

Phillips

William O.

1,848,241

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt

Co D, 28 Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

brother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

yes

(Yes or no.)

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

no

(Yes or no.)

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

Mrs Wm E. Etzler

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

41 Jane Ave

Wheeling

W. Va

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Harrison W. Phillips

723 Market St

Wheeling

W. Va.

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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no. card



G.A. - Mrs. W. C. Etzler  
(Sister)

110 Zane St  
Wheeling, W. Va.

Arg - 1st Inf. Tr. Regt.,  
Co D 28 Inf.

SYNOPSIS OF COMMUNICATION RECEIVED AND INDORSED OUT.

DATED: July 21, 1919                      DATE RECEIVED IN                      July 23, 1919.  
FROM:   Honorable Howard Sutherland, U. S. Senate.  
TO:       Gen. P. C. Harris, The Adjutant General,

Honorable Howard Sutherland, U. S. Senate,  
requests information regarding the location of the grave of Private  
William Oliver Phillips, #1848241, Company D, 28th Infantry, who was  
killed in France.

293.3 Phillips, William Oliver

201. (Phillips, William Oliver) Enl. 2nd Ind.  
Burial Records Section.

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War Department, A. G. O., August 4, 1919. - To the office  
of the Quartermaster General, Cemeterial Branch.

1. It is requested that this office be advised as to the  
burial place of William Oliver Phillips, Army Serial #1848241,  
Company D, 28th Infantry.

By order of the Secretary of War

W. V. Carter

Adjutant General.



AUG 13 1919

3rd Ind.

In answer refer to file No. 293.5(Phillips, William Oliver)-Cometarial  
Office, Quartermaster General, August 13, 1919-- To The Adjutant General,  
(REFERENCE: 201 Phillips, William Clover-Enl. August 4, 1919).

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

H. R. Lemly,  
Major, Quartermaster Corps.

FEL.

1st Ind. not rec'd.

CODE SLIP  
**LOCO PARENTIS**

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME PHILLIPS	PH i	3	6 8 9
M m Oline	CEMETERY 6367	1	12 5
BURIED	GRAVE	2	
	ROW	2	
	BLOCK	1	
Incl. God Age 31 yrs. STATE	W. Va	2	57
RANK	Pvt.	1	2
DIVISION	1	2	01
ORGANIZATION	28	3	028
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARITAL	no	1	2
NAME Etzler	Etz	3	5 12 12 0 6
Mrs Sarah E.	STATE W. Va.	2	57
RESIDENCE (sister)	COUNTY Ohio	2	35
41 Game St.	CITY Wheeling	3	034
RELATION Mother dead	loco-parentis	1	4
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	No	1	2
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE 29/514/		1	

**AUDITED**  
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QM 293 A-M  
Phillips, Wm. Olive-Pvt-(SOM-U)

August 28, 1931.

Mrs. Sarah E. Etzler,  
41 Zane Street,  
Wheeling, West Virginia.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to office letter of August 15, 1930, wherein you were requested to furnish affidavits in the event you considered yourself eligible to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in honor of the late William Olive Phillips, Private, 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,

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

Encl:  
Env.

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QM 293 A-M

August 15, 1930

Phillips, Wm. Olive LP 638 U

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In order to satisfy the 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 consider yourself eligible under this amendment to make the pilgrimage, it is requested that the enclosed forms be completed and returned to this office in order that your eligibility 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,

Encls.  
Act - Amendment  
Affi. Forms  
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R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

DATE February 15, 1930.

NAME	RANK	SERIAL	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
Phillips, William O.	Pvt.	1848241	Co. D-28th Inf.	5/28/18

STATE	CTY. NO.	GRAVE	ROW	BLOCK
W. Va.	636	U		

	<u>Check relationship</u>	<u>Living - Deceased</u>	
	MOTHER	:	:
	STEPMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:
NAME	MOTHER THRU ADOPTION	:	:
AND	(For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:
ADDRESS	MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:
	WIDOW (Who has not remarried)	:	:

Veterans Bureau Claim Number C-209727  
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QM 295 A-M  
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Assistant.

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

QM 203 A-M

Phillips, Wm. Olive LP 636 U

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Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Phillips, William Olive 636U - 8

June 26, 1930

Mrs. Sarah E. Etzer,  
41 Zane Street,  
Wheeling, West Virginia.

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.

FILE UNDER NO. 293. - Phillips, William O.

2/11/22

## INDEX SHEET

### SYNOPSIS

Letter -  
From - OQMG., (Cem. Div.)  
To The AGO.

Requestion information for G.R.S. concerning deceased soldiers as stated above and confirmation of same.

DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO. 293. - Phillips -

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FILE UNDER NO.

293 Phillips, Wm. Oliver

## INDEX SHEET

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"Wm. Oliver Phillips." See letter this office dated Jan. 2, 1925, File 293 Unknown U.S. Soldier U-86, X-Phillips, William Oliver, in which U-86 is suggested as being remains of Pvt. Phillips.

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✓ 293 Oliver, William

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A.G. 201 Phillips, William O.  
(7-13-25) WW.

1st Ind.

AL-LES 1-205.

War Dept., A. G. O., July 18, 1925. - To The Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

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- (d) No chaplain's report.

By order of the Secretary of War:



JUL 21 1925



*[Signature]*  
Adjutant General.

*File pending  
Cantegon 7/21/25*

293  
*[Handwritten signature]*  
William O

A.G. 201 Phillips, William O.  
(7-13-25) WW.

1st Ind.

AL-LES 1-205.

War Dept., A. G. O., July 18, 1925. - To The Quartermaster General,  
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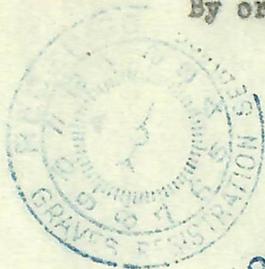
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Adjutant General.



JUL 21 1925



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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

(Phillips, William O.,  
Pvt., Co. D, 28th Inf.)

July 13, 1925

SUBJECT: Investigation.

TO: The Adjutant General,  
Washington, D. C.

1. To assist this office in an investigation being instituted to locate the grave of the soldier named above, it is requested that you furnish as much of the following information, as possible:

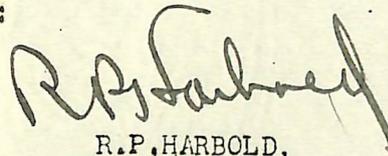
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- (c) Places of death and burial, if of record,
- (d) Chaplain's burial report,
- ~~(e) Names and addresses of~~

For The Quartermaster General:

14 Received A. G. O. JL 14 1925

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JUL 14 1925



R.P. HARBOLD,  
Major, Q.M.C.,  
Assistant.

25/210/ARK

QM 293 A-C  
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For The Quartermaster General:

R.P.HARBOLD,  
Major, Q.M.C.,  
Assistant.

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25/210/ARK



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QM 293 A-C

Phillips, William, O.

Feb. 27, 1925.

Mrs. Elizabeth Etzer,  
41 Zane St.  
Wheeling, W. Va.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that your attention be invited to office letter of Jan. 26, 1925, (copy inclosed).

Will you please advise this office whether you have been able to secure any dental information concerning your brother, the late Private William O. Phillips, Co. D, 28th Inf.

As the investigation in the case is being delayed awaiting a report from you, the receipt of same at an early date will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

R. P. HARBOLD  
Major, Q.M.C.  
Assistant.

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*2 incls*  
*c/let. Jan. 26/25*  
*envelope*



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE  
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE AR  
REQUIREMENTS DIVISION  
WASHINGTON

REFERRED TO:

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BY:

*note this*

REMARKS

*for [unclear] C*  

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✓ QM 293 A-C

Phillips, William, O.

Jan. 26, 1925.

Mrs. Elizabeth Etzer,  
41 Zane St.,  
Wheeling, W. Va.

Dear Madam:

To assist this office in an investigation being conducted to locate the grave of your brother, the late Private William O. Phillips, Company D, 28th Infantry, The Quartermaster General will appreciate your securing, if possible, from the dentist who may have performed dental work for the soldier prior to enlistment, a chart showing all treatment. The chart should include crowns, fillings, bridges, and extractions, if any. Should you be unable to obtain a chart, kindly furnish a report of all work you recall having been performed.

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

Very truly yours,

R. P. HARBOLD,  
Major, Q. M. G.  
Assistant.

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✓ 293 Etzer, Elizabeth Mrs



O.Q.M.C.  
293  
Phillips, William Oliver

HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE Q.M.C. IN EUROPE

IN REPLYING

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE SERVICE

PLEASE ADDRESS:

20 RUE MOLITOR

CHIEF, AMERICAN GRAVES

REGISTRATION SERVICE.

FILE NO. 293 Unknown U.S. Soldier 86.  
x Phillips, William Oliver

PARIS, FRANCE  
Jan. 2, 1925.

Subject: Identification of Unknown U.S. Soldier U-86.

To: The Quartermaster General, Washington, D.C.

1. With reference to your letter of Dec. 1, 1924, File QM 293 A-C, Phillips, William Oliver, it is suggested that Unknown U.S. Soldier U-86, now buried in grave 11, row 24, Block D, Somme Cemetery 636, Bony (Aisne), is the body of the late Pvt. William Oliver Phillips, Co. D, 28th Inf.

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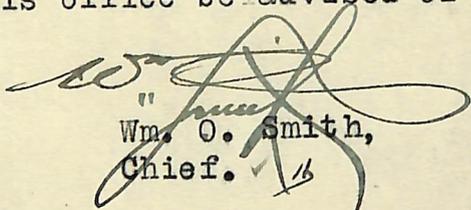
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4. Tag found on cross, according to copy of reburial Form 1 (undated), was corroded and gave numbers "1849", and assuming that the figure 9 was mistaken for a corroded 8, would agree with the first four numbers of Pvt. Phillip's serial number.

5. A physical search will be instituted for the remains of Pvt. Phillips when Field Investigation work is commenced in the Cantigny Sector.

6. Attention is invited to letter from this office dated May 18, 1921, in which said Unknown was suggested as Pvt. Phillips to which no reply has been received.

7. It is requested that this office be advised of your decision in this matter.

  
Wm. O. Smith,  
Chief. 16

JAN 24 1925



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Wm. O. Smith,  
Chief.





QM 293 A-C

Phillip, William, Oliver

Dec. 1, 1924.

SUBJECT: Investigation.

TO: Chief, AGHS, QMC., in Europe.

1. There is on record an unconfirmed burial as follows:

W. Phillip,  
Buried in French Civ. and Mil. Cantigny,  
Somme, Cty. 811.

2. There is also listed an unconfirmed burial as follows:

William Oliver Phillips,  
Pvt. Co. D, 28th Inf.

Grave Location Blank reads:

Records in this office show this man missing  
in operation against Cantigny, May 28, 1918,  
Commune Cantigny, (Somme) C-10, Sht. 21 SE,  
signed by Geo. E. Butler, Capt. 28th Inf.

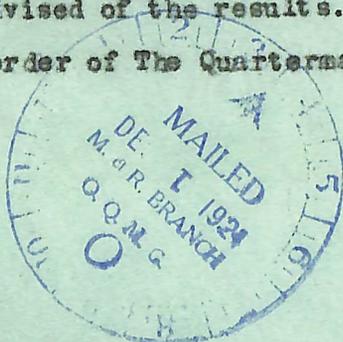
The A.G. reports the serial 1848241, and  
the date of death of the soldier as 5/28/18,  
K/A. Teeth 4, 13, 14 ~~20~~ and 29 missing at  
time of enlistment. *W*

Body description, 31 yrs., blue eyes, brown  
hair, 5 ft. 7 in, weight 166 lbs.

Another report on file reads: Soldier last  
seen when going over top at Cantigny. KIA  
instantly by m.g. fire in chest and heart  
about 700 yds. East Cantigny.

3. An investigation will be conducted to identify the body, and  
this office advised of the results.

By order of The Quartermaster General:



R. P. HARBOLD,  
Major, Q. M. C.,  
Assistant.

*Handwritten signature/initials*

T.M.  
CS  
WPR

File No.

OUT-CHARGE SHEET

Date charged out

Charged to

LN

Remarks:

To Europe

Call attent name on blue card & City 871 etc.

Then give particulars on Mobilier Receipt  
Book then check up & advise —

Dated — 4-13-14-20-29 m.b.d.

Rep. 5/28/18 lost seen when going over top  
at Pantigny. KIA instantly by m. g. fire  
in chest & heart about 700 yds E. Pantigny

You will note different file #s — but I  
cannot find 102207

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INSTRUCTIONS.—If a document is taken from the files, charge it to the person to whom delivered. Make charge sheet in duplicate. Place one in record file and one in suspended file used for follow up on "charge out sheets."

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

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90551

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Phillips ? William Oliver  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Pvt. Co. D. 28th. Inf.  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Records in this office show this man missing.

CAUSE OF DEATH: in operation against Cantigny May 28, 1918.

DATE OF BURIAL:

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

FILE

GRAVE NUMBER:

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

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

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

NAME: Cantigny (Somme)

(C-10) SHIP. 21SE COORD

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

George S. Butler Capt 28th Inf.  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

GRAVE RECORD

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Communal List No. 10-2333  
Daily Report No. \_\_\_\_\_



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Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington

FROM: O. Q. M. G.  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
Munitions Building  
Room 2442

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

Date 2/

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File No. 90551 Registration.

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)  
To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.  
Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

- a. Surname PHILLIPS, ✓
- b. Christian name William O. ✓
- c. Serial Number 1848241 ✓
- d. Organization Co.D, 28th Inf. ✓
- e. Rank Pvt. ✓
- f. Date of death 5/28/18 ✓
- g. Cause of death K/A ✓
- h. Authority (C.O.#) 517-120 ✓
- i. Emergency address Mrs. W. L. Etzler, 110 3rd St, Wheeling, W. Va. ✓
- j. Relationship Sister ✓

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

DENTAL CHARTS  
(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

- a. Age of enlistment 31 ✓
- b. Color of eyes Blue ✓
- c. Color of hair Brown ✓
- d. Height 5' 10" ✓
- e. Weight 145 lbs ✓
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks) ✓

a. Strike out teeth missing

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

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

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

CEMETERY NO:

SHEET NO:  
TYPED BY: H.

REC'D MAIL SECTION  
Archives Branch, A. G. O.

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

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Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

a. Surname PHILLIPS, ✓  
b. Christian name William O. ✓  
c. Serial Number 1848241 ✓  
d. Organization Co. D, 28th Inf. ✓  
e. Rank Pvt. ✓  
f. Date of death 5/28/18 ✓  
g. Cause of death K/A ✓  
h. Authority (C.O.#) 517-120 ✓  
i. Emergency address Mrs. Wm. Etzler  
110 3rd St  
Wheeling, W. Va. ✓  
j. Relationship Sister ✓

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

a. Age of enlistment 31  
b. Color of eyes blue  
c. Color of hair brown  
d. Height 5' 10"  
e. Weight 140

f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)

DENTAL CHARTS

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

a. Strike out teeth missing  
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upper right upper left  
8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
lower right lower left

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE  
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Special

File No. 90551 Registration.

Date June 16, 1921

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, Sixth and B Streets NW., Washington, D. C.

Subject: Information required for G. R. S.

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

- a. Surname. *Phillips*
- b. Christian name. *Wm. Bluer*
- c. Serial number. *1849-1848241*
- d. Organization. *28th Inf.*
- e. Rank. *Art*
- f. Date of death. *May 26, 1918*
- g. Cause of death. *Killed in action*
- h. Authority (C. C. No.) *3-17-120*
- i. Emergency address. *Mrs. Eliz. Etyler, 41 Zane St., Wheeling, W. Va.*
- j. Relationship. *Sister*

**BODY DESCRIPTION.**

(See page 2 of the Service Record.)

- a. Age at enlistment. *31 yrs.*
- b. Color of eyes. *Blue*
- c. Color of hair. *Brown*
- d. Height. *5 ft. 7 in.*
- e. Weight. *166 lbs.*
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment. (Old fractures or breaks.)

**DENTAL CHARTS.**

(See physical report of examination prior to enlistment.)

- a. Strike out teeth missing:
 

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Upper right.								Upper left.							
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H. L. ROGERS,  
Quartermaster General, U. S. A.,

By

*H. J. Conner*  
H. J. CONNER,  
Captain, Q. M. C.  
1st. Lt.

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Date JUN 29 1921

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

File No. *P. 5551*  
Registration  
Date *June 18, 1921*  
From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Commercial Division)  
To: The Adjutant General of the Army, Sixth and B Streets NW, Washington, D. C.  
Subject: Information required for G. R. S.

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

- a. Rank *1st Lt*
- b. Organization *28th Inf*
- c. Serial number *1847*
- d. Christian name *Wm. Allen*
- e. Surname *Phillips*
- f. Date of death *None*
- g. Cause of death *None*
- h. Authority (C. C. No.) *1-1-10*
- i. Emergency address *None*
- j. Relationship *None*

DENTAL CHARTS  
(See physical report of examination prior to enlistment.)

a. Strike out teeth missing:

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

- a. Age at enlistment *27 yrs*
- b. Color of eyes *Blue*
- c. Color of hair *Brown*
- d. Height *5 ft 10 in*
- e. Weight *150 lbs*
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)

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

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Captain, U. S. A.

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Date

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, Sixth and B Streets NW., Washington, D. C.

Subject: Information required for G. R. S.

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

- ✓ a. Surname. PHILLIPS ✓
- ✓ b. Christian name. <sup>W.</sup> William Oliver
- ✓ c. Serial number. 1648241  
1848241
- ✓ d. Organization. Co. D, 28th Infantry ✓
- ✓ e. Rank. Pvt. ✓

- ✓ f. Date of death. 5/28/18 ✓
- ✓ g. Cause of death. K/A ✓
- ✓ h. Authority (C. C. No.) 517 SP <sup>120</sup>121 ✓
- ✓ i. Emergency address. Mrs. Elizabeth Etzer,  
41 Zane St.,  
Wheeling, W. Va. ✓
- ✓ j. Relationship. (Sister) ✓

**BODY DESCRIPTION.**

(See page 2 of the Service Record.)

- a. Age at enlistment.
- b. Color of eyes.
- c. Color of hair.
- d. Height.
- e. Weight.
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment. (Old fractures or breaks.)

**DENTAL CHARTS.**

(See physical report of examination prior to enlistment.)

- a. Strike out teeth missing:
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H. L. ROGERS,  
Quartermaster General, U. S. A.,

By

*H. J. Conner*

H. J. CONNER,  
1st Lieut. ~~captain~~ Q. M. C.

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W. W. Div., A. G. O.

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INVESTIGATION AND ADJUSTMENT DEPARTMENT.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

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*11-25-21*

Date November 12, 1921.

File No. 90551 Registration.

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, Sixth and B Streets NW., Washington, D. C.

Subject: Information required for G. R. S.

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

- ✓ a. Surname. PHILLIPS ✓
- ✓ b. Christian name. <sup>W.</sup> William Oliver ✓
- ✓ c. Serial number. 1648241  
1848241 ✓
- ✓ d. Organization. Co. D, 28th Infantry ✓
- ✓ e. Rank. Pvt. ✓
- ✓ f. Date of death. 5/28/18 ✓
- ✓ g. Cause of death. K/A ✓
- ✓ h. Authority (C. C. No.) 517 SP <sup>120</sup>121 ✓
- ✓ i. Emergency address. Mrs. Elizabeth Etzer,  
41 Zane St.,  
Wheeling, W. Va. ✓
- ✓ j. Relationship. (Sister) ✓

**BODY DESCRIPTION.**

(See page 2 of the Service Record.)

- a. Age at enlistment.
- b. Color of eyes.
- c. Color of hair.
- d. Height.
- e. Weight.
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment. (Old fractures or breaks.)

**DENTAL CHARTS.**

(See physical report of examination prior to enlistment.)

- a. Strike out teeth missing:
- |              |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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| 8            | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1           | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Lower right. |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | Lower left. |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

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

By

*H. J. Conner*

H. J. CONNER,  
1st Lieut. ~~Major~~ Q. M. C.

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Quartermaster General, U. S. Army  
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fractures or breaks  
defects of construction

- 1. Permanent marks and
- 2. Weight
- 3. Height
- 4. Color of hair
- 5. Color of eyes
- 6. Age at enlistment

(See page 2 of the Service Record)  
BODY DESCRIPTION

- 7. Rank: BAR
- 8. Organization: Co. D. 28th Infantry
- 9. Serial number: 100001
- 10. Christian name: WILLIAM OTTAVO
- 11. Surname: PHILLIPS

Lower left: 8 1 0 2 4 3 5 1  
Lower right: 1 3 3 4 2 0 1 8

7. Strike out feet missing:

(See physical report of examination prior to enlistment)  
DENTAL CHANGES

- 12. Relationship: (State)
- 13. Emergency address: Address: H. Ave.
- 14. Authority (C. C. No.): 214 25 131
- 15. Cause of death: K/A
- 16. Date of death: 2/28/30

1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed. Request confirmation of all information.  
Subject: Information reported for O. B. S.

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 21st and B. Streets NW, Washington, D. C.

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

File No. 100001 Registration

Date November 15, 1931

WASHINGTON  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WAR DEPARTMENT

G.R.S. FC No. 12

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.

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FROM : ADJUTANT GENERAL.  
TO : C.O. Co. D. 28th. Inf.  
SUBJECT : Information for burial Register.

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

By Command of General Pershing:

Robert C. Davis  
Adjutant General.

Note:

X

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

Nearest relative of deceased:

Relationship:

Address:



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G.R.S Form No. 8-W; Central Records  
Liaison.

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

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

1. Items checked are to be completed:

Surname: *Phillips*  
 Number: *1848 241 1,648,241*  
 First name: *William Oliver*  
 Rank: *Pvt*  
 Company: *D*  
 Organization: *28 Inf*  
 Date of death: *May 28 1861*  
 Cause: *Killed in action*  
 Place:

Location of hospital:

Number " "  
Class " "

Emergency address *Elizabeth Etzer*  
*41 Zane St,*  
*Wheeling, W. Va.*

Relationship:

Authority:  
Cablegram No: *CC517*  
Telegram from:

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

(Underscore the "official" C.C.)

Remarks:

*See 11-14-19*  
*WHO*

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

Refer to this

(Office)

No. **90551**

## INQUIRY

Request by Mr. W.O. McCluskey,  
Grand Hotel, London.

European address \_\_\_\_\_

Wheeling, W. Va.

Relationship to dec'd \_\_\_\_\_

Uncle.

For location grave of:-

Phillips, 1848241, William O.

Last name Serial No. First name

Pvt. Co.D, 28th Inf. May 28, 18.

Rank Org. Date of death

Date of request 8/2/21.Recd. by HK

(Initials) Other information:

Killed in action at Chateau-  
Thierry.

## INFORMATION FURNISHED

**UNLOCATED.**

Location of grave Country

Cemetery Commune (town) Dept.

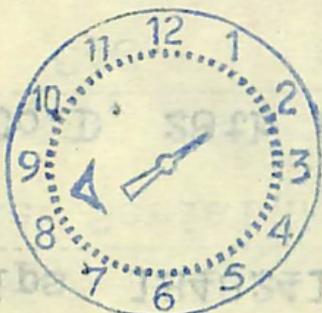
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Plot Row

Furnished by Date

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WASHINGTON

G.R. Form 3-W-A  
Information requested of A.G.O.

File No. Registration

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 3rd & 2nd Sts., W.F., Washington, D.C.

Subject: Information required for G.R. 3.

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

- a. Surname
- b. Christian name
- c. Serial number
- d. Organization
- e. Rank
- f. Relationship
- g. Emergency address
- h. Authority (G.O.#)
- i. Dates of death
- j. Date of death

1. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment. (Old fractures or breaks)

2. Color of eyes

3. Color of hair

4. Height

5. Weight

6. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment. (Old fractures or breaks)

7. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment. (Old fractures or breaks)

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BY:

H. J. CONNER  
Captain, G.M.O.

M. L. ROGERS  
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.  
Director of Purchase and Storage

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON

November 17, 1919

Miss Sarah Robinson,  
1513 Jacob Street,  
Wheeling, W. Va.

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1.- In reply to your inquiry, you are advised that the  
grave of:

Private William Oliver Phillips,  
Co. D., 28th Infantry

has not yet been registered in this office, but investigations  
are being made, the result of which will be communicated to  
you as soon as possible.

2.- Please do not be discouraged by the failure, thus far,  
to secure the information you desire. Each day witnesses the per-  
fecting of records in cases not heretofore reported, and we have  
hope of sending you comforting assurances in due time.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Colonel, Q.M. Corps,  
Chief, Graves Registration Service,

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CCP/jad

G. R. S. MAILED

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

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ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY

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

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

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Monument  
(Par. #8, Bul. 10-C-W)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ *and as marked*  
\_\_\_\_\_ *sent form 109*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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Analysis Clerk.

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

Date

10/31/19

FROM: - INQUIRY BRANCH.

Please furnish information as checked (✓) below regarding the following soldier:

NAME *Phillips, William Oliver* Serial Number 1848241RANK *Put.* ORGANIZATION *Co. D-28 Inf.*

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	<i>No. Co. G-28 Inf.</i>
2.	Date of Death.	
3.	Cause and place of death.	
4.	Number of Casualty VCablegram.	
5.	Date buried.	
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	<i>6) CC #456 - sub. para #125 reports as follows: Put. William Oliver Phillips 1848241 - Co. G-28 Inf. missing in action since May 28, first report received from first division records January 25<sup>th</sup> no information available to change status, further information when available</i>
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	<i>11) not given</i>
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	
12.	Has above been notified? (Give date)	
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	
15.	Inquiry made by? <i>Miss Sarah Robinson (aunt) 1513 Jacob St Wheeling, W. Va</i>	
	<i>Phy a R.C.</i>	
	N.B. All Proper names to be typewritten, or printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.	

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*Mr Robb* ✓

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

Date 10-31-1919

FROM: - INQUIRY BRANCH.

Please furnish information as checked (✓) below regarding the following soldier:

NAME **Phillips, William Oliver**

Serial Number **1848241**

RANK **Pvt.**

ORGANIZATION **Co.D, 28th Infantry**

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	Yes - # 1648241
2.	Date of Death.	2) 5/28/18
3.	Cause and place of death.	3) K/a
4.	Number of Casualty VCablegram.	4. 517
5.	Date buried.	
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	6) not given Camp
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	11) Mrs. Eliza Itzler (Sister 41 Lane St. Wheeling, W. Va.
12.	Has above been notified? (Give date)	
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	
15.	Inquiry made by?	

**Miss Sarah Robinson, (Aunt)**  
**1513 Jacob St.,**  
**Wheeling, W. Va.**  
**Thru American Red Cross, Paris.**

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

*S.W. ORD 11.8.19.*

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201. Phillips Wm. O.

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Chief, Graves Registration Service, Hq. S.O.S. A.E.F. June 12, 1919.  
To: Central Records Office, A.G.D. A.P.O. 902, A.E.F.

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

l.b.

201. Phillips Wm.

2nd Ind.

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

FILE NUMBER

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FROM: -

DATE: 6/11/19

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME

PHILLIPS, W.M.O.

NUMBER

1848241

RANK

Pvt

ORGANIZATION

CO 28 inf

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	① yes
2.	Date of Death.	② 5-28-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	③ KIA
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	④ CC # 517 SP. 121
5.	Date buried.	
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.	⑤
7.	Who reported burial.	
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	
11.	Who is nearest relative?	
12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	⑪ Mrs. ELIXA TEZLER (SIS) 412 AVE. SE, WHEELING VA)
14.	What is the Photograph No. ?	

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

⑬ No info

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

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FROM:-

DATE:

6/11/19

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Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME

PHILLIPS, WM. O.

NUMBER

RANK

Pvt

ORGANIZATION

Co. D - 28 Infantry

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	① 1848241
2.	Date of Death.	② 5/28/18
3.	Cause and place of death.	③ K/a
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	④ 577 S. P. 121
5.	Date buried.	⑤ no record
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.	⑥ no record
7.	Who reported burial.	⑦
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	⑧
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	⑨ no record
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	⑩ no record
11.	Who is nearest relative?	⑪ MRS. ELIXA TZLER (sister)
12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	41 ZANE ST., WHEELING, VA.
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# AMERICAN RED CROSS

(CROIX-ROUGE AMÉRICAINÉ)

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              » 43-89



ADRESSE TÉLÉGRAPHIQUE :  
"AMCROSS"

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

4, PLACE DE LA CONCORDE

File #16-644

PARIS. June 3rd, 1919.

From : Home Communication Section.  
To : Chief, Graves Registration Service, S.O.S., A.P.O. 717.  
Subject : Pte. William Oliver Phillips, #1848241, Co. "D", 28th Inf.

We have report that above soldier was killed in action May 28th, 1918. Kindly send burial report to his aunt:-

Miss Sarah Robinson,  
1513, Jacob Street,  
Wheeling, W. Va.

Would it be possible for you to inform us whether or not this death report has been verified?

EHJ/SKS.

Home Communication Section.  
Bureau of Home & Hospital Service.

ENVA/388

Division of Home & Hospital Relief  
Home Communication Section

Dear report has been verified:

Could it be possible for you to inform us whether or not this

message, M. de  
1913, was correct  
with regard to the

1913. Kindly send further report to the office:-

We have report that above subject was killed in action May 1918

Address : Mrs. William Charles Williams, "D", 38th St.  
to : Office, Division of Home & Hospital Relief, S.O.S., W.B.O.  
from : Home Communication Section

1918-1919

Home address | to be returned to  
in reply to | Home address

TELEPHONE

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" 43-83  
OFFICE 43-83



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C.O.Co.B. Composite Regiment, Third Army, A.E.F. May 23rd 1919. To: Central Records Office, A.G.D. APO 902, A.E.F.

1. The following information was obtained from Cpl. Walter B. Rice formerly of Co. A 28th Infantry, now on Detached Service with Co. B. Composite Regiment, Third Army. Private Phillips was in Cpl. Rice's squad at the time of the Cantigny attack.
2. Private William O Phillips, at the time of his death, was a member of Co. "D" 28th Infantry, as he was assigned to that organization on May 26, 1918.
3. While going over the top at the Battle of Cantigny, May, 28th Private Phillips was killed instantly by machine gun fire through the chest and heart about 700 yards east of Cantigny on the morning of May 28th, at about 8.30 A.M.
4. Private Phillips was not very well acquainted with the members of the Company as he was only with the organization 2 days before going into the attack. Personal effects, as far as known, were buried with Private Phillips.

Edward S. Johnston,  
Captain, Infantry  
Cmndg. Co.

201. Phillips, William O.

9th Ind.

GRH/bb

Central Refords Office, A.G.D. A.P.O. #902, A.E.F. May 31, 1919. To: Chief, Graves Registration Service, A.P.O. #717.

Information is desired as to whether there is any record of this soldier's grave in your office.

H.M. Nelly  
Adjutan General.

10th Ind.

Chief, Graves Registration Service, Hq. S.O.S. A.E.F. June 12, 1919 To: Central Records Office, A.G.D. A.P.O. 902, A.E.F.

Returned. There is no burial information on record in this office regarding Pvt. Wm. O. Phillips, #1848241, Co. D. 28th Infantry.

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

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Tours, May 7, 1919.

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Lieut. F.R.Flanders,  
Graves Registration Service,  
Bordeaux.

Retel May 6 period No record grave location Pvt William Oliver Phillips comma 1848241  
Co D 28 Inf period  
C 111 E

OFFICIAL:

KNIGHT

G.M. NOEZZEL  
1st Lt., QMC., USA.  
FVN/aaaf  
3.50 pm

Copy to: T & C  
G R S  
Sgt Daly

In reply to "T."

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201. Phillips, Wm. O. 1st Ind.  
(S.F. 6/12/19)

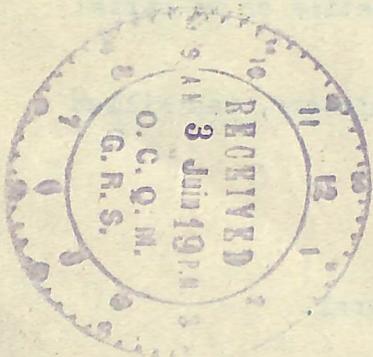
JSJ/ls.

Central Records Office, A.G.D., A.P.O. 902, May 28th 1919 - To Chief, Graves  
Registration Service, A.P.O. 717, requesting information as to burial  
place of Pvt. William Oliver Phillips #1848241.

The above mentioned soldier, late of Co. D. 28th Infantry, was killed  
in action on May 28th 1918.

3 incls.

H.M. Nelly,  
Adjutant General.



HEADQUARTERS BASE SECTION NO.2,  
S.O.S. A.E.F. FRANCE.  
Office of the Base Surgeon

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6 May, 1919.

From: Andrew J. Goodwin, Captain, M.C.  
Office of Base Surgeon, Base Section No. 2, A.P.O. 705.

To: Central Records Office, Bourges.

Subject: William Oliver Phillips, Pvt 1848241, Co.D. 28th Inf. 1st Div.

1. Request information as to present whereabouts if alive of William Oliver Phillips, Army serial number 1848241, Co. D. 28th Infantry who was reported "Missing in action, May 28th, 1918 Status subject to change" in a telegram to relatives from the Adjutant General's Office dated February 14th 1919.

2. Base Hospital No. 114, Hospital Centre Beau Desert (Gironde) has no record of the above named soldier. A Pvt. William Phillips, Co.D. 354th Inf. was evacuated to the U.S. on the USS Antigone March 13th, 1919, according to their records and this has been confused by the Red Cross searcher for the above named soldier.

ANDREW J. GOODWIN  
Captain, Medical Corps.

201. Phillips, Wm. O.  
(S.F. 6.12.19)

1st Ind.

JSJ/l.s.

Central Records Office, A.G.D. A.P.O. 902, May 28th 1919 - To the Chief, Graves Registration Service, A.P.O. 717, requesting information as to burial place of Pvt. William Oliver Phillips #1848241.

The above mentioned soldier, late of Co. D. 28th Infantry, was killed in action on May 28th 1918.

H.M. NELLY  
ADJUTANT GENERAL.

3 Incls.

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# SIGNAL CORPS, UNITED STATES ARMY

## TELEGRAM

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BORDEAUX MAY 6

CHIEF GRAVES REGISTRATION

TOURS

REQUEST GRAVE LOCATION OF PVT WILLIAM OLIVER PHILLIPS 1848241

CO D 28 INFY REPORTED MISSING IN ACTION MAY 28 1918

550P FANDERS

9<sup>00</sup>am

Phillips, William O.

5th Ind.

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Statistical Section, Hq. 1st Div. May 4, 1919. -- To Central Records Office, A.P.O. #902.

1. Inviting attention to 4th Indorsement.

ACC/jtg

C. W. CRIPPS  
Capt. Inf. U.S.A.  
Div. Per. Adjt.

201. Phillios, William O.

6th Ind.

S.5-30-19

GRH/bb.

Central Records Office, A.G.D. A.P.O. #902, A.E.F. May 9, 1919.

To Commanding Officer, Co. A, 28th Infantry.

1. It is requested that all available information regarding the death of Pvt. Phillips be secured from Cpl. Walter B. Rice, and all information secured be incorporated in an indorsement hereon.

2. All papers to be returned to this office at the earliest practicable moment.

By command of General Pershing

H.M.Nelly  
Adjutant General.

7th Ind.

Co."A" 28th Infantry, Germany, May 22nd 1919-To C.O. Co.BC3rd Army Composite Regiment

1. Records of this organization show Cpl. Walter B. Rice to be with your organization.

W.H.O'Brien  
Captain, 28th Inf.  
Commanding.

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WHEELING, w. Va. April 22, 1919.

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Captain Andrew J. Goodwin, M.C.  
Base Surgeon's Office  
Headquarters Base Section No. 2.  
American E. F. FRANCE.

My dear Captain Goodwin.

We have been hunting for months for my brother William Oliver Phillips, who was reported "Missing in action, May 28th, 1918". The official notice did not reach us, however, until a telegram came from the Adjutant General's Office on February 14th, 1919.

We received a cable from the Red Cross (Paris) stating their searcher at Base Hospital 114 had located my brother and that he had evacuated to the Steamer Antigone sailing March 12th. This soldier who came on this vessel was a Private William Phillips, of Arkansas, next of kin, Mrs. Ado Koff; he belonged to Company D, 28th Infantry, First Division.

Dr. Emerson Megrail suggested I write you in regard making a further search for my brother, and I am enclosing herewith all the data we have.

The Adjutant General (Washington . D.C.) and Congressman Neely, of our District, have cabled General Pershing for Will's service record.

Will was born in Wheeling, West Virginia, and his next of kin is given: Mrs. W.C. Etzler. Serial number 1848241.

Any information you may be able to obtain will be greatly appreciated by me.

Yours truly,

Elizabeth Etzler,

Mrs. W.C. Etzler,  
41 Zane Ave,  
Wheeling, W. Va.

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Office of  
DR. WILLIAM C. ETZLER  
WHEELING, W. VA.

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April 10th, 1919.

Subject: Private William Oliver Phillips  
Home address: Listed 110 Zane Ave., Wheeling, W. Va.

Left Wheeling for Camp Lee, Va., September 20th, 1917.

First Address: Battery E, 314th Field Artillery.

Second Address: 320th Ambulance Company. (Corporal)

Was taken to France some time in March 1918, from Camp Merritt, N.J.

First Overseas Address: March Replacement Detachment.  
2nd Lt. F. A. R. C.  
American E. F.

Second Overseas Address: Fourth Co. 1st Infantry Tr. Regt.  
A.P.O. 727, American E.F.

Third and Last Address: Letter dated May 27th, 1918:  
Company D, 28th Infantry, American E. F.

This letter was censored by Chas. W. Bellis,  
2nd Lt. 26th Inf.

William Oliver Phillips never received any mail from the United States, altho this matter was taken up with the Foreign Military Postal Service, In July 1918 we were assured by this department that they had taken up the matter with his former Commanders and hoped he would have no further trouble with his mail.

In telegram, dated February 14th, 1919, from the Adjutant General's Office, he was reported "Missing in action May 28th, 1918." "Status subject to change."

Quite a few letters returned to relatives in December 1918 were marked "Wounded." Letters returned in March 1919 have been marked : Deceased, verified by Statistical Division."

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HEADQUARTERS 25th INFANTRY

Germany

23 March 1919.

Miss Sarah Robinson,  
Whseling, W. Virginia

In reply to your letter of February 27, 1919, requesting information as to William O. Phillips, 1848241, Company D, this regiment, will say:

All the information we can possibly give you is the fact that he was found to be missing after the Battle of Cantigny, May 28, 1918. He was not reported to these headquarters as such at the time. We have made every effort to locate Private Phillips as well as the many others who were, and are still missing in that fierce engagement. Many are probably dead and were buried in trenches during the battle and probable those who buried them forgot to make a report of same. Our casualties (28th Infantry) in that three day engagement, were more than 1200 including more than 150 missing, most of whom we believe are killed. We are in hopes however that Private Phillips may yet be located in some hospital and anything further we hear of him we will gladly communicate to you.

Very truly,

C. W. Cripps  
Captain 28th Infantry  
Personnel Adjutant.

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201. (Phillips, William Oliver) Enl.

1st Ind.

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War Depart. A.G.O. March 7, 1919 - To the Commanding General, American Expeditionary Forces, for report as to whether any further information has been obtained as to that fate of the soldier. The roster of Company D. 28th Infantry, of June 39th show the soldier "missing since operations against Cantigny, May 28, 1918."

By order of the Secretary of War.

Adjutant General.

1. encl.

201. (Phillips, William O.)

2nd Ind.

GRH/bb.

Central Records Office, A.G.D. A.P.O.#902, A.E.F. April 23, 1919. To:  
Personnel Adjutant, 1st Division. For report.

1. The records of this office show soldier in question missing in action since May 28, 1918. This fact has been officially reported to Washington.

2. All papers to be returned to this office at the earliest practicable moment

By command of General Pershing:

WM. A. WOODLEF  
Adjutant General.

201. Phillips, William O.

3rd Ind.

Stat. Sect. Hq. 1st Div. May 1st, 1919. -- To personnel 28th Infantry.

1. For all available information concerning this soldier.

C. W. CRIPPS  
Captain, Inf. USA

CBM/jtg.

4th Ind.

Phillips William O.

Personnel Adjutant, 28th Infantry, Germany, May 2, 1919 - To statistical Section, 1st Div. Amer. E.F

1. Status of Pvt. William O. Phillips, 1848241, Co.D. 28th Infantry, was changed from missing to killed in action May 28th, 1918, on April 5, 1919/

2. Cpl. Walter B. Rice, Co.A. 28th Infantry, was an eyewitness of Pvt. Phillips death.

O.G. Lippincott,  
1st Lieut. 28th Infantry,  
Actg Personnel Adjt.

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Wheeling, W. Va.

Adjutant General of the Army,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

My brother-in-law, Private William Oliver Phillips of Co. D. 28th Infantry, last known address has not been heard from for six months. We have tried every means to get in communication with him, through the Red Cross, Foreign Military Postal Service, also your office but so far have met with no success.

He left Wheeling for Camp Lee Sept. 20th 1917 and was placed in Battery E 314th Field Artillery, was later transferred to 320 Ambulance Co., Camp Lee, Va. Was taken over seas in March 1918 and his first address we received was March Replacement Detachment, 2nd Co., A. E. F. 2nd Lt. F.A.R.C. A letter dated May 12th gives the following address:

4th Co., 1st Tr. Regt, American E.F.

Via N.Y. A.P.O. 727

and in June received his last letter to us dated May 27th stating he had at last received a permanent home with Co.D. 28th Inf. He had received no word from home at that time regardless address given. We received a letter from Cpl. John W Shultz of the Chemical Warfare Dept. (Engr.) Nov. 10th stating he had occasion to be where the 28th Infantry was located and was unable to find Pvt. Phillips and they had no record of his being in the regiment and then received dates back to May 1st 1918.

We are all much concerned as to his welfare and would thank you if you will make special effort in our behalf, any expense of cablegrams I will gladly pay.

Most respectfully yours,

February 14th 1919 received a telegram from the Adjutant General stating Private William Oliver Phillips was missing in action May 28th, 1918.

DUPLICATE COPY.

lb.

Wheeling, W. Va.

Feb 28, 1919.

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Hon. Howard Sutherland,  
Member of Senate,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator,

Your letter received and will say in reply that the soldier strangely missing, William Oliver Phillips has been missing since last May. His sister Mrs. Dr. Etzler asked me to write you again to know if anything can be done in the matter, Naturally she is very anxious about her brother and the reports from the War Department seem very conflicting. I am enclosing a copy of the letter she wrote to the Adjutant General at Washington in regard to this matter. She received a telegram the 14th of this month from the Adjutant General's Office stating that her brother was missing in action May 28th. This was the day after he wrote the letter to his sister.

He wrote to his sister that he had been transferred from one Company to another in the same Regiment, 1st Regiment Regular Army. His sister wrote to the Captain of the Company brother and received a reply on July stating that her brother had never been transferred to his Company and that there was no such a member of the Company by that name. Several of her letters to him have been returned unclaimed marked (Wounded). She thinks this Regiment is now in Germany. She asks me to write you if it would be worth while for her to come over to Washington and state the case to the Secretary of War or Adjutant General's Office to see if she can get any information as to the where-abouts of her brother and whether he is alive or dead. If I get my Pass-port and you would advise Mrs. Etzler to come on to Washington I will go from here to Washington I will go from here to Washington with her on my way to New York.

Now my dear Senator I know you are a very busy man and no doubt you are perhaps annoyed by a request of this kind but it seems to me that this is a very unusual thing for a soldier to drop out and no trace apparently left of him.

Mrs. Etzler had Dr. Wilson, a very prominent physician here, to write to Secretary of war Baker who is a very intimate friend of Dr. Wilson's to investigate but I believe so far has had no reply.

I would like to sail from New York two weeks from to-morrow but would have to leave here not later than the 12th or 13th as it requires about two days in New York to get a pass-port to France vised so I will appreciate it if you could urge the Department of State to act on my application soon.

With kindest regards, I am.

Yours,

H. P. Gregory

HPM HY

# Signal Corps, United States Army. Telegram.

Received at



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LIEUTENANT HUTCHISON

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE TOURS

SD TWO FOUR ONE THREE WIRE IMMEDIATELY GRAVE LOCATION PRIVATE

WILLIAM OLIVER PHILLIPS COMPANY D TWO EIGHT INFANTRY

DAVIS.

To .....

# FIELD BURIALS

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Q. M. Form No. ....

Report No. ....

Sheet No. ....

Commune and Department .....

Army Sector No. .... Date .....

Map Reference .....

Place of burial .....

Location of grave or Trench .....

Nature of marking employed .....

NAME	RANK	DIVISION REGIMENT COMPANY	POSITION IN TRENCH	DISPOSAL OF TAGS