

Phillips, Walter A

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

85850  
(Army serial number.)

2nd Lt

Co F 345 Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased. *Sister*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? *No*  
(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you }  
wish them interred in a national cemetery? } (Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

*Mrs. Olive Phillips Milburn*

*Barbuck La*

APR 22 1919  
(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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drawn by ~~MAH~~

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G.R.S. Form #114-B

*Phew*

✓ PHILLIPS, Walter A.  
FULL NAME .....

✓ 2nd Lt.  
RANK ..... SERIAL .....

✓ 345th Infantry Co. P. 87 Div.  
DIVISION & ORGANIZATION .....

Nov. 10, 1918  
DATE OF DEATH .....

La.  
STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME .....

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED. ✓

23 4 A  
FINAL GRAVE LOCATION .....

Date Grave Row Block



Suresnes American Cemetery 34  
Cemetery

Rec'd World War Div  
NOV 20 1924

LOCATI

Phillips, Walter A.  
(Surname) (Number) (First Name and Initials)

2nd Lt. Co. F, 343rd Infantry.  
(Rank) (Organization)

PLACE OF DEATH: Base Hospital No. 6, A.E.F.

CAUSE OF DEATH: Broncho Pneumonia.

DATE OF BURIAL: Nov. 11, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL:

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

American Expeditionary Forces.

Cemetery #25, Talence, France, Section A.

GRAVE NUMBER: 24

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? Yes Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? yes

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE: Mrs. James F. Milburn,

ADDRESS: Barbreck, Louisiana.

RELATIONSHIP: Sister.

REPORTED BY:

G. W. F. Farber, G. W. F. Farber, G. W. F. Farber  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

This portion to be forwarded to Central Records Office, A. G. O., A. E. F.

CODE SLIP

**LOCO PARENTIS**

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Phillips</i>	<i>PHI</i>	3	<i>689</i>
<i>Halter a</i>	CEMETERY <i>34</i>	1	<i>6</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>23</i>	2	<i>23</i>
	ROW <i>4</i>	2	<i>04</i>
	BLOCK <i>a</i>	1	<i>1</i>
STATE	<i>La</i>	2	<i>22</i>
RANK	<i>2nd Lt</i>	1	<i>1</i>
DIVISION	<i>87</i>	2	<i>87</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>345</i>	3	<i>345</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL	<i>No</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Milburn</i>	<i>MIL</i>	3	<i>392</i>
<i>Mrs Olive P</i>	STATE <i>La</i>	2	<i>22</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>St Landry</i>	2	<i>49</i>
<i>Mother died 1897</i>	CITY <i>Barbeuck</i>	3	<i>xxx</i>
RELATION	<i>Loco parentis</i>	1	<i>4</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>No</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	<i>2a</i>

**AUDITED**  
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Barbreck La  
Sept-20, 1932-

War Dept-  
Washington D.C.-

Dear Sirs:

In reply to your letter  
will say -

- 1- The father of Lin. W. A. Phillips died on Nov. 12, 1913-
- 2- His mother died when he was six, I took care of <sup>him</sup> and took the place of his mother - Our father clothed him until he was grown but I raised and nursed and cared for him. And after I married my home was his home -
- 3- He had no step mother -

yours truly

Mrs. Olive P. Melburn

no loco  
BB



QM 298 AM  
Phillips, Walter A. Sur

September 15, 1932

Mrs. Olive P. Milburn,  
Barbreck,  
Louisiana.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to your eligibility to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your brother, the late Second Lieutenant Walter A. Phillips, under the loco parentis clause of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

To date no reply has been received and it is requested that you furnish the following information in order to assist this office in determining whether or not you may be eligible to make a pilgrimage:

1. Date of death of the father of the late Second Lieutenant Walter A. Phillips.
2. Did you provide this veteran with food, clothing and shelter for a period of five years at any time prior to his reaching eighteen years of age?
3. Is he survived by a stepmother?  
If so, give her name and address and the date of her marriage to the veteran's father.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Incl.  
Envelope  
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Phillips, Walter A. 2nd Lt. Co. F. 354 Inf. La.

SINGLE

BORN 4-23-92 ENL 8-15-17

Mother died 1897

Father? died before 1918 - date not in file

is Olive Milburn ~~2-1890~~

Age? born 3-19-79

no claim for comp -  
no record of loc

QM 293 A-M

Phillips, Walter A. 2nd Lt. (Sur) LP

July 25, 1931.

Mrs. Olive P. Milburn,  
Barbreck, Louisiana.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to office letter of August 25, 1930, wherein you were requested to furnish affidavits in the event you considered yourself eligible to make a pilgrimage to the grave of the late 2nd Lieutenant Walter A. Phillips under the provisions of section 4 (a) of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended, which reads in part "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for a period of not less than 5 years at any time prior to the soldier, sailor or marine becoming 18 years of age."

To date the affidavits have not been received and in order that the records may be completed, it is requested you advise whether or not you consider yourself eligible to make a pilgrimage under this provision of the law. A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

In the event you consider yourself eligible and desire to make a pilgrimage, it is requested the affidavit forms sent you be completed by two persons not related to you and returned to this office. If you have misplaced the forms mentioned, another set will be mailed you upon request.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:  
Env.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Phillips, Walter A. 34 LP

January 17, 1931.

Mrs. Olive P. Milburn,  
Barbreck, Louisiana.

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested that you advise whether or not the late Second Lieutenant Walter A. Phillips is survived by his natural mother, and if so, furnish her name and address.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:  
Env.

*Captain A. D. Hughes  
Washington D. C.*

*Dear Sir:*

*In reply to the above will say that the natural mother of Lieut. Walter A. Phillips died in 1897.*

*yours truly*

*Mrs. Olive P. Milburn*



QM 293 A-M  
Phillips, Walter A. 34 LP

January 17, 1931.

Mrs. Olive P. Milburn,  
Barbreck, Louisiana.

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested that you advise whether or not the late Second Lieutenant Walter A. Phillips is survived by his natural mother, and if so, furnish her name and address.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:  
Env.

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QM 293 A-M  
Phillips, Walter A. 2nd Lieut. 54 LP

August 25, 1930.

Mrs. Olive P. Milburn,  
Barbreek, Louisiana.

Dear Madam:

With further reference to the correspondence from this office relative to the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of Congress, approved March 2, 1929, you are advised Section 4 (a) of the Act was amended on May 15, 1930, so that it now reads in part as follows: "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for a period of not less than five years at any time prior to the soldier, sailor, or marine becoming eighteen years of age."

In order to satisfy legal requirements it will be necessary for you to furnish as proof of your relationship, in loco parentis, the affidavits of at least two persons not related to you.

In the event you believe yourself eligible under this provision of the law to make the pilgrimage, it is requested that the enclosed forms be completed and returned to this office in order that your eligibility under the Act may be determined. Under paragraphs 1 (c) and 1 (d), sufficient information should be included to permit an intelligible decision as to eligibility.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:  
Forms - Env.  
Act - Amend.

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QM 293 A-C  
Phillips, Walter A.

October 26, 1929.

Mrs. Olive P. Milburn,  
Barbreck, La.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of form letter of this office dated September 3, 1929, relative to your eligibility to visit the grave of your brother, the late Second Lieutenant Walter A. Phillips, Company F, 345th Infantry, who is buried in the Suresnes American Cemetery in France.

It is assumed that you desire this privilege under the provisions of Section 4(a) of the Act of March 2, 1929, which states in part "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for the year prior to the commencement of his service in such forces".

It has been held that within the meaning of the law a person cannot stand in loco parentis to an adult unless such adult is mentally or physically incapacitated. No man who was mentally or physically incapacitated was accepted for service in the military or naval forces. Inasmuch as Lieutenant Walter A. Phillips was an adult at the time of the commencement of his service, his age having been 25 years, 3 months, no person could have stood in loco parentis to him for the year prior to his entry into the service. Therefore, I regret to advise that you are ineligible within the meaning of the law to make this pilgrimage at the expense of the Government.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Phillips, Walter A.  
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September 3, 1929.

Mrs. Olive P. Milburn,  
Barbeck, La.

*25 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>12</sub> yrs  
Comm. 8-15-17*

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 13, 1929, making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

*Never married*

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

*Mrs. Olive P. Milburn  
Barbeck, La  
Sister*

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

*yes*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

May 13, 1929.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 295 A-C  
Phillips, Walter A.

Mrs. Olive P. Milburn,  
Barbock, La.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the sister of the late Second Lieutenant Walter A. Phillips, Company F, 345th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, France.

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

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relative is a stepmother, mother through adoption, or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. If he was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

September 20, 1922.

FILE: 293.8 C-R #55502

SUBJECT: Permanent Grave Location of 2nd Lieutenant Walter A. Phillips,  
Company F, 345th Infantry.

TO: Mrs. Olive P. Milburn, Barbrock, La.

1. The permanent grave of this officer is No. 23, Row 4, Block A, Suresnes American Cemetery at Suresnes, Department of Seine, France.
2. This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, organization and date of soldier's death. The headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.
3. In effecting removal, the utmost care and reverence were exacted and more than willingly accorded by those performing this sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

For the Quartermaster General:

GEORGE H. PENROSE,  
Assistant.

MAILED

SEP 20 1922

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DATE 10/21/21

1. NAME PHILLIPS, Walter A. SERIAL No. \_\_\_\_\_

RANK 2nd Lieut. ORGANIZATION Co. F. 345th Infantry.

GRAVE LOCATION American - Talence, Gironde. CTY. NAME \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER 25

24 Sect.A. (Officer's Plot).

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 24 Sec. A Talence Gironde  
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES \_\_\_\_\_

CONCENTRATED TO Nov. 15, 1918 24  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Talence 25-A  
CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_

*W. R. Nichols*  
W. R. NICHOLS  
Major, C. A. C.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 10;21/21 23 4 A  
DATE GRAVE ROW Block PLOT

Suresnes American Cty # 34 Suresnes Saine  
CEMETERY

AUDITED BY  
SEB 8/24/22

RECEIVED  
REGISTRATION SERVICE  
JUL 10 1922

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.

2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.

3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.

4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form I6, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.

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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Phillips, ..... Walter A. .....  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

2nd Lt. ..... Co. F, 343rd Infantry. .....  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Base Hospital No. 6, A.E.F.

CAUSE OF DEATH: Broncho Pneumonia.

DATE OF BURIAL: Nov. 11, 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL: .....

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

American Expeditionary Forces.

Cemetery #25, Talence, France, Section A.

GRAVE NUMBER: ..... 24 .....

HOW MARKED: \*Name Peg? ..... Cross? .....

Headboard? yes ..... Bottle? .....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? ..... yes .....

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

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

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NEAREST RELATIVE: Mrs. James F. Milburn,

ADDRESS: Barbreck, Louisiana.

RELATIONSHIP: Sister.

REPORTED BY: .....

G. W. Everberg  
..... 2nd Lieut. G. W. Everberg, C.M., U.S.  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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





Place Talence # 25,  
Date Sept. 14, 1921.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF PHILLIPS, Walter A. SERIAL NUMBER -----  
RANK 2nd Lieut. ORGANIZATION Co. F., 345th Inf.

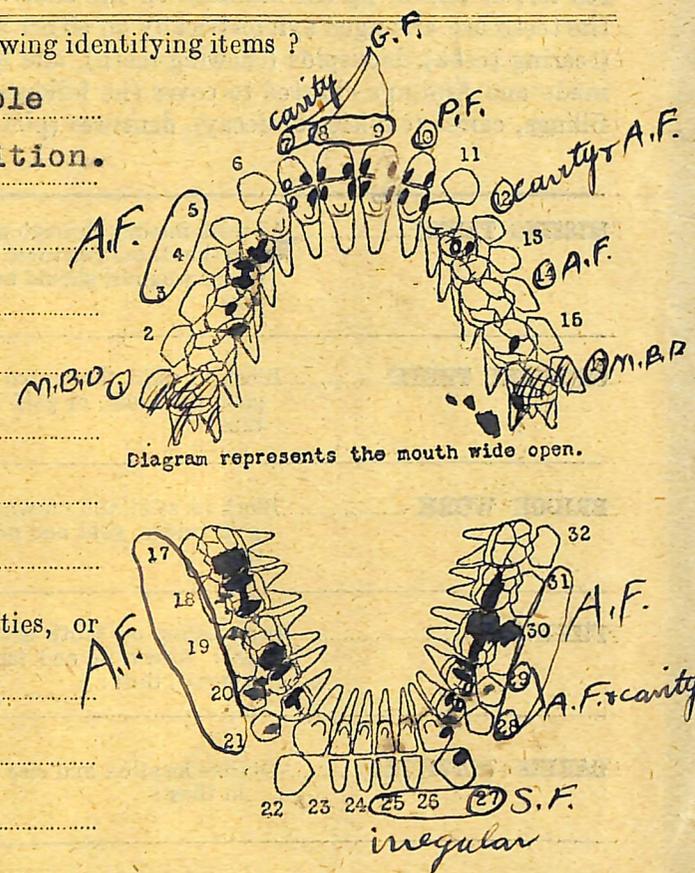
2. Disinterred (date): Sept. 14, 1921. From (give complete location): Gr. 24. Sec. A. Talence # 25.  
By: Group 3 Unit Sec. 7.

3. Reburied (date): October 21st, 1921. In (give complete location): Suresnes Cemetery. - Block A - Row 4 - Grave 23.  
By: Group Field Operations Branch Unit ----- Nature of reburial Metal Casket and Blanket.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Wooden box. Officer's Uniform. Badly decomposed.  
Sam Brown Belt. Features not recognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? Yes  
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:  
Body tag corroded. " --er A. Phi-lips, --45- U.S.A., legible.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items?  
(a) Height (actual measurement) Indiscernable  
(b) Weight (estimated) due to decomposition.  
(c) Hair—Color Light brown.  
Quantity Unknown.  
Characteristics Straight.  
(d) Hair on face—Color None visible.  
Location None.  
Quantity None.  
(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) None.  
(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) None.



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L.R. Knasin, Checker  
7. Disinterment supervised by B.F. FAIR, Sup. Emb. Approved: O.E. DAVIS, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.  
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8. Reburial supervised by R. G. RICHARDS, 1st Lieut. Q.M.C. Approved: R. P. HARBOLD, Major, Q.M.C.

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

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

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".

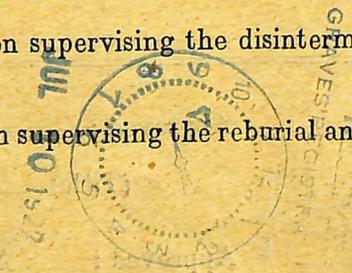
(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No. 6.

6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

<b>MISSING TEETH</b> .....	All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus:	
<b>CROWNED TEETH</b> .....	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:	
<b>BRIDGE WORK</b> .....	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus:	
<b>FILLINGS</b> .....	Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:	
<b>CARIES (CAVITIES)</b> .....	Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:	
<b>DENTURES (PLATES)</b> .....	Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate, block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp."	

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

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



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept. 14, 1921.

## REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

## DISINTERMENT

## COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name PHILLIPS, Walter A.

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

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

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

3. Rank 2nd Lieut.

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

4. Org. Co. F, 345th Infantry.

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

5. D.D. Nov. 10th, 16

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

6. C.D. Broncho Pneumonia(b) D.B. No discrepancy.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. A

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

8. Plot Officer's Row \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

17. No discrepancy.18. Cemetery American19. Commune or town Talence.20. Dept. or County Gironde21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. \_\_\_\_\_

Cty. #25.23. Disinterred (Date) Sept. 14, 1921.By B. F. FAIR

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name PHILLIPS, Walter A.Serial No. ---Rank 2nd Lieut.Organization Co. F, 345th Infantry.25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes On body? YesSignature L. R. Knasin  
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

## PREPARATION

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

Corroded body tag " --.er A. Phi-lips, --45- U.S.A. legible.27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Features not recognizable.28. Nature of burial Wooden box. Officer uniform and Sam Brown Belt.29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None.30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Sept. 14, 1921. By B. F. FAIR31. Casket sealed by B. F. FAIRSignature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) B. F. FAIRB. F. FAIR.

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

32. Designation of body:

PHILLIPS, Walter A.

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

2nd Lieut.

Co. F. 345th Infantry.

Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_



34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Sept. 14, 1921. By B.F. FAIR

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 \_\_\_\_\_

O.E. DAVIS, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

36. Remarks None.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Sept. 14, 1921.

To point of Concentration Bassens, (Gironde).

Convoyer Charles F. Schiller Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) \_\_\_\_\_

S.D. CAMPBELL, Capt., Q.M.C.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Sept. 14, 1921.

By G.R.S. Representative W. R. NICHOLS  
Major C. A. C.

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Oct 14 1921

39 (a) Received at Paris Morgue, October 17, 1921.

  
H. L. WARD,  
Major, Q.M.C.

39 (b) Shipped from Paris Morgue, Oct. 20th 1921. To Permanent Cemetery No. 34, American, Suresnes (Seine) by Shipping Officer, Conveyed by:

  
H. L. WARD,  
Major, Q.M.C.

42. Grave No. 23. SECTION \_\_\_\_\_

43. ~~Block~~ Block A. Row 4.

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

  
R. G. RICHARDS,  
1st Lieut. Q.M.C.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #55502

*3/19/22 Extract  
1/22  
for Centralization  
#34 att  
4/1/22  
Bureau*

1. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name Phillips, Walter A. Ser. No. \_\_\_\_\_ )  
(b) Rank 2nd Lt. Organization Co. F. 345th Inf. ) TYP. IPH  
(c) Date of death 11-16-18 (d) Cause of death Broncho Pneumonia ) CKR. 208

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

(a) Grave No. 24 Row \_\_\_\_\_ Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Sect. A ) TYP. PHL  
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Jas. F. Milburn (Sister), Barbreeck, La.

111. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; No Card ) CKR. 924

IV. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Miss Phillip Miller (b) Relationship Sister  
(c) Address Barbreeck, La.  
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? no  
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at \_\_\_\_\_

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U.S. \_\_\_\_\_

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

Examiner's Initials mm Date 4-27-1920

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

dated \_\_\_\_\_, confirmed request in Par. IV. item \_\_\_\_\_, above, or requesting that \_\_\_\_\_

No correspondence  
Examiner's Initials ewc Date 4-27-1920

VI. G.R.S. Files - Correspondence - shows as follows: No request

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes: aa

Examiner's Initials aa Date 4-27-1920

COUNTRY France  
G.R.S. Form #115  
Amended April 6, 1920.

CEMETERY NO. 25

SHEET NO. 438

Make Form #114

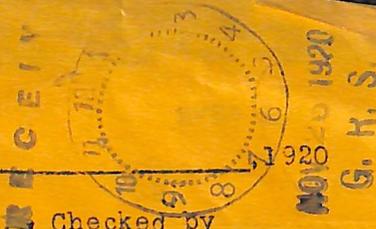
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mett 10-8-20*

VII. G. R. S. FORM No. 114 made

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_

Checked by \_\_\_\_\_

1920



VIII. FINAL ACTION:

*Par 2 not to be returned*

Following advice forwarded to Europe by-

( cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
( letter on **MAY 7**, 1920

*Par. # 2 not to be returned mb 10-11-20*

IX.

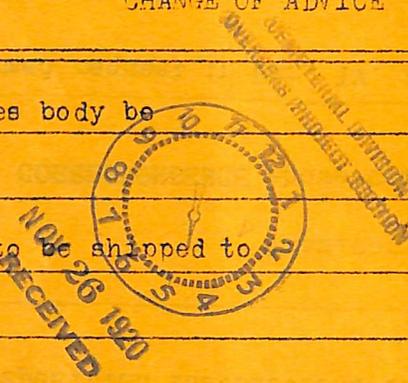
CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE

ACTION TAKEN

Desires body be

Body to be shipped to



X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*5/13/20 Form # 120 sister nearest of kin wishes body left in Europe 10/1/20 11/1/20 - Letter from sister stating that she is the oldest sister of the deceased. (G.D.)*

NOV 23 1920

**FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN - BODY TO REMAIN IN EUROPE. HSK**

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

25-438

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.  
TO: Olive Phillips Milburn, Barbrick, La.  
SUBJECT: Remains of 2nd Lt. Walter A. Phillips

MAY 4 1920  
Rush Answer

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body be not returned to U. S.

No change

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow	<del>none</del> NO		
Soldier's Children	1.		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
	3.		
Father	J. H. Phillips (dead)		
	Cherryville La		
Mother	Eugenia Phillips (dead)		
Brothers	1. Earl Phillips (dead)		
(Name oldest first)	2. Barbrick La		
Sisters	Mrs. Olive Phillips Milburn	Barbrick La	
"	Maud Palmer	Brookhaven Miss.	
"	Myra Oring	Cherryville La	
"	W. A. Phillips	Cherryville La	
Date	May 13, 1920	Signature	Mrs. Olive Phillips Milburn

noted H # 115  
19/1/2068

The transfer of bodies will be made entirely at government expense.

HBC Address Barbrick La Relationship Sister

Note:- Instructions on the reverse side of this sheet should be carefully read before filling out this paper.

(OVER)

(over)

I understand that the United States Government will own and care for a cemetery in France in which the American soldiers will be buried if that is correct we do not desire the body of our Brother Dr. Walter A. Phillips moved other wise we ~~want~~ <sup>do</sup>

Mrs. Olive Phillips Milburn

P.S. We have two other sisters Mrs. Nannie Wemple and Miss Ada Phillips but do not know their address. We are not on speaking terms with them neither was our Brother Dr. Walter A. Phillips

O. P. M.

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT

1. This paper **MUST** be signed by the person who is the **NEXT** of kin in the order shown in the square on other side of this sheet.
2. This paper must be returned showing the names and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
3. 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.
4. If **YOU** are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
5. If **YOU** are not the nearest living relative and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper **AT ONCE** and mail to this office.
6. You are requested to return this paper **AT ONCE** in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
7. Use the enclosed envelope - pay no postage.

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

October 21st, 1920.

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File No. 293.8 Cor.Br. Cem.Div.  
(Phillips, Walter, A.)

Mrs. Olive P. Milburn,  
Barbrick,  
La.

Dear Madam:-

It is requested that you inform this office without delay whether you are the oldest sister of the late 2nd Lieut. Walter A. Phillips, Co. F. 345th Inf., and if not, it is necessary that you give name and address of oldest sister of the late soldier.

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

BY:

*Clay S. Worick*  
CLAY S. WORICK,  
Captain, A.G.D.



OCT 30 2

*Capt. Clay S. Worick.*

*Dear Sir:-*

*In reply to the above letter  
will say I am the oldest sister of the late  
2nd Lieut. Walter A. Phillips - yours truly  
Mrs. Olive P. Milburn*

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DA

File-55502

*See Form 115  
att 4/1/22*

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name Phillips, Walter A. Ser. No. ----- TYP. ILH  
 (b) Rank 2nd Lt. Organization Co. F. 345th Inf. JTB  
 (c) Date of death 11-16-18 Cause of death Broncho Pneumonia LM

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

(a) Grave No. 24 Row -- Plot -- Sect. A TYP. EML  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Jas. F. Milbourn (sister) Barbreck, La.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases. No card CKR ILH

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

*I.G.O. card Office Phillips Milbourn, (sister) Barbreck, La. request to body not returned. Rd. E. 10/14/20*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by - (cable on ----- 192  
 (letter of transmittal on 5-7 192 0  
Par. 2. Not to be returned, RLE

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. OCT 14 1920 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken

VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. NOV 26 1920 192

COUNTRY France  
 G.R.S. FORM 115-A  
 August, 1920

CEMETERY NO. 25

SHEET NO. 438

S-666/MB

*(E.L.S.) 10-14-20*

QM 293 AM  
Phillips, Walter A. Sur

September 15, 1932

Mrs. Olive P. Milburn,  
Barbreck,  
Louisiana.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to your eligibility to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your brother, the late Second Lieutenant Walter A. Phillips, under the loco parentis clause of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

To date no reply has been received and it is requested that you furnish the following information in order to assist this office in determining whether or not you may be eligible to make a pilgrimage:

1. Date of death of the father of the late Second Lieutenant Walter A. Phillips.
2. Did you provide this veteran with food, clothing and shelter for a period of five years at any time prior to his reaching eighteen years of age?
3. Is he survived by a stepmother?  
If so, give her name and address and the date of her marriage to the veteran's father.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Incl.  
Envelope  
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QM 293 A-M

Phillips, Walter A. 2nd Lt. (Sur)

July 23, 1931.

Mrs. Olive P. Milburn,  
Barbreck, Louisiana.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to office letter of August 25, 1930, wherein you were requested to furnish affidavits in the event you considered yourself eligible to make a pilgrimage to the grave of the late 2nd Lieutenant Walter A. Phillips under the provisions of section 4 (a) of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended, which reads in part "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for a period of not less than 5 years at any time prior to the soldier, sailor or marine becoming 18 years of age."

To date the affidavits have not been received and in order that the records may be completed, it is requested you advise whether or not you consider yourself eligible to make a pilgrimage under this provision of the law. A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

In the event you consider yourself eligible and desire to make a pilgrimage, it is requested the affidavit forms sent you be completed by two persons not related to you and returned to this office. If you have misplaced the forms mentioned, another set will be mailed you upon request.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:  
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Q. M. G. M. & C.

QM 293 A-M  
Phillips, Walter A. 34 LP

January 17, 1931.

Mrs. Olive P. Milburn,  
Barbreck, Louisiana.

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested that you advise whether or not the late Second Lieutenant Walter A. Phillips is survived by his natural mother, and if so, furnish her name and address.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 295 A-M  
Phillips, Walter A. 2nd Lieut. 34 LP

August 25, 1930.

Mrs. Olive P. Milburn,  
Barbreek, Louisiana.

Dear Madam:

With further reference to the correspondence from this office relative to the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of Congress, approved March 2, 1929, you are advised Section 4 (a) of the Act was amended on May 15, 1930, so that it now reads in part as follows: "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for a period of not less than five years at any time prior to the soldier, sailor, or marine becoming eighteen years of age."

In order to satisfy legal requirements it will be necessary for you to furnish as proof of your relationship, in loco parentis, the affidavits of at least two persons not related to you.

In the event you believe yourself eligible under this provision of the law to make the pilgrimage, it is requested that the enclosed forms be completed and returned to this office in order that your eligibility under the Act may be determined. Under paragraphs 1 (c) and 1 (d), sufficient information should be included to permit an intelligible decision as to eligibility.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:  
Forms - Env.  
Act - Amend.

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QM 293 A-C  
Phillips, Walter A.

October 26, 1929.

Mrs. Olive P. Milburn,  
Barbreck, La.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of form letter of this office dated September 3, 1929, relative to your eligibility to visit the grave of your brother, the late Second Lieutenant Walter A. Phillips, Company F, 345th Infantry, who is buried in the Suresnes American Cemetery in France.

It is assumed that you desire this privilege under the provisions of Section 4(a) of the Act of March 2, 1929, which states in part "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for the year prior to the commencement of his service in such forces".

It has been held that within the meaning of the law a person cannot stand in loco parentis to an adult unless such adult is mentally or physically incapacitated. No man who was mentally or physically incapacitated was accepted for service in the military or naval forces. Inasmuch as Lieutenant Walter A. Phillips was an adult at the time of the commencement of his service, his age having been 25 years, 3 months, no person could have stood in loco parentis to him for the year prior to his entry into the service. Therefore, I regret to advise that you are ineligible within the meaning of the law to make this pilgrimage at the expense of the Government.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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DEPT. OF THE ARMY  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON, D. C.  
OCT 28 1929

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Phillips, Walter A.  
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September 3, 1929.

Mrs. Olive P. Milburn,  
Barbeck, La.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 13, 1929, making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

May 13, 1929.

IN REPLY REFER TO ~~QM 293 A-C~~  
Phillips, Walter A.

Mrs. Olive P. Milburn,  
Barbeck, La.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the sister of the late Second Lieutenant Walter A. Phillips, Company F, 345th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, France.

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

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relative is a stepmother, mother through adoption, or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. If he was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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MAY 14 1929  
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