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G.R.S. Form #114-B

DATE 11/5/21.

1. NAME CAFFREY, Raymond P.

SERIAL No. 2383787

RANK Corp

ORGANIZATION Co G 60th Inf.  
& DIVISION 5th

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne American Cty., Romagne-sous- 1232 Sec. 57  
CTY. NAME Montfaucon (Meuse) NUMBER

197

Sec. 57

4

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 1 Isolated

Bantheville  
Cunel, Meuse

C-303

COORDINATES Verdun 35NE 286.4N 310.4E  
287.2N 309.4E

COMMUNE

DEPT.

CONCENTRATED TO

6/17/19

197

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DATE

GRAVE

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PLOT

Meuse Argonne 1232

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

295

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

Tag on body and cross

data f-1/pfb

DATE OF DEATH Oct 14, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME N.Y.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

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

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 11/5/21.

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F.

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

Block

Rec'd World War Div.

Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. #1232 Romagne-sous-Montfaucon. (Meuse)

CEMETERY

hd

AUG 4 1928  
AUDITED BY  
ROR 4-16-28

A. G. O.  
AUG 11 1926  
WORLD WAR DIV.

Egm  
AUG 13 1928

4-12-28

M.S.A. 10/14 CC 328 @ 12/12  
**GRAVE LOCATION BLANK**

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Caffrey 2383789 Raymond J.  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

60<sup>th</sup> Inf.  
(Rank.) (Organization)

DATE OF BURIAL... Nov. 6, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL... About 86.2 -

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

09.7 / 50000 Montaucon  
Map as reported same

GRAVE NUMBER... 1

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? ..... Cross? Yes

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes

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

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

Reported to me as having been  
REPORTED BY: buried by troops  
G. J. Carr - Lt. Chaplain 5<sup>th</sup> Div.  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

This portion to be forwarded to Adj. Gen'l., G. H. Q., A. E. F.

Co. G., 60th Inf.,  
5th Div.

Caffrey, Raymond H. - Cpl. - 2383787.

On the morning of October 14, 1918, the Bn. was advancing through the woods near Cunel, France (Bois de Rappes) and on account of the thick woods the company was advancing in a patrol formation. My patrol became separated from the rest of the Company and by meeting to heavy resistance, we fell back. On our way back I noticed that Cpl. Caffrey was missing and went back with Pvt. Osush and found him wounded, lying in a shell hole. He had been wounded by shrapnel on the left side of the head. I dressed the wound and considered it not a serious wound although at this time Pvt. Caffrey was delirious and resisted our efforts to carry him back to the 1st aid station. Therefore I made Cpl. Caffrey as comfortable as possible and returned for more help. Upon going back I was unable to locate him.

Informant: Hillstrand, Harry W. - Sgt. - 2383764.  
Co. G., 60th Inf.

Home: 2616 - 1st Ave.,  
Great Falls, Mont.  
April 10, 1919.

Signed: William J. Nowels,  
1st Lt., 60th Inf., Commanding Co. G.

Emergency address:  
Chestnut St., Archbold, Pa.

Fifth Div. Statistical Records: Burial report for Nov. 4, 1918 shows this man as being buried in Cemetery at Montfaucon, 86.2-09.7 Montfaucon Map.

G. G. C.

Date 1 July 1919REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name CAFFREY Raymond PNumber: 2383787Rank Unknown Organization: Unkn

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Disinterred (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ From: (Give complete location)

17 June 1919Isolated grave BANTHEVILLE MEUSE35NE E310.4 N266.4

Reburied (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ in: (Give complete location)

17 June 1919Grave #197 Sec 57 Plot 4Argonne Amer Cemetery #1232ROMAGNE MEUSE

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

Burial good, in uniform, body decomposedWas one identification tag found upon the body? NOWhat other means of identification were found upon the body? None

Note:

CONFIRMED No. 12338

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

Supervised by Lt Bushnell

cem

C.O. Group

Unit

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	CAFFREY	3	3 1 6
BURIED	CEMETERY	1232	1
	GRAVE	37	2
	ROW	10	2
	BLOCK	7	1
STATE	ny	2	37
RANK	capl.	1	2
DIVISION	5	2	05
ORGANIZATION	60	3	060
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARTIAL	no	1	2
NAME	Caffrey	3	3 1 6
RESIDENCE	STATE	Pa	2
	COUNTY	Lackawanna	2
	CITY	Archbold	3
RELATION	mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Poor	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	no age	1	67

**AUDITED**

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*Sam*

QM 233 A-M  
Caffrey, Raymond P. (MA)

July 30, 1932.

Mrs. Mary Caffrey,  
189 Chestnut Street,  
Archbald, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 18th advising that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Corporal Raymond P. Caffrey, and requesting that your daughter be allowed to go in your place.

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, authorized pilgrimages to the cemeteries of Europe for only the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces, who were lost or buried at sea or whose remains are interred in Europe, and contains no provision whereby the privilege of making the journey may be transferred to a relative or friend in the event a mother or widow is unable or does not desire to make the trip.

In view thereof, it is regretted to advise that no arrangements can be made for your daughter to make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government.

Your desire to have a member of your family visit the grave of your son is understood and appreciated, but I am sure you will realize that the War Department has no alternative other than to administer the law as enacted by Congress. D

Should your health improve, it is believed you should feel no hesitancy in going as competent personnel to care for your comfort and welfare will be provided and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past three years <sup>as mentioned</sup> ~~many~~ mothers and widows, many of whom were in poor health, have made the trip and appeared to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received. I sincerely hoped that you will find it possible to make the trip next summer.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Caffrey Raymond P (MA)

July 8 1932

Mrs Mary Caffrey  
189 Chestnut St  
Archbald Pa

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

*Unable to do so* (see attached Letter)  
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

*Mrs Mary Caffrey*

Elizabeth J.  
July 18, 1932

Chas. F. Dietz  
Capt. U.S. Corps.

Ref: D.M. 293A-M  
Raymond Caffrey

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly advise  
if there is any provision  
in the Act authorizing  
Pilgrimages, whereby a  
sister of the deceased  
may represent her mother  
when the mother through  
advanced age and health  
condition is unable to  
make the pilgrimage

Mary M. Caffrey  
Sister of Raymond Caffrey

Signed: Mrs Mary Caffrey

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Caffrey, Raymond P. (M-A) M

September 29, 1931.

Mrs. Mary Caffrey,  
189 Chestnut Street,  
Archbald, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

In order that the records may be complete, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name, and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	<i>No</i>
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: <i>69 years</i> Health: <i>Not so good</i>
3. Do you speak English?	<i>Yes</i>
4. What other language do you speak?	<i>None other</i>

*Mrs Mary E Caffrey*  
Sign here

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  
Caffrey, Raymond P. 1232 M

June 7, 1930.

Mrs. Mary Caffrey,  
189 Chestnut St.,  
Archbald, Pa.

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?

*No, not able*  
(Write answer here)

*Mrs Mary Caffrey*  
(Sign here) *Thank you*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Caffrey, Raymond P. 1232 M.

Mrs. Mary Caffrey,  
189 Chestnut St.,  
Archbald, Pa.

Dear Madam:

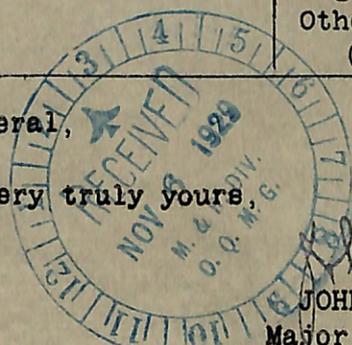
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In order that the report referred to may be made and plans completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested that you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office by return mail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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No) <i>No</i>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No) <i>No.</i>
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) <i>No</i>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <i>67</i> (Years)	Health <i>Fair</i> (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <i>Yes</i> (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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Archbald, P.a. Sept. 9, 1929

The Quartermaster General  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of June 29th, 1929

I herewith advise you that I am the Mother of Raymond B. Caffrey Co, G. 60th Inf) whose remains are interred in Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Meuse, France.

he was not married, and his father Thos Caffrey has died since his death, I remain the only survivor

Yours very truly

Mrs Mary Caffrey  
189 Chestnut St.,  
Archbald, Pa.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Caffrey, Raymond P.

June 29, 1929.

Mr. Thomas J. Caffrey,  
Chestnut St.,  
Archbald, Pa.

Dear Sir:

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 father of the late Cpl. Raymond P. Caffrey, Co.G, 60th 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 or widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish the full names and addresses of the mother and widow in order that action may be taken to extend invitations to them to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

July 30, 1932.

QM 293 A-M  
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For The Quartermaster General,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Caffrey Raymond P (MA)

July 8 1932

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

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) \_\_\_\_\_

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Caffrey, Raymond P. (M-A) M

September 29, 1931. AL

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2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Caffrey, Raymond P. 1232 M

June 7, 1930.

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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

October 7, 1929.

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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

Caffrey, Raymond P.  
1232.

Sept. 4, 1929

Mr. Thomas J. Caffrey,  
Chestnut St.,  
Archbald, Pa.

Dear Sir:

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,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Cpl. Raymond P. Caffrey, Co.G. 60th 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 or widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish the full names and addresses of the mother and widow in order that action may be taken to extend invitations to them to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

Caffrey.

(Surname.)

Raymond P.

(Christian name in full.)

2,385,787

(Army serial number.)

Cpl

Co G, 6-0 Inf.,

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Mother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

yes

(Yes or no.)

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

no

(Yes or no.)

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

Mr. Thomas Caffrey Archbold, Pa

(Name of person to receive remain's.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

Chestnut St

(Number and street.)

Archbold,

(City or town.)

Pa.

(State.)

(Sign here)

Chestnut-St

(Number and street or rural route.)

Mrs. Thomas Caffrey Archbold, Pa

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

3-6713

drawn by D.H.

1232 - Feb 57 - 27

5-4-21

Checked  
5-5-21

In reply refer to:  
QM - 293 C+R

August 14, 1923.

Mr. Thomas J. Gaffrey,  
Chestnut St.,  
Archibald, Pa.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of Corporal Raymond P. Gaffrey, Company G, 60th Infantry, is Grave 57, Row 10, Block F, 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 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 maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

H. J. Conner, Lt. Col.  
Assistant.

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# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #80813

(a) Name CAFFREY, Raymond P. Ser. No. 2583787  
 (b) Rank Cpl. Organization Co. G, 60th Infantry  
 (c) Date of death 10/14/18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. DMA

CKR. 13

7/29/22 Examined  
 for Concentration  
 Mense - Argonne 1232  
 Jatt 3/13/22

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

(a) Grave No. 197 Row - Plot 4 Sec. 57 TYP. DMA  
 (b) Emerg. Address Thomas J. Caffrey (father) Chestnut St., Archibald, Pa.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases/

CKR. 13.7

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt \_\_\_\_\_

(a) Name Mrs. Tho. Caffrey (b) Relationship Mother  
 (c) Address Chestnut St. Archibald, Pa.  
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? Yes  
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at No

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. Mr. Thomas Caffrey  
Chestnut St. Archibald, Pa.  
Cup & Lib. office - do  
 (g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. \_\_\_\_\_

Examiner's Initials MH Date 5/4, 1920.

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

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

Examiner's Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

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

Let. #121/20 - Mrs. Thomas  
Caffrey (mother) Chestnut St. Archibald, Pa.  
cannot part - I desire the body to remain  
 (a) Cancellation memos referred to? in France

Examiner's Initials MH Date 7/4, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232-sec. 57 SHEET No. 27

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

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on 5-19-21, 1920

Sec. 57  
Par. 2. Not to be returned (EGL)

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: Let. 10-24-21 - Mother, Mrs. Thomas Coffey, Chestnut St. Archbold, Pa. wishes to cancel previous request and now wants body sent home for private burial. (AEB-10-31-21)

Let. 10-31-21 - Aug. advises mother that her previous request for the permanent burial of son's body in France has been applied with they cannot be changed as Sec. of War has directed that no change of request for return of bodies will be considered after Aug. 15-1921. (AEB-10-31-21)

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Nov 4 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name CAFFREY, Raymond P.

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

2. No. 2383787

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

3. Rank Corp.

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

4. Org. Co G 60th Inf.

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

5. D.D. 10.14.-

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

6. C.D. KIA

(b) D.B. None

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 127 Sec. 57

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

8. Plot 4 Row -

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

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

17. None

18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne American

19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Montfaucon

20. Dept. or County Meuse

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232 Sec. 57

23. Disinterred (Date) Nov 4 1921

By E Maire

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Raymond P Caffrey

Serial No. 2383787

Rank Corp.

Organization Co G 60th Inf

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

John McLean Ford  
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

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

GRS plaque on cross checks, OK. Rosary beads and crucifix on body.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable

28. Nature of burial Uniform, burlap and box.

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 Nov 4 1921 By E Maire.

31. Casket sealed by E Maire.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor E Maire)

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.)

Box No.

C-15266



32. Designation of body:

Name **CAFFREY, Raymond P.**

Serial No. **2383787**

Rank **Corp.**

Organization **Co G 60th Inf.**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **Meuse-Argonne American Cty. #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse).**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **Nov 4 1921**

By **E. Meire**

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

*Geo C Bland*  
**Geo C Bland, 1st Lt. QMC.**

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date)

**Nov 4 1921**

To point of Concentration

**Morgue Romagne**

(Name)

Convoyer

**W. J. Royed**

Signature Shipping Officer

*G. F. Spann*  
**G. F. Spann, Capt. QMC.**

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 Nov. 5, 1921**

(Date)

42. Grave No. **37**

Section

43. Plot **B**

Row **10**

G.R.S. Representative

*James W. Younger*  
**James W. Younger  
Captain, QMC**

mr

G. R. S. Form. No. 16-A

Place Romagne 1232.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Nov 4, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF CAFFREY, Raymond P. SERIAL NUMBER 2383787

RANK Corp. ORGANIZATION Co. G. 60th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Nov 4, 1921 From (give complete location): gr 197, sec 57, plot 4.

By: Group 6 Unit sec 1

3. Reburied (date): Nov. 5, 1921 In (give complete location): Meuse-Argonne Cem. 1232, Gr 37, Row 10, Block F

By: Group Reburial S Unit unlined Nature of reburial casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: wooden box and burlap and uniform. badly decomposed, features not recognizable.

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

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

Raymond P. Caffrey 2383787 Pvt. on body tag. Rosary beads and crucifix on body. Send for a Priest" G.R.S. plaque on cross checks.

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

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

(b) Weigh, (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

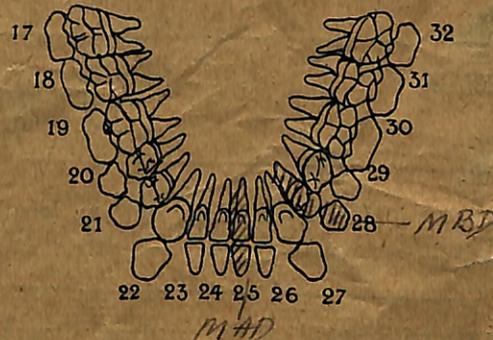
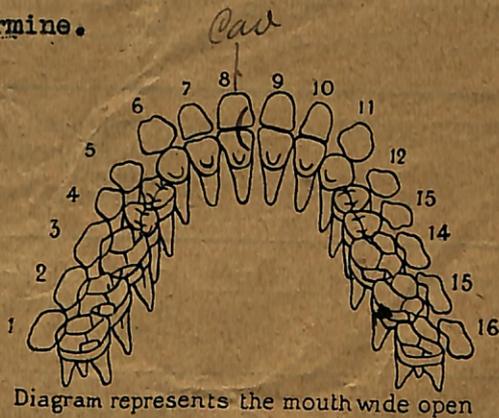
Location do

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.



7. Disinterment supervised by Edmo Maire Approved: Geo. C. Bland

Geo. C. Bland 1st Lt. J.M.C.  
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by A. U. Dufault

Approved: James W. Younger  
(Title) Captain, QMC

# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

See Form 115  
att 3/10/22

**I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:**

File #80813

(a) Name CAFFREY, Raymond P. Ser. No. 2583787  
 (b) Rank Cpl. Organization Co. G, 60th Infantry  
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TYP. DMA  
B. J.

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

(a) Grave No. 197 Row - Plot 4 Sec. 57 TYP. DMA

(b) Emerg. Address Thomas J. Caffrey (father) Chestnut St., Archibald, Pa.

III/ ~~Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases~~ CKR. B. J.

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

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 .....

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
*Sec. 57* letter of transmittal on 5-19-21, 192

*Par. 2. Not to be returned (EGL)*

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., \_\_\_\_\_, 192

**VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.**

Date of and source.	Relationship and name.	Desires.	Action taken.
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VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J. \_\_\_\_\_, 192

COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_ CEMETERY No. \_\_\_\_\_ SHEET No. \_\_\_\_\_

1. U. S. Form No. 1.

G. S. File

80813

2. Soldier's No. 238378

3. Caffrey Raymond  
Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials

4. Pvt  
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. Date of Death Cause, if known

Isolated

6. Date of Burial Cemetery

7. Ainerville Meuse  
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. 115  
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

9. Name Peg? Cross?  Headboard? Bottle?   
Check Method of Marking

10. Buried with Body?  Attached to Grave Marker?   
Identification Tags

11. If name unknown and tags missing, give marks and description.

OMME. AINCREVILLE (MEUSE)

(C.418.) SIT. 35NE COORD. E 310.2  
N 287.1

12. "A" sketch 28  
Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

287.1 N 310.2 E.

13. Sketch  
Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed... Lt. Hodson

Group..... Unit..... G. R. S.

PROV. UNIT "A" G.R.S.  
GROUP 1

GRAVE LOCATION CARD

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Caffrey 2383787 Raymond J  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

60th Inf  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL... Nov 6, 18

PLACE OF BURIAL... About 86.2 E -

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

309.7 N / 50000 Montfaucon  
Map as reported to me

~~COMM. BANTHEVILLE (MEUSE)~~  
~~(C. 303) SIT. 35 N E COORD. E 286.2~~

GRAVE NUMBER... ~~(C. 303) SIT. 35 N E COORD. E 286.2~~

HOW MARKED... ~~COMM. BANTHEVILLE~~ Cross?  Yes  
~~(C. 303) SIT. 35 N E COORD. E 286.2~~  
Headboard?  Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: ~~30~~ ~~A 309.7~~

Was one buried with body?... ~~Yes~~

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

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

~~COMM. MONTFAUCON (MEUSE)~~  
~~(C. 238) SIT. 958 E COORD. E~~  
~~N~~

Reported to me as having been  
REPORTED BY: buried by troops  
G. J. Parr 1st Lt. Chaplain 5th Div  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

G.R.S. #106  
DISPOSITION OF BODY

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

April 30, 1920

For information of:

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

Case of: Cpl. Raymond P. Caffrey  
Co. G., 60th Inf.

# 2383787

Grave Location:

Grave #197, Section #57, Plot #4,  
Argonne American Cemetery,  
Romagne-Sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

Request for action checked below:

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

has been made by:

Mrs. Thomas G. Caffrey (Mother)  
Chestnut St.  
Archbald, Pa.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Colonel, Q.M.G. U.S.A.  
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

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Co. G., 60th Inf.,  
5th Div.

41813  
Caffrey, Raymond H.-Cpl.-2383787.

On the morning of October 14, 1918, the Bn. was advancing through the woods near Cunel, France (Bois de Rappes) and on account of the thick woods the company was advancing in a patrol formation. My patrol became separated from the rest of the Company and by meeting to heavy resistance, we fell back. On our way back I noticed that Cpl. Caffrey was missing and went back with Pvt. Osush and found him wounded, lying in a shell hole. He had been wounded by shrapnel on the left side of the head. I dressed the wound and considered it not a serious wound although at this time Pvt. Caffrey was delirious and resisted our efforts to carry him back to the 1st aid station. Therefore I made Cpl. Caffrey as comfortable as possible and returned for more help. Upon going back I was unable to locate him.

Informant: Hillstrand, Harry W.-Sgt.-2383764.

Co. G., 60th Inf.

Home: 2616 -1st Ave.,  
Great Falls, Mont.

April 10, 1919.

Signed: William J. Nowels,  
1st Lt., 60th Inf., Commanding Co.G.

Emergency address:  
Chestnut St., Archbold, Pa.

Fifth Div. Statistical Records: Burial report for Nov. 4, 1918 shows this man as being buried in Cemetery at Montfaucon, 86.2-09.7 Montfaucon Map.  
G.G.C.

Oct. 31st 1921

293.8-Cem.#80813-(Caffrey, Raymond P.Cpl.)Cty.1232, Sec.57, Sht.27.

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

Mrs. Thomas Caffrey, Chestnut St., Archbald, Pa.

Disposition of remains.

File 10/31/21  
AAS

1. In reply to your letter of October 24, 1921, you are advised that the records of this office contain your previous request that the body of the late Corporal Raymond P. Caffrey, Company G, 60th Infantry, be permanently interred in France and instructions have been issued that your wishes be complied with.

2. You are further advised that the progress of the work in France has rendered it necessary to establish a definite policy governing requests relative to the disposition of remains of our soldier dead; therefore, the Secretary of War has directed that no change of requests relative to the return of a body will be considered after August 15th 1921.

3. In view of the above mentioned policy, it is now too late to issue instructions for the return of these remains.

4. The American Cemetery of the Meuse-Argonne, wherein the body of the deceased is interred is a permanent American Cemetery and you are assured that the grave of the deceased will be perpetually maintained by this Government in the most careful and reverent manner.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:

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

EW  
HCH  
AAS

Noted on Form 115  
Date 10-31-21-AAS

MAILED

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CEMETERIAL DIV.  
O. Q. M. G.

Archibald Pan

Oct. 24 1921

Chief of Grave Registration Service  
Washington D. C.

Noted on Form 113

Date 10-31-21-21

Dear Sir—

Some months ago I wrote you saying that I wanted the body of my son Corp Raymond P. Caffrey Co. I. 100th Inf. to remain in France since that nearly all the bodies of soldiers from this town and nearby have been returned home and it has changed my feelings. I am now going to ask you if you will send

Recorded  
Genealogical  
M. G.

his body home instead  
of leaving it in France  
hoping you will be able to  
comply with my wish, and  
that I will receive an early  
reply from you.

His body is laid in the  
Commune of Banthuille  
Meuse, France,

File number. - C-14 70 37,

Very Truly Yours  
Mrs. Thomas Laffrey  
Chestnut St.  
Archbald Pa

Address reply  
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE & STORAGE  
Munitions Building

WAR DEPARTMENT  
~~OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE~~  
WASHINGTON

April 30th, 1920

80813-Inquiry (Caffrey, Raymond P. Corporal)  
The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Cemeterial Division)  
Mrs. Thomas G. Caffrey, Chestnut St., Archbald, Pa.  
Corporal Raymond P. Caffrey.

1. Replying to your letter of April 21st, 1920, referred to this office by The Adjutant General of the Army, you are advised that notation has been made of your desire to cancel your former request that the remains of your son, Corporal Raymond P. Caffrey, Company "G", 60th Infantry, be returned to the United States for final burial and record has been made of your present wish to have the remains of this soldier permanently interred in France. The necessary instructions have been issued to have your wishes complied with.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

By:

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

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G. E. B. MAILED

MAY - 3 1920

April 21, 1920

Received -- Inq. <sup>pt.</sup>  
APR 26 1920

# 80813

Adjutant General  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

Sometime ago I received a letter from the United States Government asking me whether I wanted the remains of my Son Raymond P. Caffrey of the 60th Infantry, Company G, 5th Division who was killed in France October 14th, 1918 returned to the U.S. or not, I answered asking to have them returned, but since that time I have changed my mind and want him left in one of the American cemeterys in France.

Yours Very truly

Mrs. Thomas G. Caffrey

Chestnut St.

Archbald, Pa.

Received A G O. APR 23 1920