sergy.

Informant: Goodroe, Millard - Pvt.
1235151 - Co. A, 109 th Inf.
Home : 581 E, Conroe St. Phila
Pa.

2^o/24/19.
Searcher : Earl H. Suddoth - 1st Lt.
109 th Inf.

M.S.

G.R.S Form No. 8-W; Central Records
Card Sec. #1, Liaison.
Dec. 10, 1919

Memo For: G.R.S. representative, C.R.O.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

1. Items checked are to be completed:

✓ Surname: **Murphy**
 ✓ Number: **1235177**
 ✓ First name: **Joseph H.**
 ✓ Rank: **Corporal**
 ✓ Company: **A.**
 ✓ Organization: **109th Infantry.**
 ✓ Date of death:
 ✓ Cause:
 ✓ Place:

Location of hospital:

✓ Number " "
Class " "

✓ Emergency address *Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy, 547 N. 65th St*

✓ Relationship: *Philadelphia, Pa. mother*

✓ Authority:
✓ Cablegram No:
✓ Telegram from:

REVIEWED
SEP 22

dated:
Reported to Washington:
C.C.Nos.

(Underscore the "official" C.C.)
Remarks:

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

Livingston
12-24-19

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

FROM : ADJUTANT GENERAL.

TO : C.O. CO.A. 109th. Inf.

SUBJECT : Information for burial Register.

1. You are directed to transmit without delay to the Chief, Graves Registration Service, the information indicated on enclosed Grave Location Blank as necessary for the completion of official records.

By Command of General Pershing:

Robert C. Davis
Adjutant General.

Note:

In case this item is checked, you will note hereon:

Nearest relative of deceased:

Relationship: _____

Address: _____

REVIEWED
OSP SS.

FROM: O. Q. M. G.
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
Munitions Building
Room 1128

PLEASE
EXPEDITE

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WAR. DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

G.R.S. Form 8

Information requested of 1920C.

Date 12/24/20.

File No.

Registration.

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

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

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

- a. Surname Murphy *ax*
- b. Christian name Joseph H. *ax*
or (Joseph Hooker)
- c. Serial Number 1235177 *ax*
- d. Organization Co. A, 109th Inf. *ax*
- e. Rank Pvt.
or (Cpl.) *ax*
- f. Date of death 7/30/18. *ax*
- g. Cause of death K/A. *ax*
- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- i. Emergency address
- j. Relationship

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

- a. Age of enlistment
- b. Color of eyes
- c. Color of hair
- d. Height
- e. Weight
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(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

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upper right upper left
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lower right lower left

FILE

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

BY:

H. J. Conner
H. J. CONNER,
1st. Lieut., Q.M.G.

CEMETERY NO: 608

SHEET NO: 2525

TYPED BY: I.W.

S/713/LML

Recd World War Div.
Date DEC. 27. 1920

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ADJUSTMENT MADE
JAN 5 - 1920C.

FILE

Reference:
ENQ-19-M

Hdqs Graves Registration Service
Quartermaster Corps,
American Expeditionary Force

December 15, 1918

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FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, A.E.F.
TO: Home Communication Section, A.E.F.
SUBJECT: Corporal Joseph Francis Murphy, Co. A, 109th Inf.

Reference your 5401 d/14th ult.: There is no record in this office of the death of the above mentioned soldier. Will you please furnish the name of your informant in order that the necessary official inquiries may be made?

By direction

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Lieut.-Colonel, Q.M.C., A.E.F.

per

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

DEC 22 1918

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*Red Cross
Maurice Dix*

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AMERICAN RED CROSS

(CROIX-ROUGE AMÉRICAINÉ)

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ADRESSE TÉLÉGRAPHIQUE :
"AMCROSS"

TELÉPHONE	}	ÉLYSÉE 43-82
		» 43-83
		» 43-88
		» 43-89



In replying please address		Prière d'adresser la réponse au
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4, PLACE DE LA CONCORDE

5401

PARIS, Nov. 14, 1918.

FROM: Home Communication Section
 TO : Graves Registration Bureau, A.P.O. 717, Am.E.F. France
 SUBJECT: Cpl. Joseph Francis Murphy, Co. A. 109th Inf. 28th Div.

We are unofficially advised that the above soldier reported missing in action on the 15th of July is dead.

Will you kindly advise what your records show, giving details of death, burial, location of grave, etc.

H:LP

Red Cross

Home Communication Section
Bureau of Home and Hospital Service.
F.H.

REVIEWED
GSP SS.

No record of death.

Handwritten signature

Director of Home and Hospital Services
L. H.
Home Communications Section

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of death, burial, location of grave, etc.
will you kindly advise what your records show, giving details
in connection on the death of this man.

TO : Chief of Home and Hospital Services, A.P.O. VII, W. P. F. Europe
FROM : Home Communications Section
SUBJECT: Cpl. Joseph Francis Murphy, Co. 10, 103rd Inf. 28th Div.

PARIS, NOV. 14, 1918.

4, PLACE DE LA CONCORDE

bien se adresser | in response to
in reply | Priens q'adresser

TELEPHONE	43-89
"	43-88
"	43-83
ELYSEE	43-83



AMCROSS
ADRESSE TELEGRAPHIQUE

(CROIX-ROUGE AMERICAINE)

AMERICAN RED CROSS

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

FILE NUMBER

87369
~~179756~~

FROM:-

AKC

DATE:

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME:

Murphy Joe A.

NUMBER:

1235177

RANK:

Captal

ORGANIZATION

Co A 109 Inf

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	<p><i>Present Status of this soldier per advice from Sgt. Hoffecker, bno. missing in action July 30, 1918 per b.c. #239. This is the latest report.</i></p> <p><i>8 No HW 7/6/19</i></p>
2.	Date of Death	
3.	Cause and place of death	
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	
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 N/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.?	

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

Has Blue Card Bus NO

Final data

7/6/19

U.S. SS.

Per
L
A

Denial INFO Recorded

2-6-19

RPB

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PERSONNEL OFFICE
109th INFANTRY
A. E. F.

January 3rd, 1919.

FROM: Personnel Adjutant, 109th Infantry, AEF.
TO: Graves Registration, 28th Division, AEF.
SUBJECT: Corporal Joseph H. Murphy, 1235177, Company A, 109th Infantry.

1. Attached hereto in letter requesting information regarding the status of Corporal Joseph H. Murphy, 1235177 formerly of Company A, 109th Infantry. Our records show that this soldier was dropped from our rolls as missing in action July 30th, 1918. This was while our regiment was near the Ourcq River.
2. Chaplain Fitcher who has made inquiries among the men believes that this soldier was killed, and information is requested as to the location of this man's grave so we may answer the attached letter.

Noah F. Frailey
Noah F. Frailey,
Captain, 109th Infantry,
Personnel Adjutant.

nff/jfb

1st Ind.

O. Div. Q.M. 28th Div APO 744, Am.E.F., France, Dec. 6, 1918.
To - Graves Registration Unit #304, Group 1, Am.E.F., France.

1. Forwarded, requesting information.

By direction of Div. Q.M.

H. C. Wheaton
H. C. Wheaton,
2nd Lt. Asst. Div. Q.M.

W/e

2nd Ind.

Hq. - Unit 304, G. R. S., Soissons (Aisne) - January 16, 1919. -
To - Chief, G. R. S.

1. Forwarded, advising that records of this office show the soldier named to be buried in Grave #72, Row "B" Battlearea Cemetery on Hill 230 near Cierges.

613

CMR
COULONGES-EN-TARDENOIS
102 338,8
E 200.05
N 272.87

Wm L S Ford
WM. L. S. FORD
2nd Lieut. QMC - U.S.A.

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RECEIVED
6 JAN 1919
C. G. M.
G. R. S.

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Dear Sirs:

named to be buried in Grave 143. The military records of this office show the soldier

To: Chief, C. G. M. D.

From: Unit 302, C. G. M. D., Camp Wood, January 16, 1919.

2nd Inf.

3rd Inf. Regt. Div. 6.

1. Forwarded, requesting information.

C. G. M. D. Graves Registration Unit, 302, Group 1, A. E. F. Service, Camp Wood, C. G. M. D. Div. 120, A. E. F. Hospital, Camp Wood, Jan. 9, 1919.

2nd Inf.

HRG/310

Personnel Adjutant,
Company, 103rd Infantry,
20th E. District.

man's grave so we may answer the attached letter.

2. Captain Frazier who has made inquiries among the men believes that this

unit "04th, 1919. This was while our regiment was near the Grand River.

records show that this soldier was embodied from our rolls as missing in action

Company Joseph H. Smith, 183rdly, formerly of Company A, 103rd Infantry. Our

SUBJECT: Corporal Joseph H. Smith, 183rdly, Company A, 103rd Infantry.

TO: Graves Registration, 38th Division, etc.

FROM: Personnel Adjutant, 103rd Infantry, etc.

January 24, 1919.

W. H. E.
103rd INFANTRY
PERSONNEL OFFICE

~~79776~~
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2nd Ind.

Hq.- Unit 304, G. R. S., Soissons (Aisne) January 16, 1919.
To- Chief, G. R. S.

1. Forwarded, advising that records of this office show the soldier named to be buried in Grave #72, Row "B" Battlearea Cemetery on Hill 250 near Clerges.

WM. L. S. FORD
2nd Lieut. QMC - U.S.A.

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Handwritten scribbles and numbers, possibly "100" and "1000".

To: Chief, U. S. S. S. (mirrored text)

mirrored text, possibly "The office of the Chief of the Bureau of the Census"

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20 JAN 1919
O. C. M.
G. R. S.

Handwritten text at the bottom right, possibly "No. 1000"

Handwritten box containing "1000" and "10000"

Serial No. 1235177

No 547 N. 65th St.
West Philadelphia.
Dec. 11th 1918

Dear Sir —

On September
13th. I was notified
from Washington, D.C. at
my son, Capt Joseph
Hooker Murphy of Co. A.
109th Infantry was missing
in action since July
30th.

Since then I have tried
in every possible way

information however
small you can give
me, as this suspense
is nearly driving me
mad.

If he has been taken
prisoner should 'ent' I
have known it by this
time.

Thanking you in ad-
vance

I am very

truly yours

Elizabeth Murphy

to locate him but have
not been able to find
out anything at all
about him!

I have kept on send-
ing him letters all
the time, but have
not had any return-
ed to me.

Can you give me
any information at
all concerning him.

I shall be forever
grateful for any

P. S. My son had his
charge with him which
he received after three
years service with the
U. S. Army in Honolulu
Do you know any-
thing of where it can
be.

Elizabeth Murphy



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

May 31. 1919.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.
TO : Sgt. Major John Murphy, 2nd Amm. Train, Am. E.F. Germany.
SUBJECT: Cpl. Joseph H. Murphy, Co. A. 109th Inf. American E.F.

With an assurance of very deep sympathy, and in reply to your letter of enquiry, you are advised that information has been filed in this office by the burial officer concerned, to the effect that the above named soldier is buried in Grave #72, Row B, American Battle Area Cemetery, Commune of GIERGES, at GIERGES, in the Department of AISNE.

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

Forms
GRS 10-B & .004.5
Incd.

CCP/nf.

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AMERICAN RED CROSS
(CROIX-ROUGE AMÉRICAINÉ)

TELÉPHONE { ÉLYSÉE 43-82
 " 43-83
 " 43-88
 " 43-89



ADRESSE TÉLÉGRAPHIQUE :
"AMCROSS"

In replying | Prière d'adresser
please address | la réponse au

4, PLACE DE LA CONCORDE

PARIS, April 26th, 1919.

File 746.....

From Home Communication Section
To Chief Graves Registration Service, Hq. Service Supplies, Office Chief Q.M.
Subject Private Joseph H. Murphy, Co. A, 109th Inf., 1235181.

We have inquiry concerning above man from his brother, Sgt. Major John
Murphy, 2nd Amm. Train, Am. E. F., Germany. Will you send him details of the
death and burial please ?

Home Communication Section,
Bureau Home and Hospital Service.

2. H. J.

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

June 5. 1919.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.
TO : Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy, 547, N. 65th St., W. Philadelphia, Pa.
SUBJECT : Cpl. Joseph H. Murphy, Co. A. 109th Inf. Am. E.F.

In reply to your letter of inquiry, with reference to the regretted death of this soldier, according to the records at these headquarters he is buried in Grave #72, Row B, American Battle Area Cemetery, Commune of Gierges, at CIERGES, in the Department of AISNE.

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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Encl.

MBD/nf.

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No 547 N. 65th St.

St. Phila. Pa.

April 26th /19.

Dear Sir —

Will you please in-
form me as to the ex-
act location and num-
ber of the grave of my
son, the late —

Joseph Hooker Murphy

C.O.D., 109 Infantry

American C. F.

Thanking you in ad-
vance -

I am
very resp^t. yours

Elizabeth Murphy

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April 15, 1919.

Adj Gen
G H Q
Attention Lt Netter.

Re telephone request period. Records show Cpl Joseph Murphy 1235177 Co A 109th Inf killed in action and buried August 6th comma 1918 in grave 27 Row B American Battle Area Cemetery Clerges(Aisne) grave location reported by Graves Registration Service Officer.

O. B.

KNIGHT, ACTING CQM.

C.H. FOMMEL
1st Lieut., G.H.Q.
AGL/WR
10:35 AM

Copy to:
T & C
G R S
Sgt Daly Original

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

FILE NUMBER

87369

FROM:-

DATE:

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME

MURPHY, JAS H

NUMBER

1235177

RANK

PVT

ORGANIZATION

CO A, 109TH INF

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	MURPHY, JOSEPH 1235177
2.	Date of Death.	Q PL
3.	Cause and place of death.	
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	2 - 0
5.	Date buried.	3 - R/A
6.	Grave Location (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required	4 - 5 - 8/6/18
7.	Who reported burial:	6 - @ TY, 613, GRAVES
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	ROW B, SR#3, @ TY, AME
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	B/A, @ Commune of
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	@ IERGES (A 18 NE)
11.	Who is nearest relative?	7. ARS office
12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	8 yes
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record).	9 -
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	10 - Tag to mark

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

11 - no address

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

January 14, 1918

FROM: Maurice B. Dix, Captain, A.R.C.
TO: Home Communication Section, A.R.C. , Paris
SUBJECT: Cpl. Joseph Francis Murphy, Co. A., 109th Inf. 28th Div.

Reference your File #5401: The report from your Division Searcher that the above mentioned officer is well and on duty with his company has been noted and passed on to the proper department for verification.

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

MBD-mf

REVIEWED
C. S. S.

Drawn by mks
608-2326
12-21-30

Checked

all 12-23-20

April 21st 1919

To C. L. Harris
Adjutant General

Dear Sir,

I received your communication
of March 29th in regards
to my son's ^{John Henry Murphy} ²⁰³¹²³⁷ burial.

I have another son a
Joseph Booker Murphy of
Co. A, 109th Infantry, who
has ^{Reported as died}
but as no Co. or Regt. was
given I could not feel
that ^{had proof of his}
death

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Rec'd Cas. Div.
APR 20 1919

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Murphy, Joseph (Booker)

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C. L. B.

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were together, in fact the
only comfort there is to
the dreadful sorrow I
have had.

I have lost by death
three sons in less than
eighteen months

Will you please send me
an early reply as re-
gards the two boys bur-
ial.

Very resp. yours

Elizabeth Murphy

547 N. 65th St.

H. Phila. Pa.

I have been waiting for
further proofs but have
not received any up to date.
I will ask you to bury
my son (whose card is
enclosed) in France with
the boys of the American
Army, and if it should
be true, that the other
son is dead will it
be possible to bury them
side by side:

It would be a very
great comfort to me
could I know they

Card filed
accordingly
HR-62
4-23-19

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CENTRAL RECORDS OFFICE A. G. O.

1st Ind.

293.8-Murphey, Joseph H (Enl)

hrc-obs-63

War Department, A.G.O., May 3, 1919. - To The Quartermaster General's Office (Cemeterial Branch). For the location of the burial place of Joseph H. Murphey, Private, 1st Class, # 1235177, Co. A, 109th Inf.

By order of The Secretary of War:

CEMETERIAL

H. Coanor
Adjutant General

Synopsis made.

2nd Ind.

In answer refer to file No. 293.3 (Murphey, Joseph H.) - Cemeterial Office, Quartermaster General, May 9th, 1919-- To The Adjutant General of the Army, War Dept. (REFERENCE: 293.8 Murphey, Joseph H. - Enl. A. G. O. May 3d, 1919).



The report of place of burial of the above named soldier, has not yet been received in this office.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

MAY 5 1919

REC'D
CEN. BR.

MAY 5 1919

H. R. Lemly

H. R. Lemly,
Major, Quartermaster Corps.

FEL.

14 REC'D BACK A.G.O. MAY 10 1919

293.8 (Enl.)

3d Ind.

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War Dept., A.G.O., May 17, 1919 - To the Commanding General, American Expeditionary Forces. It is requested that information concerning the death and burial of Private Joseph Hooker Murphy, Co. A, 109th Infantry, be furnished this office.

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EXP. SS.

The records of this office show this soldier reported buried August 6, 1918.

By order of the Secretary of War:

H. Coanor
Adjutant General.

Received
A.G.O.
2 - JUN 1919
A.G.O.

REC'D
MAY 5 1919
CEN. BR.

H. Coanor

4TH IND.

FROM: Central Records Office, A.P.O. 902, A.E.F.,

June 10, 1919.

TO : The Adjutant General's Office, War Department, Washington, D.C.

1. Private Joseph Hooker Murphy, 1235177, Company A, 109th Infantry is reported killed in action July 30, 1918, per S.P. 138, C.C. 518; buried August 6, 1918 in Grave #72, American Military Cemetery #613, at Cierges, Aisne, France.

2. Records in the A.E.F. furnish no further details relative to the manner of this soldier's death, and it is suggested that reference be made to the records of Company A, 109th Infantry, which organization is now in the United States.

REC'D
ENLISTED DIVISION

FOR COMMANDER IN CHIEF:



H. M. NELLY,
Adjutant General.

AD.

JUN 29 1 50 PM '19 REC'D BACK A G O, JUN 30 1919

A. G. O.

Received Enlisted Division
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RECORDS OF CASUALTY DIVISION

(NAME). *Murphy, Joseph H* (MIL.). *Put. 1 cl.*
(ORGANIZATION). *Co A. 109. Inf.*

RELEASED FOR DUTY OVERSEAS. *May 3*. 1918.

CASUALTY RECORD *correctly repts buried*
Aug. 6, 1918 in CC 492-29-153-1 Investigated
HOSPITAL RECORD *under way to determine date and*
cause of death.

NO LATER REPORT AT CAS. DIV. CONCERNING HIM.

DATE. *4/28/19* (SEARCHER).

RELATIVES.

Mrs Elizabeth Murphy (mother)
547 N. 65th St.
W. Philadelphia
Pa

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293.8 (Enl.)

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May 17, 1919.

Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy,
547 N. 65th St.,
W. Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Referring to your communication of recent date, requesting information concerning the death of your son, Joseph Hooker Murphy, you are informed that a report in this office shows that your son was buried August 6, 1918, but detailed information concerning the matter has not yet reached this office from overseas. Your communication is being referred to the Commanding General, American Expeditionary Forces, for all available information, and upon receipt of a reply, you will be promptly advised.

With respect to the question of having your two sons buried side by side in the Field of Honor in France, you are informed that it is the aim of the Department to comply with all reasonable requests of relatives of our deceased soldiers, in so far as it is practicable.

It is requested that you furnish this office with the name, rank, and organization of each of your sons and the matter of the final disposition of their bodies will be given further consideration.

It is desired to express to you the deep sympathy of the Department on account of the loss of your sons, and to commend you for the great sacrifice and contribution you have made to the cause for which they gave their lives.

Very sincerely yours,

The Adjutant General
Per
W. V. Oyster.
MAY 19 11-19
A. G. O.

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File 5-17-19
KSS-69.

293,8 (Murphy, Joseph Hooker)
Burial Records Section

eje
7th & B

July 9th, 1919

Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy,
547 N. 65th St.,
West Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

In response to your letter of April 21st, and also to our letter of May 17th, 1919, I beg to advise that information has been received from overseas, as follows: "Private Joseph Hooker Murphy, 1255177, Co. "A", 109th Infantry, is reported killed in action, July 30th, 1918, per S. P. 158, C.C. 518; and was buried August 6th, 1918, in Grave #72, American Military Cemetery #618, at Clerges, Aisne, France. Records in the American Expeditionary Forces furnish no further details relative to the manner of this soldier's death, and it is suggested that reference be made to the records of Company A, 109th Infantry, which organization is now in the United States." However, the 109th Infantry has been demobilized.

With reference to burial conditions overseas, your attention is invited to the inclosed circular letter.

Very sincerely,

The Adjutant General
Per *W. V. Carter*

1 Incl.

File of 6. 7/9/19
Burial Records Sec.

INDEXING SECTION
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Index Number

INDEX SHEET

AG 293.8 Murphy, John H. (Sgt. Maj.)

5/21/19

Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy, 547 N. 65th St., - TAG

*Serial
203,737*

States her desire to have the remains of her two sons, John H. Murphy, formerly Sgt. Maj. Hq. Det. 2d Amm. Train, and Joseph H. Murphy, formerly Cpl. Co. A, 109th Inf., returned to this country for final burial.

Put

HL-MB-6-11-19

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Show classification number and date of communication on first line, drop two spaces, show source of communication and to whom addressed, then drop two spaces again and give a brief synopsis of subject matter sufficient to identify the document.

CASE OF **MURPHY, Joseph H., S#1236177, Cpl., Co.A, 109th Infantry.**

GRAVE **#229, Sec. G, Plot 5, Cty. 608**

DECISION **Body in grave is not that of above man.**

DENTAL CHART

Date of Enlistment		Report on Disinterment			
A.G.O.		Emergency Address		Miss A.D.	
Missing	Dental Work	Dental Work	Missing B.D.	Dental Work	Miss A.D.
U.R.					5
					7
U.L.					8
				14 Badly decayed	9
					11
L.R.					13
			17 Ext.		18
					24
L.L.					25
					26
					31

Above discrepancies can not be accounted for as follows:

Age 26 years and 1 Month

BODY DESCRIPTION

A.G.O. Report	E/A Report	Report on Disinterment
Height 5 Ft. 5 In.		Impossible to determine
Weight 136 lbs.	NONE	"
Hair Brown		"
Fractures None		Head shattered - Right Radial Fractured

IDENTIFICATION TAGS

Found on Body

Found on Cross

No

Yes

OTHER IDENTIFYING MARKS

Found on Body

None

ORIGINAL BURIAL DATA

Body in this Grave concentrated from **Grave 72, Cty. 613**

This man reported buried originally " " " "

Organizations of other men buried around original location **110th Infantry.**

(OVER)

M.P. Beverly
Investigator

Concur:

[Signature]

APPROVED:

[Signature]

CASE OF: MURPHY, Joseph H., Cpl.,
S#1235177, Co.A, 109th Inf.,

Searchers report shows that he was hit by rifle or machine gun fire. Hedhad several bullet holes. Died instantly - This occurred near Courmont on about July 31, 1918. Was buried on a hill between Courmont & Sergy.

Body to be returned to U.S.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, AND SHIPMENT OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records Office Chief G. R. S. *Unknown (5/16/22 HUEB)* Discrepancy found upon examination of body.

1. Name ~~MURPHY, Joseph H.~~ 10. Name NONE

2. No. 1235177 11. No. _____

3. Rank Cpl. 12. Rank _____

4. Org Co. A, 109th Inf. 13. Org _____

5. D. D. 7/30/18 14. (a) D. D. _____

6. C. D. K/A 15. (b) D. B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment.

7. Grave No. 229 Sec. G 15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____

8. Plot 5 Row -- 16. Plot _____ Row _____

9. _____ 17. _____

18. Cemetery American

19. Commune or town Seringes-et-Nesles

20. Department or county Aisne

21. Country France 22. G. R. S. Headquarters Code No. 608

23. Disinterred 5.11.21 By H.H. FOSTER, SUP. EMB.
(Date.)

24. Inscription on grave marker { Name JOSEPH H. MURPHY Serial No. _____
Rank CPL Organization CO. A. 109th Inf.

25. Was identification disk found on grave marker? YES On body? NO

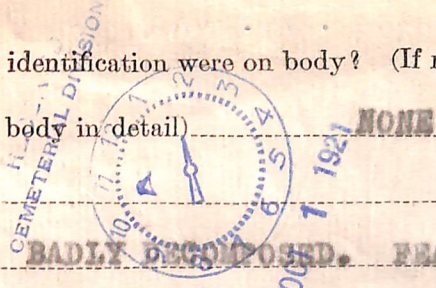
Thomas L. Corley
Signature of Junior Technical Assistant.

(The following space is reserved for notations to be made by office Chief Graves Registration Service.)

3-7727

PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disk or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail) NONE



27. Condition of body BADLY DECOMPOSED. FEATURES UNRECOGNIZABLE.

28. Nature of burial UNIFORM AND BURLAP

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket 5.11.21 (Date.) By H.H. FOSTER, SUP. EMB.

31. Casket sealed by H.H. FOSTER, SUP. EMB.

Signature of Embalmer (Supervisor) N. N. Foster

SHIPMENT (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. 33777

32. Designation of body { Name MURPHY, Joseph H. Serial No. 1235177
Rank Cpl. Organization Co. A, 109th Inf.

33. CONSIGNEE—Name Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy,
Address 511 N. 65th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

34. Casket boxed and marked 5.11.21 (Date.) By H.H. FOSTER, SUP. EMB.

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 A. E. Dewey, 1st Lt. OMC.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from cemetery 5.11.21 (Date.) To RAIKHEAD 5. (Point of concentration.)

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer L. B. MASSIE, CAPT. OMC.

38. Received at point of concentration _____ (Date.)

Signature Receiving Officer _____

39. Shipped from point of concentration _____ (Date.)

To _____ (Port.) Convoyer _____

Signature Shipping Officer _____

40. Received European port _____ (Date.)

Signature of G. R. S. Representative _____

41. Shipped to _____ (U. S. port.) On _____ (Boat.)

Date _____ Convoyer _____ (Signature of Shipping Officer.)

42. Received _____ (Date.) By G. R. S. Representative _____ (Signature.)

43. Shipped to destination _____ (Date.) { B/L or Express Order No. _____
Convoyer _____ { Shipping Officer _____

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 87369

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name MURPHY, Joseph H. ^{ok (12-31)} Ser. No. 1235177
 (b) Rank Cpl. ^{ok (12-31)} Organization Co. A, 109th Inf. } TYP. EK
 (c) Date of death 7/30/18 (d) Cause of death K/A } CKR. J

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

(a) Grave No. 229 ^{unlocated in 8/16/22} Row -- Plot 5 Sec. G TYP. EK
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy (mother) 547 N. 65th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases --- CKR. J

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt -

(a) Name Elizabeth Murphy (b) Relationship mother
 (c) Address 547 N. 65th St - Phila. - Pa
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? Yes
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at -

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. William Cushing
1100 Snyder Ave - Phila - Pa

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

Examiner's Initials mk8 Date 12-21, 1920.

V. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from Elizabeth Murphy
547 N. 65th - Phila - Pa, dated 4-21-19.

confirming request in Par. IV., item ---, above, or requesting that confirmation of death and asks that son be buried in France. Has another son who was killed and wants them buried together.
 Examiner's Initials mk8 Date 12-21, 1920.

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

Letter 4/26/19 from Elizabeth Murphy (mother) Address above, asks number and location of sons graves.

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes. E.M.

Examiner's Initials E.M. Date 12/23, 1920.

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 608 SHEET No. 2325

CARDED

checked 12-31

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

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 1920.

VIII. Following advice forwarded to Europe by

cable on _____, 1920
letter on 1/5/21, 1920

RECEIVED
NOV 29 1921
HOBOKEN, N. J.
FEB 9 1921
ACTION:
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE
DIVISION
CORRESPONDENCE BR.

Par 2. Not to be returned (E&S) 1-18-21

IX.

CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE.	ACTION TAKEN.
Desires body be _____	
Body to be shipped to _____	<i>Europe advised by letter (3/22/21) Body to be returned ECS Hob</i>

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*2-10-21 2/11/20 Mrs. Elizabeth
Murphy 511 No. 65th St, Phila. Penna
request body shipped to her at above
address H-2-16-21 an
Form 129 to be returned Fed Wash. 3-5-21-13.7.
Let 4-15-21 fr Elizabeth Murphy, Mother (N.K.)
511 N. 65th St. West Phila Pa. Requesting
information regarding the deceased ^{soldier} H-4-25-21 R
8-25-21- Letter from mother inquiring about
arrival of body. H-8-31-21-27.
10-13-21, letter, mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy, 511 N.
65th St. West Phila. Pa. inquiring about when to
expect body. H-10-18-21 27.*

September 7, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Com. Div., Cor. Br.
(Murphy, Joseph H.)

Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy,
511 N. 65th Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Receipt of your letter of recent date making inquiry relative to the return of the remains of your son, the late Joseph H. Murphy, Corporal, Serial Number 1235177, Co. A, 109th Infantry, is acknowledged.

In reply you are advised that the remains of the late soldier have not yet arrived in the United States. However, as previously stated to you, about ten days prior to the arrival of the remains in the United States and again before shipment you will be notified by telegram sufficiently in advance to enable you to make such arrangements as are deemed necessary for the reception of the body.

With reference to your statement that other bodies are being returned to your locality, you are advised that the date of return of your son's body depends upon the cemetery in which it is now interred rather than upon the date of death, organization, etc. Operations are being conducted in the cemeteries in France in turn in accordance with an orderly plan and in compliance with the various restrictions imposed by the nature of the work. In due time the one in which your late son now rests will be reached and the remains returned to the United States and shipped to you as requested.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R.E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q.M. Corps,
Officer in Charge.

By:

F.C. FALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

MAILED
SEP 10 1921
COR. BR. G. R. S.

608-2325

No 511 W. 65th St

West Phila. Pa

Aug. 25th / 21
6 5 4 1

6/27 Church

Dear Sir - AUG 26 1921

Alb. Co. 115
H. - 8 - 31 - 21
Z.T.

Will you please
give me some informa-
tion concerning the
return of my son's body
the late Corporal -
Joseph Hooker Murphy
Co A. 109th Infantry
serial number 1,235,177

long.

Please excuse me for writing
you but I am terribly
anxious.

Yours truly

Elizabeth Murphy

Some reply at your
earliest convenience will
be considered a great
favor by me.

There have been so many
from my boy's regiment
who have come back
that I am terribly
worried for fear the
body may have been
sent some where else.
My papers have all
been sent in since Feb.
12th.

When my other boy
was sent home I did
not have to wait so

No 511 N. 65th St.
West Phila. Pa.

April 15th /21

608-23257

Dear Sir —

Will you please
send me a little
information concern-
ing the body of my son
the late Capt. Joseph W. Murphy
Co A. 109th Infantry
I sent in papers ^{of} ~~the~~
which I supposed were
to be sent in four

weeks prior to the ship-
ping of his body.

I have been told of
several thousand of
boys who have been
sent home since then.

I am getting anxious
and am afraid there
may have been some
hold up concerning

the address.
Thanking you in advance
I am very
Elizabeth Murphy Truly Yours

GENERAL DIVISION



APR 10

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
WASHINGTON
HOBOKEN, N.J.

FEB 9 1921

FROM: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O. Q. M. G.

To: Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy, ⁵¹¹547 N. 65th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

SUBJECT: Remains of Cpl. Joseph H. Murphy, Ser. No. 1235177, Co. A, 109th Inf.

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above-named soldier remain in France. *Ship to Mrs Elizabeth Murphy*

511 No. 65th St. Phila. Penna

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

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

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 or not these relatives are STILL LIVING.

Was soldier married? *No*

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)			
1			
2			
3			
Father	John Henry Murphy	Deceased	
Mother	Elizabeth J. Murphy	511 N. 65th St.	St. Phila., Pa.
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)			
1	William J. Murphy	Deceased	
2	John Henry Murphy	Deceased	
3			
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)			
1	Margaret Brullinger	228 Osborn St	Hissachon, Phila.
2	Mina S. Murphy	511 N. 65th St	St. Phila., Pa.
3	Marion H. Murphy	511 N. 65th St	St. Phila., Pa.

Date *February 10/1921*

Signature *Elizabeth Murphy*

Address *511 N. 65th St
St. Phila., Pa.*

Relationship *Mother*

Feb. 10th, 1921

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

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to No 511 N. 65th St. Phila. Pa (Name.) Mother's residence (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 Elizabeth Murphy

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

1. If definite instructions for the disposition of a body are not received from the next of kin 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 next of kin 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 next of kin, please ask the nearest next of kin, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
7. If YOU are not the nearest living next of kin 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.

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
CORRESPONDENCE BRANCH

NOTE.—INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DISPOSITION OF REMAINS will be issued by this office upon the properly executed authority of the legal next of kin in each case. The widow is the first person having disposition of the remains of her husband. Should there be no widow or children, the father and, in turn (upon his decease), the mother, is the proper authority. The brothers, in order of seniority, and then the sisters in order of seniority, if there are no brothers, rank next in authority to decide. Under an opinion rendered by the Judge Advocate General of the Army, if a widow has remarried she forfeits her right, and the next of kin as given above will make decision.

FEB 11 1921

March 9th, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div. Cor. Branch
(Murphy, Joseph H.)

Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy,
511 N. 65th St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Remains of the late Cpl. Joseph H. Murphy, Ser. No. 1235177,
Co. A, 109th Infantry, to be returned to the United States
and shipped to you at 511 N. 65th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

MAILED
MAR 11 1921
COR. BR. G. R. S.

F. C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant

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REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, AND SHIPMENT OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records Office Chief G. R. S.

Discrepancy found upon examination of body.

- 1. Name **MURPHY, Joseph H.** 10. Name
- 2. No. **1235177** 11. No.
- 3. Rank **Cpl.** 12. Rank
- 4. Org **Co. A, 109th Inf.** 13. Org
- 5. D. D. **7/30/18** 14. (a) D. D.
- 6. C. D. **K/A** 15. (b) D. B.

Grave unlocated Discrepancy found upon disinterment. *229* *6* *22 9/16/22*

- 7. Grave No. **229** Sec. **6** 15. Grave No. Sec.
- 8. Plot **5** Row **--** 16. Plot Row
- 9. **-----** 17.

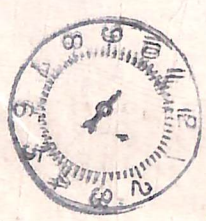
- 18. Cemetery **American**
- 19. Commune or town **Seringes-et-Nesles**
- 20. Department or county **Aisne**
- 21. Country **France** 22. G. R. S. Headquarters Code No. **608**
- 23. Disinterred (Date.) By
- 24. Inscription on grave marker { Name Serial No.
Rank Organization
- 25. Was identification disk found on grave marker? On body?

Signature of Junior Technical Assistant.

(The following space is reserved for notations to be made by office Chief Graves Registration Service.)

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MAR 26 1921



GENERAL DIVISION

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PREPARATION

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

27. Condition of body.....

28. Nature of burial.....

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.) By.....

31. Casket sealed by

Signature of Embalmer (Supervisor).....

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

32. Designation of body { Name MURPHY, Joseph H. Serial No. 1235177
Rank Cpl. Organization Co. A, 109th Inf.

33. CONSIGNEE—Name Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy.
Address 511 N. 65th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

34. Casket boxed and marked..... (Date.) By.....

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.....

36. Remarks.....

37. Shipped from cemetery..... (Date.) To..... (Point of concentration.)

Convoyer..... Signature Shipping Officer.....

38. Received at point of concentration..... (Date.)

Signature Receiving Officer.....

39. Shipped from point of concentration..... (Date.)

To..... (Port.) Convoyer.....

Signature Shipping Officer.....

40. Received European port..... (Date.)

Signature of G. R. S. Representative.....

41. Shipped to..... (U. S. port.) On..... (Boat.)

Date..... Convoyer..... (Signature of Shipping Officer.)

42. Received..... (Date.) By G. R. S. Representative..... (Signature.)

43. Shipped to destination..... (Date.) { B/L or Express Order No.

Convoyer..... Shipping Officer.....

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April 28th, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div. Cor. Br.
(Murphy, Joseph H.)

Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy
511 N. 65th St.,
West Phila., Pa.

Dear Madam:

Receipt of your letter of recent date relative to the disposition of the remains of the late Joseph H. Murphy, Corporal, Serial No. 1235177, Co. A, 109th Inf., is acknowledged.

It is regretted that no definite date can be given at this time concerning the arrival of the remains, but you will be notified by telegram about ten days prior to the arrival of the body in the United States and again before shipment so as to give you ample time to make such arrangements as you deem necessary.

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q.M. Corps,
Officer in Charge.

MAILED

APR 30 1921 BY:

COR. BR. G. R. S.

J. F. BUTLER,
Captain, Infantry.

ME/CP

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 87369

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name MURPHY, Joseph ^{ok (12-31)} Ser. No. 1235177
 (b) Rank Cpl. ^{ok (12-31)} Organization Co. A, 109th Inf.
 Cause of death K/A
 (c) Date of death 7/30/18 death

TYP EK

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

(a) Grave No. 229 ^{Grave unlocated in 6/19/22} Plot 5 Sect. 6 TYP EK
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy (mother) 547 N. 65th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases --- CKR J

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

A.G.O. Corre: Elizabeth Murphy, 547 N. 65th St., Phila., Pa. 4/21/19 desires body buried in France, with other son who was killed in the war. (E.S.) 1-18-21

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 192)
 (Letter of transmittal on 1-15-1921)

Par. 2. Not to be returned (E.S.) 1-18-21

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. **JAN 31 1921** 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken
<i>Mich 5/21</i>	<i>Mother (2/10/21)</i>	<i>Return of body</i>	<i>3/22/21 - Europe advised</i>
<i>Form 124</i>	<i>Elizabeth Murphy</i>	<i>to U.S.</i>	<i>to return body 3/22/21 (E.S.)</i>

VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. 4/29/21 192

COUNTRY France CEMETERY NO. 608 GRIST NO. 2325
 G. R. S. FORM 115-A August 1920

Form #114 made by als-3/16/21

Checked by: *ja* 3/16/21

RS FORM 9
Transmittal Supplementary Advice
Hoboken to Washington.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ARMY
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
HOBOKEN, N.J.

March 5th, 1921

From: Graves Registration Service Officer, Hoboken, N.J.
To: Cemeterial Division (Overseas Project Sub-Section)
Subject: Supplementary Advice concerning:

Name Murphy, Joseph H. Ser.No. 1235177
Rank Cpl. Organization Co. A, 109th Inf.
Cemetery No. 608 Cable Reference No. (Sheet No.) 2325

Request shown below dated Feb. 10, 1921 is latest in this case:

Name of Relative	Return to U.S.	Remain in	Special
Widow <u>No</u>			
Children _____			
Guardian _____			
Father <u>Deceased</u>			
Mother <u>Elizabeth Murphy, 511 N. 65th St., Philadelphia, Pa.</u>			
Brother _____			
Sister _____			
Others _____			

Body to be shipped to, ~~or for interment in~~ Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy,
511 N. 65th St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

(clb)
maf

R. E. SHANNON,
Graves Registration Officer,
Capt., Quartermaster Corps.
13.7.

Cable Letter Mar 22 1921 forwarding advice to Europe dispatched _____ 1921.
RPW

Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. O. M. G.
File # 293.8 # 87369

Murphy, J. H.

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MAR 14 1921

CEMETERIAL DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SEC.

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NAME Murphy, John H. 1235177 CD K/A

FILE No.:

DD 7/30/18

RANK AND ORGANIZATION Cpl. Co.A. 109th. Infantry

NEXT OF KIN: Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy, mother
511 N. 65th. St.,
West Philadelphia, Pa.

TRANSPORT

SHIP REMAINS TO:

STREET AND No:

CITY:

TELEGRAM SENT:

ROUTING

SHIPPED

TRAIN No:

TIME:

DATE:

ATTENDANT:

STATION:

 DAYS RATIONS

T.R.No.

No 511 N. 65th St.

West Phila., Pa.

Oct. 13th / 21

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OCT 14

R. G. Shannon
Capt. D. M. Corps

Dear Sir -

I hope you will excuse me
for again writing you,
I feel sure you will when
I tell you that the papers
have ^{published} planned a public
funeral Oct. 23rd for the
last of Phila. boys who
gave their lives in France

My dear Sir, if this is true, where
under heaven is my loss, the
late Corporal Joseph H. Murphy
Serial Number 1235177 Co A. 109th
Infantry

Your department has given me
to understand I would be notified
ten days before arrival at
Hoboken, yet according to the
plans those ^{part} boys have been in
Hoboken over a week.

I am sorry to seem impatient
and have tried to consider
the work of the department, but
I am asking in God's name
what am I to think when we
are told that these are the
last Phila. boys.

I had no trouble like this about
my other son being sent
home, just as I was told just
so he arrived on time and no
delay, he was buried from here last
July 17th/20.

Please kind Sir will you see I re-



War Department
Co. M. Corps
Graves Registration Service
Army Piers, Room 350
Hoboken
N. Jersey

from

Mrs Elizabeth Murphy

No 511 No 65th St

West Philadelphia

Pa.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICIAL TELEGRAM

OFFICIAL

H. L. ROGERS

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, U.S.A.

I CERTIFY THAT THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM IS ON **OFFICIAL BUSINESS** AND NECESSARY FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE.

GOVERNMENT PAID

~~J. F. BUTLER, CAPTAIN, INFANTRY~~
R. E. SHANNON, Capt. Q.M.C.

No. _____ PLACE HOBOKEN, NEW JERSEY DATE _____ 192

To Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy,
511 N. 65th. St.,
West Philadelphia, Pa.

BODY OF Cpl. Joseph H. Murphy, -One Two Three Five One Seven Seven

WILL ARRIVE HOBOKEN, N. J. ABOUT _____ AND WILL BE SHIPPED TO
you

AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE, BUT NOT UNTIL YOU TELEGRAPH AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE,
CONFIRMING ABOVE SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS. AWAIT SHIPPING NOTICE BEFORE MAKING
FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS OR DEPARTING FOR BURIAL DESTINATION.

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

NIGHT LETTER

CHARGE

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
CEMETERIAL DIVISION, HOBOKEN. No 8-2325

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

TELEGRAM

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GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

CAUSE OF DEATH: K/A

DATE OF DEATH: 7/30/18

COUNTRY France

SOLDIER'S SERIAL No. 1235177

42 RECEIVED (DATE

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43 SHIPPED TO DESTINATION (DATE)

B-L OR EXPRESS ORDER No.

CONVOYER

SHIPPING OFFICER

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

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October 20, 1921

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div. Cor.Br.
(MURPHY, Joseph H.)

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You may rest assured that the body of your late son will be returned to you as soon as practicable under existing conditions. More definite advice can be given at a later date.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R.E. SHANNON,
Capt. Q.M. Corps,
Officer in Charge.

By-

F.C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

ENCLOSURE

October 20, 1921

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Executive Assistant.
K.M.

MAILED
OCT 20 1921
"COR. BR. G. B. B."

BACKING SHEET