

Phillips, Walter J. 1,735,458 ✓
(Surname.) (Christian name in full.) (Army serial number.)

Corp. Co E 309 Inf.
(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased *Wife*

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

If remains are brought to the United States, do you } *No*
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:

Mrs. Walter J. Phillips *American Express* *Western Union*
(Name of person to receive remains.) (Express office.) (Telegraph office.)

1479 Jefferson St *Ruffalo* *New York*
(Number and street.) (City or town.) (State.)

(Sign here) *Mrs. Walter J. Phillips*

(Number and street or rural route.) (City, town, or post office.) (State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card. 3-6713

Checked
FD-3-25-21

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3-25-21

Green S.M.

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MAY -1 1926

DATE 1/21/22

1. NAME PHILLIPS, Walter J

SERIAL No 1735458

RANK Cpl

ORGANIZATION Co.E.309th Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Arg. Amer. Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, 1232 Sec. 13

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

102 Sec. 13

2

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

4 bac, Champigneulles, Ardennes

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

Verdun 35NW 286.6N 294.9E

COORDINATES

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2

CONCENTRATED TO 3/31/19

102

13

2

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

Meuse Argonne 1232

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on body and cross

Nov. 2/18

data f-1/pfb

DATE OF DEATH

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

N. Y.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

none

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

W. B. BIRDSEYE

1st Lt., Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION

1/21/22

15

15

Block C.

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

AUDITED BY L.A.L. 3-22-23

Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

CEMETERY

MAY 3 1926

RECEIVED
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
19 AUG 7 1942

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 16, 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.



Date 28th April 1919

REPORT OF DISTURBANCE AND REBURIAL

Remains of:

Name: PHILLIPS, Walter J.

Number: 1732422

Rank: Captain

Organization: 1st Battalion

Disturbance and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disturbed (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

21st March 1919

Amer. B/A Cemetery - Grave No. 4

CHARLES, ADRIAN

35 N.W. 224.2 N. 224.2 E

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

21st March 1919

Grave 102 Sec. 13 Plot 2

Amer. B/A Cemetery #1232

ROMAN, WALTER. 35 N.W. 224.2 N. 224.2 E

Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disturbance:

Buried in uniform and wrapped in shelter half. Condition of body fair.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes

What other means of identification were found on the body? Finger of left hand.



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

Supervised by: Lieut. G. H. ROSENTHAL and Lieut. O. M. C. U. S. A.

C.O. Group

Unit

Phillips, Walter J.
Cpl.

-14-

New York

GOLD STAR MOTHERS PILGRIMAGE

S.S. ROOSEVELT, JUNE 21, 1930

Erie County

Name: Mrs. Nellie Phillips (H-3)

Address: 2 Copewood Ave., Buffalo, N.Y.

Route: Lehigh Valley R.R. to New York

Lv. Buffalo Train No. 6 9.00 P.M., June 19

Ar. New York (Penna. Station) 8.10 A.M., June 20

Accommodations: Through Sleeper

Elapsed Time: 11 hours 10 minutes $\frac{1}{2}$

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Phillips P#1	3	0 8 9
BURIED	CEMETERY	1	1
	GRAVE	2	15
	ROW	2	15
	BLOCK	1	3
STATE	ny	2	37
RANK	Cpl	1	2
DIVISION	78	2	78
ORGANIZATION	309	3	309
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARTIAL	remarried	1	3
NAME	Phillips P#1	3	0 8 9
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	37
	COUNTY	2	15
	CITY	3	016
RELATION	Stepmother	1	3
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Good	1	1
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO. YR. 1930	1	1
ACCEPTANCE	yes	1	1
29/514/PJ	58		58

Filed June 21, 1930

AUDITED
OCT 29 1931
RS

1443

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Party "X" - Itinerary - Meuse-Argonne Group

Sailed June 21, 1950 on SS ROOSEVELT. Major J. F. Cottrell in charge.

Arrived Cherbourg 5 a.m. June 28th. Met by Major Bailey, Capt. Mitchell, Capt. W. F. Dalton, Lieut. Gregory, Lieut. Freeman, Major Hinderman, three nurses and two civilian employees. Train left at 8.21 a.m. for Paris. Arrived Gare des Invalides at 2.30 p.m. Met by Lt. Col. Bartlett and members of the staff, with interpreters and nurses. Escorted to hotel. Remainder of day devoted to rest.

June 30th. Morning devoted to personal business; changing money, preparing laundry, etc. Left hotel at 3 p.m. for Arc de Triomphe. Wreath placed on tomb of the Unknown Soldier by Mrs. Wilhelmina Ohlson, who was selected by party for this duty. A wreath was also laid by Mrs. Anna Johnson on behalf of the N.Y. Fire Department. Proceeded to restaurant Laurent after ceremony where tea and reception tendered by U.S. Government was held. Returned to hotel. Evening free.

- July 1st. 7.15 a.m. depart Montairail, Chalons s/s, Marne, St. Menchould, Verdun.
- July 2nd. Visited Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery. Returned to 3-4. Verdun.
- July 3th. Visited Cemetery, Suippes and Reims.
- July 4th. Visited Reims Cathedral, Lunch at Reims, Chat-au Thierry. Returned to Paris.
- July 7th. Notre-Dame - Sacre-Coeur.
- July 8th. Morning free. Napoleon's Tomb. Sightseeing Night Trip.
- July 9th. Visit to Louvre - Versailles. Prepared for return trip.
- July 10th. Due to the fact that the date of return was changed from July 10th to July 11th, this day was free and was devoted to shopping, etc.
- July 11th. Left Hotel between 1 and 1.30 p.m. for Invalides Railway Station. Train left at 2.15 p.m. Accompanied by 6 officers, 1 doctor, 3 nurses and 1 civilian employee. Arrived Cherbourg 8.55 p.m. Sailed 7.25 p.m. on SS REPUBLIC. Major Cottrell in charge. Arrived Hoboken, N. J. 3 p.m. July 20th.

Mrs. Nellie Phillips

NAME PHILLIPS, MRS. NELLIE

S.S. REPUBLIC

JUL 19 1930

HOME BUFFALO, ERIE COUNTY, N. Y.

R.R. L. V. to Buffalo

STATION

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE Aug 18. 30

Mrs Elizabeth Seymour

2 Copsewood Ave

Buffalo NY

(Sister)

Name..... PHILLIPS, Mrs, Nellie

Paris Hôtel..... HOTEL COMMODORE
BOULEVARD HAUSSMANN

Home address..... 2 Copeswood Ave, Buffalo, Erie County New York

Party..... H..... Group..... I..... Unit ~~SS~~ ROOSEVELT

Date of arrival..... June 29, 1930..... Date of departure ~~SS~~ REPUBLIC, July 11, 1930

Relationship..... Stepmother

Name of deceased..... PHILLIPS, Walter J

Rank..... Cpl..... Organization Co. E, 309th Inf

Cemetery..... Meuse-Argonne

REMARKS

Miss Edna Phillips daughter age 32 accompanying Mrs Nellie Phillips .



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

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

Party H
 Number 1422

Phillips, Walter J.

MA

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

MRS. NELLIE PHILLIPS

Name of Traveler
 BUFFALO, ERIE COUNTY,
 Home Address
 NEW YORK

Estimate cost of through Pullman.
 New York, to BUFFALO, N.Y.

\$ 3.75

New York, to BUFFALO, N.Y.
 Destination.

Via L V TO BUFFALO

JULY 21, 1930
 Date of Departure

	Road	Tr. NO.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	car	U.S.G. Order NO.	Est. Cost
LV	PENN STA	LV	5	7/21 3:30 PM	58	127	03-1022028	3.75
AR	<i>Buffalo</i>	✓	✓	7/22 7:15 AM				
LV								
AR								
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TOTAL 3.75

Remarks: :

Escorted to train by Capt Merrill Ross

BT

WAR DEPARTMENT
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS & WIDOWS
225 WEST 34TH ST., N. Y., N. Y., ROOM 901

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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1932 FEB 21 AM 11 00

VIA WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH

Mrs. Anna King,
#2 Gopewood Ave.,
Buffalo, N. Y.

A. C. TIPTON,
Majr, Inf. (DOL)

July 21st, 1930.

MRS. PHILLIPS ARRIVED SAFE AND WELL LEAVING EIGHT FIFTEEN PM TONIGHT LEHIGH
VALLEY TRAIN NUMBER FIVE DUE SEVEN FIFTEEN AM WEDNESDAY WILL TAKE TAXI KE HOME

COLONEL WILLIAMS

(Above message sent for Mrs. Nallie Phillips, Party "H", from Hotel Astor)

Western Union Telegraph: Please return this copy to Major Tipton, with
charges and time dispatched.

Pilgrimage, War Mothers & Widows.

June 5, 1930

Mrs. Nellie Phillips
2 Coppaswood Avenue
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

2 Bags -

For The Officer in Charge:

George F. Taylor.
1st. Lieut., G. M. Corps,
Assistant.

*Arrived 8:10 am -
June 20th Pa. Sta*

Enclosures:
2 tags.

Met by 1st Lt H R Emery

XC 143 474 Phillips, Walter J.

Step-Mother sailed

Remmarried Widow

Natural Mother ~~is~~

Died

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

July 23, 1930.

Phillips, Walter J. 1232 W

Mrs. Lillian McDonnell,
1133 Kensington Ave.,
Buffalo, N. Y.

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:

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:
Envelope
Act
Amendment

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

STATE.....
NEW YORK.....

Phillips, Walter J.

#2 Copsewood Ave.,
Buffalo, Erie County

SM

NAME ... Phillips, Mrs. Nellie HOME ADDRESS

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN

*Mrs. E. Seymour same*ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE

June 20

HOTEL

M Walden

ROOM NO.

*1219**Alone*DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE

June 21, 1950

VESSEL

S. S. ROOSEVELT

CABIN NO.

203E

DESTINATION

CHERBOURG, FRANCE

CEMETERY

MEUSE-ARGONNE

RETURN NEW YORK

DATE *JUL 20 1930*

#2 Copewood Ave.,

NAME *SM Phillips, Mrs. Nellie*

HOME ADDRESS *Buffalo, N.Y. Erie Co.*

RETURN ON S. S. *S/S REPUBLIC*

HOTEL *ASTOR*

ROOM NO. *250*

Cabin 364 B

None

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

JUL 21 1930

DATE

ROAD *F.V.*

TRAIN *5*

CAR *127*

BERTH or SEAT *L8*

REMARKS

H
NAME

Phillips, Mrs Nellie

ADDRESS #2

Lakeswood Ave, Buffalo, N. Y.

DATE

June 21, 1938

TO:

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

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

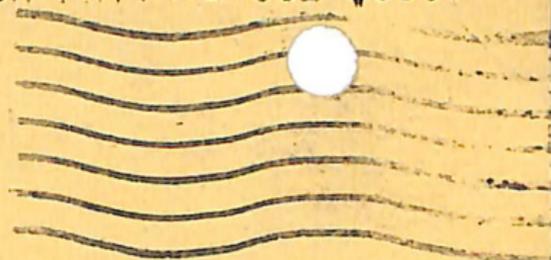
SINCERELY,

(SIGNED) Mrs. Nellie Phillips

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300.



PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

1418-C

1232

RETURN RECEIPT

Account 6/21/30

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

Mrs. R. L. Phillips

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

6/6
Date of delivery, _____, 192 30

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. _____

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____

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



POSTMARK OF DELIVERING
OFFICE

KENSINGTON STA.

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to _____

Street and Number
or Post Office Box, _____

Post Office at _____

Q. M. G. _____

MUNITIONS BUILDING
(NAME OF SENDER)

State _____

Washington, D. C.

1418

Passerel 6/21/30

1232

RETURN RECEIPT

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

Mrs. M. L. Phelps

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, 5/31, 1923

Form 3811

Deliver to addressee only

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State

Washington, D. C.
Lynn

Post Office at

Street and Number,
or Post Office Box,

MUNITIONS BOTTLING
(NAME OF SENDER)

Return to

J. M. GENERAL

No.

INSURED PARCEL

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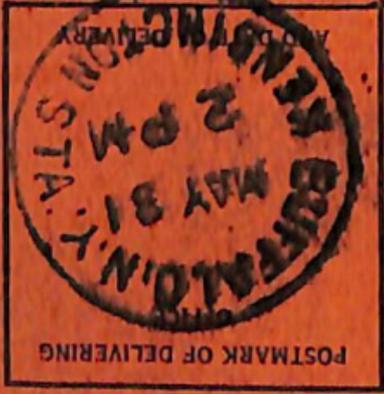
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OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Post Office Department

PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Phillips, Walter J. 1232-*W*

June 3, 1930

Mrs. Walter J. Phillips,
1133 Kensington Avenue
Buffalo, New York.

Friday new

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes

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



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? No (Re-married)

(Write answer here)

Mrs. Lillian (Phillips) McDonnell

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Phillips, Walter J. 1232SM
Roosevelt 6-21

May 10, 1930

Mrs. Nellie Phillips,
2 Copewood Ave.,
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

Mrs. Elizabeth Seymour

Name

2 Copewood ave.

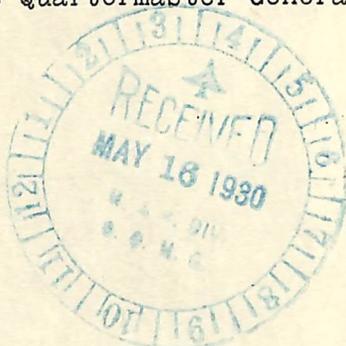
Address

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours

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



Encl.
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Phillips, Walter J. 1232 SM

April 10, 1930.

Mrs. Nellie Phillips,
2 Copswood Ave.,
Buffalo, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Roosevelt ✓

6/21/30

1232

Phillips, Walter J

I accept the invitation extended
(Accept or decline)

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

Mrs. Nellie Phillips

(Name)

2 Copsewood Ave., Buffalo, Erie County, New York

(Town or City)

(State)



QM 293 A-C
Phillips, Walter J. - 1232

March 17, 1930.

Miss Edna Phillips,
2 Copswood Avenue,
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 9, 1930, inquiring as to when your mother will make the pilgrimage to the grave of your brother, the late Corporal Walter J. Phillips, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

In this connection you are advised, Mrs. Hoover made a drawing to determine the order in which the states are to make the pilgrimage. New York appears #22 on this list. Inasmuch as the first sailing is scheduled for May 7th, it is anticipated the mothers and widows from New York, who will visit the Meuse Argonne American Cemeteries in France will sail from New York sometime during the month of June. Definite information cannot be given at this time.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

BB/ms

indent
and

Buffalo N.Y. Mar. 9. 1930

Philo, Walter S.
1232

Dear Sir:

Am taking the liberty to write to you for some information, regarding my Mother's trip to France. My brother is buried in the Meuse-Argonne American cemetery in France, and as I wish to accompany my Mother on this trip would like to know when her invitation is to be received. I am working for a large concern, The Telephone Co and as they would like to know ^{like} when I would ^{like} my vacation + extra weeks so I could go on the trip. I would appreciate it very much if you would let me know as soon as possible. Thanking you for all the trouble I am putting you to.

015
Phillips, Edna

my Mother's Name

I remain,
Miss Edna Phillips
2 Copsewood Ave

Mr. Nellie Phillips

Prob.
June 14



Wife

Mrs. Walter J. Phillips

1133 Kensington Ave.,

Buffalo, N. Y.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Phillips, Walter J.
1232

January 15, 1930

Mrs. Nellie Phillips,
2 Cosewood Avenue,
Buffalo, New York.

Dear Madam:

In connection with your application to make the pilgrimage to the grave of the late Corporal Walter J. Phillips, Co. E, 309th Inf., in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in France, under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, it would be appreciated if you would furnish the following information:

- (1) Date of your marriage to the father of Walter J. Phillips.
- (2) Were you married to Mr. Phillips at the time his son entered the military service?
- (3) If not, give date of your separation from him, or of his death.

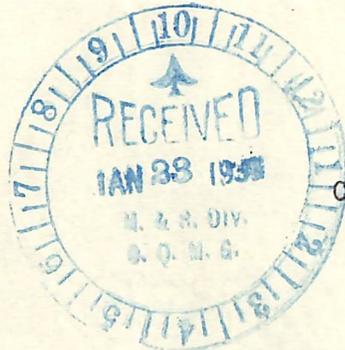
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Yes

OK

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,



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

2 Incls.

Act.
Env.

*mail and records show Walter Living
in " 1921 "*

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Phillips, Walter J 1232 -Sm

October 7, 1929.

Sailed
JUN 21 1930
9-28-17

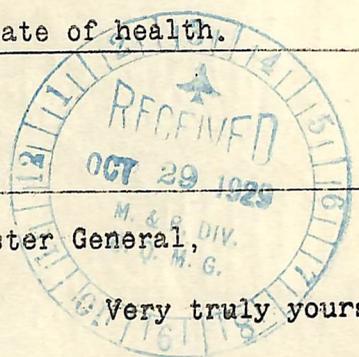
Mrs. Nellie Phillips,
2 Copsewood Avenue,
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes)	(No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <u>58</u> Health (Years) (Good) (Poor)	
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No) Other language (Specify language spoken)	



For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Phillips, Walter J.
1232

September 4, 1929.

Mrs. Walter J. Phillips,
1133 Kensington Ave.,
Buffalo, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated **June 29, 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:

Widow remarried

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.

Nellie Phillips (step-mother)

2 Cope wood Ave.

Buffalo, N.Y.

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

Do not know.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

PHILLIPS, WALTER

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SUPPLEMENTARY,

Mrs Nellie Phillips

Stepmother? when?

DATE OF MARRIAGE

NOT SHOWN

WAS PRIOR TO 1918

V.B. 9-9-29

PHILLIPS, Walter J

C 143-474

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Cpl. Co E 309-Inf.

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WIDOW REMARRIED

1927

Step-Mother

Mrs Nellie Phillips
834 Ellicott St.

Buffalo
N.Y.

(1919)

V.B. 9-9-29

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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

June 29, 1929.

Mrs. Walter J. Phillips,
1133 Kensington Ave.,
Buffalo, N.Y.

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 widow of the late Corporal Walter J. Phillips, Co. E, 309th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relationship is that of a stepmother, mother through adoption or a woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. In case you have 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,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

July 23, 1930.

Phillips, Walter J. 1232 W

Mrs. Lillian McDonnell,
1133 Kensington Ave.,
Buffalo, N. Y.

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:

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

Phillips, Walter J., 1232 ~~SM~~ add greatly to your comfort through-
trip and will assist the Government in carrying out successa-
plans for conducting the pilgrimage. This letter is being
Mrs. Kellie Phillips, and widow who has accepted the invitation sent
2 Copsewood Ave., ~~Government~~ to visit the grave of her son or husband.
Buffalo, N.Y.

For The Quartermaster General,

Dear Madam:

Very truly yours,

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Phillips, Walter J.-1232

June 4, 1930

Mrs. Nellie Phillips,
2 Copswood Ave.,
Buffalo, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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

Lv. Buffalo Train No. 6
Ar. New York (Penna. Station)

9:00 PM June 19
8:10 AM June 20

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Phillips, Walter J. 1232-M

June 3, 1930

Mrs. Walter J. Phillips,
1133 Kensington Avenue
Buffalo, New York.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931?

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
~~Phillips, Walter J.~~ 12328M
Roosevelt 6-21

May 10, 1930

Mrs. Nellie Phillips,
2 Copsewood Ave.,
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

Name

Address

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Phillips, Walter J. 1232SM
Roosevelt 6-21

May 8 1930

Mrs. Nellie Phillips,
2 Copswood Ave.,
Buffalo, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 10, 1930.

Phillips, Walter J. 1232 SM

Mrs. Nellie Phillips,
2 Copswood Ave.,
Buffalo, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

Phillips, Walter J. 1232-SM

March 25, 1930

Mrs. Nellie Phillips,
#2 Copsewood Avenue,
Buffalo, New York.
Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C
Phillips, Walter J. - 1232

March 17, 1930.

Miss Edna Phillips,
2 Copswood Avenue,
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

in Am. Adv.
Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 9, 1930, inquiring as to when your mother will make the pilgrimage to the grave of your brother, the late Corporal Walter J. Phillips, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

In this connection you are advised, Mrs. Hoover made a drawing to determine the order in which the states are to make the pilgrimage. New York appears #22 on this list. Inasmuch as the first sailing is scheduled for May 7th, it is anticipated the mothers and widows from New York, who will visit the Meuse Argonne American Cemeteries in France will sail from New York sometime during the month of June. Definite information cannot be given at this time.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C
Phillips, Walter J.
1232

January 15, 1930

Mrs. Nellie Phillips,
2 Copswood Avenue,
Buffalo, New York.

Dear Madam:

In connection with your application to make the pilgrimage to the grave of the late Corporal Walter J. Phillips, Co. E, 509th Inf., in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in France, under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, it would be appreciated if you would furnish the following information:

- (1) Date of your marriage to the father of Walter J. Phillips.
- (2) Were you married to Mr. Phillips at the time his son entered the military service?
- (3) If not, give date of your separation from him, or of his death.

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

October 7, 1929.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Phillips, Walter J 1232 -Sm

Mrs. Nellie Phillips,
2 Copswood Avenue,
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Phillips, Walter J.
1232

September 4, 1929.

Mrs. Walter J. Phillips,
1135 Kensington Ave.,
Buffalo, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated ^{June 29, 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,

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Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Phillips, Walter J.

June 29, 1929.

Mrs. Walter J. Phillips,
1133 Kensington Ave.,
Buffalo, N.Y.

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 widow of the late Corporal Walter J. Phillips, Co. E, 309th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relationship is that of a stepmother, mother through adoption or a woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. In case you have 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,

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

In reply refer to:
293 C-R

June 6, 1923.

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Mrs. Walter J. Phillips,
1155 Kensington Ave.,
Buffalo, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that
Corporal Walter J. Phillips, Company E, 309th
the permanent grave of
Infantry, is Grave 15, Row 15, Block C, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery,
Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

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

In effecting removal, the utmost care and reverence were
exacted and more than willingly accorded by those performing this
sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually main-
tained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting
place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

RD
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H. J. Conner,
Assistant.

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

Typed by _____ Checked by *JHR*, *MAY 21 1921*, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Cemeterial Division
Overseas Projects Section

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 1920
letter on *4/21*, 1920

Section - 13
Par. 1 - To be returned - (JHR)

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

4/26/21 Wire from Mrs Walter J Phillips (widow)
Body of Corporal Walter J Phillips to remain in Europe
Form 129 to hold body Fred Wash 7/2/21 B.7. *21-4287-15*

5/10/21 PROPOSED CABLEGRAM NO. 292 TO EUROPE BODY TO REMAIN 5/10/21 End

Letter - 6/13/21 - Inq advises widow - Mrs Walter J Phillips - 1133 Kensington Ave. Buffalo - N.Y. that body of her husband will remain permanently interred in Argonne - American Cemetery in France - Ato 6/21/21
Let from Europe 6/8/21 states return cancelled as per cable ^{att} 10/27/21

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Jan 20, 1922.

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 J

10. Name _____

2. No. 1735458

11. No. _____

3. Rank Cpl

12. Rank _____

4. Org. Co.E.309th Inf.

13. Org. _____

5. D.D. 11.2.18

14. (a) D.D. _____

6. C.D. DOW

(b) D.B. none.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 102 Sec. 13

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____

8. Plot 2 Row _____

16. Plot _____ Row _____

9. _____

17. none.

18. Cemetery Meuse Arg.Amer

19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Mont fau on

20. Dept. or County Meuse

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232 - Sec.13

23. Disinterred (Date) Jan 20, 1922

By J.L.Haky.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Walter J. Phillips.

Serial No. 1735458

Rank CPL

Organization Co. E. 309th Inf.

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

C.T. Brown
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

C.T. Brown.

PREPARATION

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

Gold signet ring initial. W.S.P. on body Ring forwarded. collar ornament Co. E. 309th Inf.

27. Condition of body body decomposed, unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial wooden box and burlap and U.S. uniform.

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 Jan 20, 1922 By J.L.Haky.

31. Casket sealed by _____

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

J.L.Haky.

J.L.Haky.

AUDITED BY

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.)

Box No. **C-21923**

32. Designation of body:

Name **Walter J. PHILLIPS**



Serial No. **1735458**

Rank **Opl**

Organization **Co.E.309th Inf.**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **Meuse Arg. Amer. Cty. #1232 Romagne-sous-Montfaucon**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **Jan 20, 1922** By **J.L.Haky.**

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

H.S. Harpole
H.S. Harpole, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

36. Remarks

none.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) **Jan 20, 1922.**

To point of Concentration **Romagne Morgue.**

(Name)

Convoyer **W.J. Royed.**

Signature Shipping Officer

G.F. Spann
G.F. Spann, Capt. Q.M.C.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery

(Name)

Convoyer

Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred **Meuse Argonne Cemetery #1232** **January 21 1922**

(Date)

42. Grave No. **15**

Section

43. ~~Plot~~ **Block C**

Row **15**

fr

G.R.S. Representative

James W. Younger
James W. Younger
Captain, Q.M.C.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place Romagne 1232.

Date Jan 20, 1922.

1. REMAINS OF PHILLIPS, Walter J. SERIAL NUMBER 1735458

RANK CPL ORGANIZATION Co. E. 309th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Jan 20, 1922 From (give complete location): gr 102, sec 13, plot 2. Cty. 1232.

By: Group 4 Unit sec 1

3. Reburied (date): January 21 1922 In (give complete location): Meuse Argonne Cemetery #1232 Grave 15 Block "C" Row 15

By: Group reburial S Unit _____ Nature of reburial unlined casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: wooden box and burlap and U.S. uniform, body decomposed, unrecognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? yes. On grave marker? yes. pos.

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks: tag on body inscribed:---Phil. Collar ornament 309th Inf. Co. E. Gold signet ring initial W.J.P. found on body. ring forwarded.

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

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

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

Quantity do

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

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) none visible.

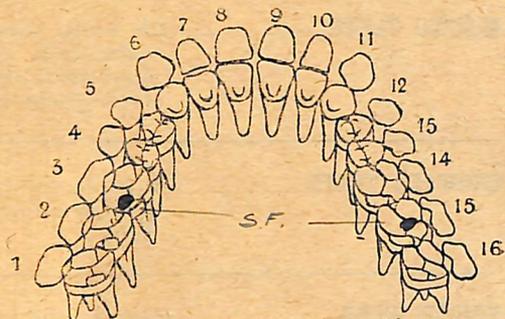
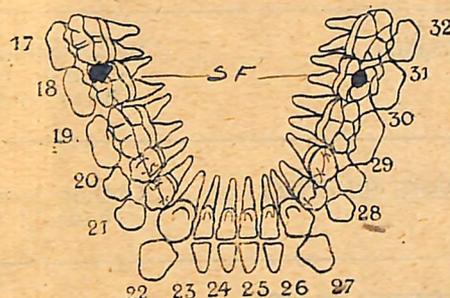


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



7. Disinterment supervised by J. L. Haky
J. L. Haky.

Approved: H. S. Harpole
H. S. Harpole, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by A. U. Dufault
A. U. Dufault

Approved: James W. Younger
James W. Younger,
Captain, Q.M.C.
(Title)

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

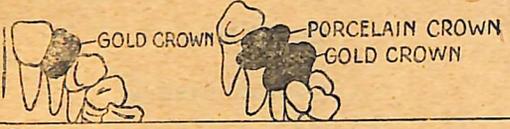
Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Question 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.

5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".

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

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

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

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.



WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

CEMETERIAL DIVISION

WASHINGTON

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APR 21 1921

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

To: Mrs. Walter J. Phillips, *1133 Kensington Ave,* ~~1479 Jefferson St.,~~ Buffalo, N.Y. *address changed.*

SUBJECT: Remains of Cpl. Walter J. Phillips, Ser. No. 1735458, Co. E, 309th Inf.

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above-named soldier be returned to the United States and shipped to you at 1479 Jefferson St., Buffalo, N.Y.

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.

GEORGE H. PENROSE,
Colonel, Q. M. C.

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? _____

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow <i>Lillian Phillips</i>	<i>1133 Kensington Ave</i>	<i>Buffalo</i>	<i>New York</i>
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)			
1			
2			
3			
Father <i>Walter Herbert Phillips</i>	<i>837 Elliott St</i>	<i>Buffalo</i>	<i>New York</i>
Mother <i>Mary Phillips</i>	<i>Deceased</i>		
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)			
1 <i>Charles Phillips</i>	<i>Deceased</i>		
2			
3			
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)			
1 <i>Esther Phillips</i>	<i>837 Elliott St</i>	<i>Buffalo</i>	<i>Canada</i>
2 <i>Edna Rebecca Phillips</i>	<i>837 Elliott St</i>	<i>Buffalo</i>	<i>New York</i>
3			

Date *April 30, 1921*

Signature *Mrs. Walter J. Phillips*

Address *1133 Kensington Ave*

Relationship *Wife*

April 30, 1921

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I, the undersigned, am the wife 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.)

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INC. BRANCH
Cemeterial Division
JUN 7 1921 Overseas Project Sub-Section

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.
2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to _____ (Name.)

(R. R. station.)

(State.)

CEMETERIAL DIV. Q. M. G.

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 Mrs. Walter J. Phillips

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.

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.

CLASS OF SERVICE	SYMBOL
Telegram	
Day Letter	Blue
Night Message	Nite
Night Letter	N L

If none of these three symbols appears after the check (number of words) this is a telegram. Otherwise its character is indicated by the symbol appearing after the check.

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NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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BODY OF CPL WALTER J PHILLIPS TO REMAIN IN EUROPE

SER NO 1735458 CO E 309 TH INF

MRS WALTER J PHILLIPS

5/10/21 PROPOSED CABLEGRAM NO. 292 TO EUROPE-BODY TO REMAIN 5/10/21 *Amel*

*Noted on 115
at 4/28/21 J*

TELETERIAL DIVISION
CORRESPONDENCE BR.



HOBOKEN, N. J.
APR 23 1921

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WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

CEMETERIAL DIVISION

WASHINGTON

APR 21 1921

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

To: Mrs. Walter J. Phillips, 1479 Jefferson St., Buffalo, N.Y.

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By authority of the Quartermaster General.

GEORGE H. PENROSE,
Colonel, Q. M. C.

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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? _____

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Father			
Mother			
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		

Date _____

Signature _____

Address _____

Relationship _____

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Relationship

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Date

Signature

I, the undersigned, am the _____ 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 _____
 (Name.)

 (R. R. station.) _____ (State.)

3. To be returned to the U. S. and buried in _____ National Cemetery.

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

Signature _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

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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 PHILLIPS, Walter J.
 2. No. 1735453
 3. Rank Cpl.
 4. Org Co. B, 309th Inf.
 5. D. D. 11-2-18
 6. C. D. DWRIA

10. Name
 11. No.
 12. Rank
 13. Org
 14. (a) D. D.
 15. (b) D. B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment.

7. Grave No. 102 Sec. 15
 8. Plot 2 Row -
 9. -

15. Grave No. Sec.
 16. Plot Row
 17. Cancelled

18. Cemetery ARGENTEUIL
 19. Commune or town ROMAGNE-SOUS-MONTFRAUCON
 20. Department or county Meuse
 21. Country France
 23. Disinterred (Date.)

22. G. R. S. Headquarters Code No. 1232, Sec. 13
 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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Sec. 13, Cable ref. no. 134

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Cemeterial Division
Overseas Project Section

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: PHILLIPS, Walter J. Serial No. 1758458
Rank: Cpl. Organization: Co. B, 809th Inf.

33. CONSIGNEE—Name: Mrs. Walter J. Phillips,
Address: 1479 Jefferson St., Buffalo, N. Y., Amer. Exp., N.U. 1d

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.....

May 3, 1921

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div. Cor. Br.

Re: Disposition of remains of
Walter J. Phillips, Corporal
#1735458 Co. E. 309th. Inf.

Mrs. Walter J. Phillips,
1479 Jefferson St.,
Buffalo, N.Y.

Dear Madam:-

Your telegram requesting that the remains of the deceased soldier named above be left in France for burial in a permanent American Cemetery has been forwarded to the Cemeterial Division, Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington D.C., for necessary action.

The Cemeterial Division, Washington D.C., will furnish you the grave location in the permanent American Cemetery as soon as possible after the body has been placed therein.

The Department desires to renew its previous expression of sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

Mailed-S.P.D.

MAY 3 1921

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

By-

F.C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

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G.R.S. FORM 129
Transmittal Supplementary Advice
Hoboken to Washington

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

May 2 1921.

From: Graves Registration Officer, Hoboken, New Jersey.
To: Quartermaster General, Cemeterial Division, Washington, D. C.
Subject: Supplementary Advice concerning:

Name Phillips, Walter J. Ser. No. 1735458
Rank Corp Organization Co. E, 309th Inf.
1232
Cemetery No. Sec. 13 Cable Reference No. (Sheet No.) 134

Request shown below dated April 26, 1921 is latest in this case:

Name of Relative. Return Remain Special

to

in

FRANCE

Widow Mrs. Walter J. Phillips, 1479 Jefferson Street, Buffalo, New York.

Children _____

Guardian _____

Father _____

Mother _____

Brother _____

Sister _____

Others _____

Body ~~to be shipped to~~ or for interment in: a permanent American Cemetery.

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B. T.

Cable Letter May 10, 1921 forwarding advice to Europe dispatched _____ 1921.

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Recorded, Cemeterial Div. O. O. M. G.
File # 295-8
#695-411

Phillips, Walter J.

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MAY 4 1921
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Overseas Project and Section

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TO: [Illegible]

FROM: [Illegible]

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Branch

Subject

Notes

Remarks

Approved

Initials

DATE: [Illegible] TIME: [Illegible] PLACE: [Illegible]

NAME OF PERSON

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

REASON FOR REQUEST

DATE OF BIRTH

OFFICIAL NO. [Illegible]

OFFICE NO. [Illegible]

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NAME

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ADDRESS

DATE OF BIRTH [Illegible]

NAME

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ADDRESS

DATE OF BIRTH [Illegible]

REASON FOR REQUEST

DATE OF BIRTH

ADDRESS

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THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES
SERIALS ACQUISITION SERVICE
COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND

DATE OF BIRTH [Illegible]
ADDRESS [Illegible]
CITY [Illegible]

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G. H. S.

MAY 6 1921

Cemeterial Division
Overseas Project Commission

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NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____

COUNTRY _____

DATE _____

REASON _____

REMARKS _____

NO. _____

CLASSIFICATION _____

STATUS _____

DATE OF DEPARTURE _____

DATE OF RETURN _____

REMARKS _____

APPROVED BY _____

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE _____

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

RECORDED IN _____

INDEXED IN _____

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Transmittal Supplementary Advice
Hoboken to Washington

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QUARTERMASTER CORPS
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
HOBOKEN, N. J.

May 2 1921.

From: Graves Registration Officer, Hoboken, New Jersey.
To: Quartermaster General, Cemeterial Division, Washington, D. C.
Subject: Supplementary Advise concerning:

Name Phillips, Walter J. Ser. No. 1735458
Rank Corp Organization Co. H, 309th Inf.
1352
Cemetery No. Sec. 13 Cable Reference No. (Sheet No.) 154

Request shown below dated April 26, 1921 is latest in this case:

Name of Relative Return Remain Special

to in

Widow Mrs. Walter J. Phillips, 1479 Jefferson Street, Buffalo, New York, FRANCE

Children _____

Guardian _____

Father _____

Mother _____

Brother _____

Sister _____

Others _____

Body to be shipped to, or for interment in: a permanent American Cemetery.

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Cable Letter May 10, 1921 forwarding advice to Europe dispatched _____ 1921.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CEMETERIAL DIVISION

64541

Date 6-11-21

To Ins. Control Room _____

- ~~All Officers,~~
- Col. Penrose
- Lt. Col. Davis, O. R. C.
- Captain Hanson
- Capt. Wynne
- Lieut. Conner

~~Shirley~~

Change of Address

- Mr. Robb - Principal Clerk
- Mrs. Hodges - Personnel Clerk
- Mr Houghton - Files
- Mr. Saxton - Cemeterial Branch
- Mr. Grant - Inquiry Branch
- Mr. Plotner - Supplies

Prepare reply(Sec'y of War
for(General Rogers
signature of(General Krauthoff
(Col. Penrose
(Lt. Col. Davis

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FOR:

- To note
- Information. Need not be returned
- Information and return
- Action or reply
- Approval
- Returned
- Remarks and recommendation
- Suspension to.....
- File
- Investigation and report
- Copies.....(State number)
- Papers in case
- Personal conference
- Draft of letter or endorsement
- Signature
- Check for correction
- See other side for remarks

Final return to:.....

From: Ins. & Cor. Br.

NOTE: This form may be used a number of times on same case by crossing off previous marks and inserting new marks(and date) in different colors.

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June 13, 1921.

293.9 Com. #64541 (Phillips, Walter J., Corporal)

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

Mrs. Walter J. Phillips, 1133 Kensington Avenue, Buffalo, N.Y.

Case of Corporal Walter J. Phillips.

1. Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your telegram of April 26, 1921, and Shipping Inquiry of April 30, 1921 confirming same, returned by you to our branch office at Hoboken, New Jersey and forwarded to this office for action and reply.

2. In compliance with your request, instructions have been issued that the body of your husband, Corporal Walter J. Phillips, Company B, 309th Infantry, remain permanently interred in the Argonne American Cemetery at Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse. In this connection your attention is especially invited to paragraph #9 of the enclosed Cemeterial Division Bulletin No. 10-G.W.

3. Your change of address from 1479 Jefferson Street, Buffalo, New York to 1133 Kensington Avenue, Buffalo, New York, has been noted and will be made a matter of record.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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JUN 13 1921

G.R.S.

CHARLES J. WYNN,
Captain, G. H. C.

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