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G.R.S. Form #114-B

To The A. G. O.

3023

JAN 15 1926

FULL NAME... *✓* CONERFORD, Richard J. *✓* *Ad. Reg.*

RANK... *✓* Corporal *✓* SERIAL... *✓* 1704532 *✓*

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION... *✓* Company A, 307th Infantry *✓* *77 div ✓*

DATE OF DEATH... *✓* Sept 14, 1918 *✓*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME... *✓* N.Y. *✓*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED... *✓* None found *✓*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION.....	11	5	C
	Date	Grave	Row
			Block

..... 608
..... Cemetery

THE ABOVE
BY *CRS*

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G.R.S. FORM NO.16.

Place Les Pres Farm(Aisne)

Date April 28/19

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of: Cornford, Richard J.

Name ~~Unknown~~

Number: None

Rank: ~~None~~ Cpl.

Organization: Co. A. 307 1st Inf.

~~None~~

1704532
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Disinterment and Reburial made by Group 1 Unit 304

Disinterred (Date) April 28/19 From: (Give complete location)

From Grave #2 Cemetery #1 -Forsberg.

34NW N292.3 E20 7.3

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Cty 1283

Reburied (Date) April 28/19 in: (Give complete location)

Grave # 77, Section B, Cemetery #18, Fismes (Marne)

Map #34 Reims SW. 286.25N-205.75E

(617)

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

Buried 2 feet deep --- Body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? No Tags.

What other means of identification were found upon the body?

Impossible to identify.

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Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon the bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct, as is required by G.O. 170, G.H.2, 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: Sgt. James E. Murff | 1st Lt. Oscar W. Forsberg.

C.O. Group 1 Unit 304

7/1/30

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UNITED STATES

OF

INTERNAL REVENUE



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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	COMERFORD	3	3 5 3
	Richard J		
BURIED	CEMETERY 608	1	2
	GRAVE 11	2	11
	ROW 5	2	05
	BLOCK 6	1	3
STATE	New York	2	37
RANK	Cpl	1	2
DIVISION	77	2	77
ORGANIZATION	307	3	307
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARITAL	no	1	2 <i>Jm</i>
NAME	Comerford	3	3 5 3
	Miss Jane		
STATE	NY	2	37
RESIDENCE	92 Acorn Terrace	2	66
	New Rochelle, N. J.	3	100
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	3
ELIGIBILITY	Dead	1	6
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	
	29/514		

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QM 293 AM
Comerford, Richard J. (OA)

August 9, 1932.

Miss Jane Comerford,
72 Acorn Terrace,
New Rochelle, N. J.

Dear Madam:

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It is therefore requested that you advise whether or not the late Corporal Richard J. Comerford is survived by a step-mother or any woman who stood in loco parentis to him for a period of five years at any time prior to his reaching the age of eighteen, and if so, her name and address. It will be appreciated if you will also advise whether or not the parents of the late Corporal Comerford are deceased, and if so, dates of their death.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Comerford, Richard J. 608-N

July 8, 1930.

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72 Acorn Terrace,
New Rochelle, N. Y.

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

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

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

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

If so, give her name and address:

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

If so, give her name and address:

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:
Envelope
Act
Amendment

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Comerford, Richard J. 608

March 10, 1930

Jane Comerford,
72 Acorn Terrace,
New Rochelle, New York.

Dear Madam:

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

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1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried?
2. If so, give her complete address.
3. 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.

For The Quartermaster General,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Comerford, Richard J.

August 6, 1929.

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 24 , 1929.

Comerford, Richard J.

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Mrs. Mary Comerford,
3230 Corlear Ave.,
New York City, N.Y.

(Niece)
Miss Jane Comerford,
72 Acorn Terrace,
New Rochelle, N.Y.

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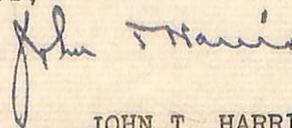
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Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relative is a stepmother, mother through adoption, or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO DM 203 A-0

June 24 1939

NO 201 402

Gomertford, Richard J.

(Please)
Miss Jean Gomertford,
72 Acorn Terrace,
New Rochelle, N.Y.

Mrs. Mary Gomertford,
3330 Corlear Ave.,
New York City, N.Y.

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The Quartermaster General

Very truly yours

JOHN T. HARRIS
Major, U. S. Corps
Assistant



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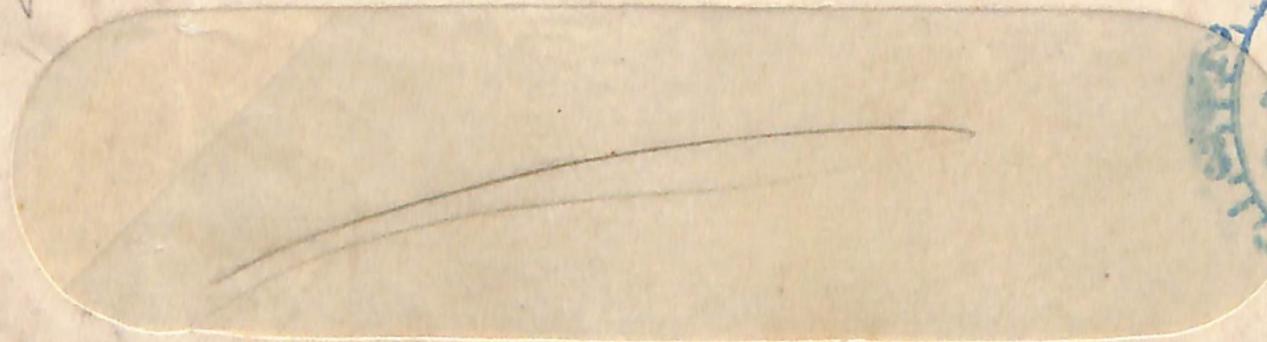
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PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO
CITIZENS AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300
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M. A. B. C.

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DO NOT WRITE
ENVELOPE OR

QM 293 AM
Comerford, Richard J. (OA)

August 9, 1932.

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Comerford, Richard J.
608

Sept. 12, 1929.

Miss Jane Comerford,
72 Acorn Terrace,
New Rochelle, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated ^{AUG. 6, 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?

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 24, 1929.

Comerford, Richard J.

Mrs. Mary Comerford,
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QM 293 A-C

COMERFORD, Richard J. - Cpl.

September 30, 1924

Mrs. Mary Comerford,
3230 Corlear Ave.,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires to invite your attention to the inclosed card which gives the permanent cemetery location of the soldier's grave in which you are interested.

This American military cemetery is one of those to be maintained by the United States for all time in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of dignified design, with the name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. 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.

Please be assured that in effecting removal of the dead, the utmost reverential care was exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed this sacred duty. For the future, these graves will be perpetually maintained by the Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

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

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1-Incl.
Record card.



QM 293 A-C

COMERFORD, Richard J. - Cpl.

September 30, 1924

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Comerford Richard J.

Place FISME (MARNE) AMER. CTY. 617.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date 3.22.21

1. REMAINS OF UNKNOWN U.S. SOLDIER

SERIAL NUMBER U-886

RANK

lpl.

ORGANIZATION

Co A 307 Inf

2. Disinterred (date):

From (give complete location):

3.22.21

GR. 77 SEC. B PT. 2.

By: Group

BOSSE'S

Unit

7

3. Reburied (date):

In (give complete location):

3.22.21

GR. 77 SEC. B. PT. 2.

By: Group

BOSSE'S

Unit

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Nature of reburial

BURLAP

PINE BOX.

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

U.S. UNIFORM AND WRAPPED IN BURLAP. DECOMPOSED. FEATURES UNRECOGNIZABLE.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body?

YES (2)

On grave marker?

NO

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

ONE TAG TOO CORRODED TO READ, THE OTHER READ: "CORP. R. J. COMERFORD CO. A. 307th INF. 1704532 SEND FOR PRIEST"

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

(a) Height (actual measurement)

IMP TO DETER

(b) Weight (estimated)

DO

(c) Hair—Color

NONE

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)

IMP TO DETER

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty)

HEAD MISSING

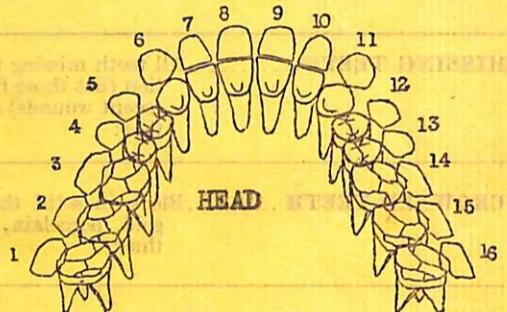
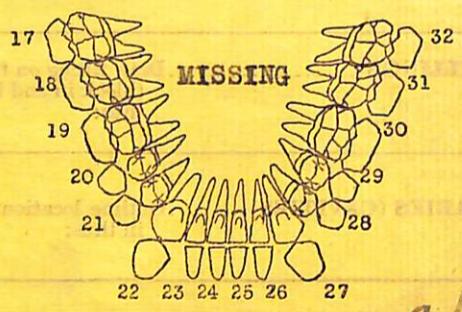


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



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7. Disinterment supervised by

H. S. Harpole
H. S. HARPOLE, 2nd LT. QMC.

Approved:

M. B. Birdseye
M. B. BIRDSEYE, 1st LT. QMC.

(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by

H. S. Harpole
H. S. HARPOLE, 2nd LT. QMC.

Approved:

M. B. Birdseye
M. B. BIRDSEYE, 1st LT. QMC.

(Title)

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

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

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No."
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MISSING TEETH	All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus:	
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FILLINGS	Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:	
CARIES (CAVITIES)	Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:	

DENTURES (PLATES)..... Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate, block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp."

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

Comerford Richard J.

Place FISHER (MARIE) AMER. CTY. 617.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date 3.22.21

1. REMAINS OF UNKNOWN U.S. SOLDIER SERIAL NUMBER U-886
RANK _____ ORGANIZATION _____

2. Disinterred (date): 3.22.21 From (give complete location): GR. 77 SEC. B PT. 2.
By: Group BOSSE'S Unit 7

3. Reburied (date): 3.22.21 In (give complete location): GR. 77 SEC. B. PT. 2.
By: Group BOSSE'S Unit 7 Nature of reburial BURLAP PINE BOX. ✓

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
U.S. UNIFORM AND WRAPPED IN BURLAP. DECOMPOSED. FEATURES UNRECOGNIZABLE.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? YES (2) On grave marker? NO

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:
ONE TAG TOO CORRODED TO READ, THE OTHER READ: "CORP. R. J. COMERFORD CO. A. 307th INF. 1704532 SEND FOR PRIEST"

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) IMP TO DETER

(b) Weight (estimated) DO

(c) Hair—Color NONE

Quantity DO

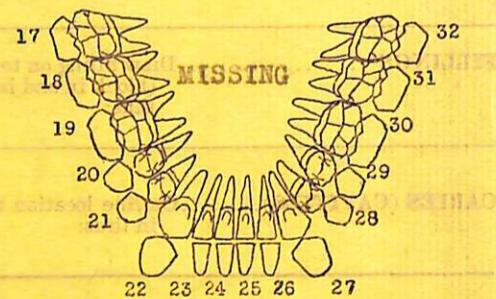
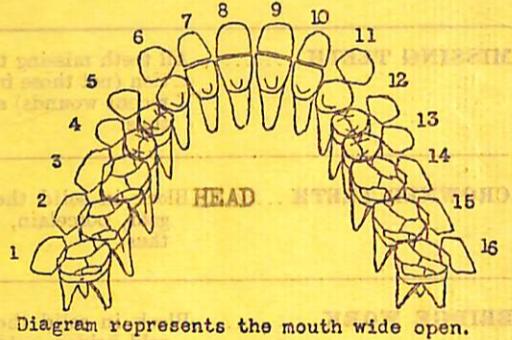
Characteristics DO

(d) Hair on face—Color DO

Location DO

Quantity DO

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) IMP TO DETER



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) HEAD MISSING

7. Disinterment supervised by H. S. Harpole Approved: M. B. Birdseye
H. S. HARPOLE, 2nd LT. QMC. (Title) M. B. BIRDSEYE, 1st LT. QMC.

8. Reburial supervised by H. S. Harpole Approved: M. B. Birdseye
H. S. HARPOLE, 2nd LT. QMC. (Title) M. B. BIRDSEYE, 1st LT. QMC.

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

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1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No."
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CROWNED TEETH	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:	 <p>GOLD CROWN PORCELAIN CROWN GOLD CROWN</p>
BRIDGE WORK	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus:	 <p>GOLD AND PORCELAIN BRIDGE GOLDBRIDGE</p>
FILLINGS	Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:	 <p>SILVER FILLING GOLD FILLING GOLD FILLING GOLD FILLING</p>
CARIES (CAVITIES)	Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:	 <p>CAVITY DECAYED DECAYED DECAYED</p>

DENTURES (PLATES)..... Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate, block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp."

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

Approved by: [Signature]
Approved by: [Signature]

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File# 108730

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name COMERFORD, Richard J. Ser. No. 1704532
(b) Rank Corp. Organization Co. A, 307th Inf.
(c) Date of death 9/14/18 (d) Cause of death KIA
TYP. meh
CKR. MB

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

(a) Grave No. 77 Row -- Plot 2 Sec. B. TYP. meh
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Mary Comerford (aunt) 3230 Corlear Ave., N.Y. City.

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

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt no send in file

(a) Name _____ (b) Relationship _____
(c) Address _____
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? _____
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at _____

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

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

Examiner's Initials _____ Date _____, 192

V. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from _____

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

Examiner's Initials _____ Date _____, 192

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

(relationship omitted) Mrs. Annie Comerford
57 Drake Ave. New Rochelle, N.Y. Recd 5/9/21
requests remains to bury them with mother
father & brother. Her children are
one

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? _____
Examiner's Initials MB Date 10/25/21, 192

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 617 SHEET No. 1610

checked 10/25/21
MB

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 192

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
letter on _____, 192

ADJUSTMENT RECORD - 12/22/20 Letter of Transmittal Europe advised that grave 77, Plot 2, Section B, contains the body of an UNKNOWN Soldier - 9/13/21 AUDIT DEPARTMENT amended records to show that UNKNOWN Soldier buried in Grave 77, Plot 2, Section B, is now confirmed as RICHARD J. COMERFORD. 10/22/21 Form 115 covering UNKNOWN Soldier was cancelled and filed. 10/22/21 A.G.O. confirms COMERFORD. GMF 11/4/21.

2023 11/5/21

IX. REMARKS

receiving insurance & are N.K. under 10/24/21

9/20/21 Letter to Aunt giving grave location also informing her it will be necessary for her to advise office whether she is N.K. before her request for return of remains can be complied with. Max 10/25/21

Let. 11-3-21 Inq. advised Mrs. Annie Comerford, 37 Drake Ave., New Rochelle, N.Y. that the deceased gave the name of his Aunt, Mrs. Mary, Comerford as the Epa & it will therefore be necessary that she advise this office of her concurrence of your request before instructions can be issued for the ret. of the body. (ass) 11/3/21

The above O.K. ed by Col. Davis.

Let 11/21/21 to Mrs. Annie Comerford following up on let 11/3/21. (Da 11/21/21)

Let 11/21/21 to Aunt & Epa for her concurrence in Mrs. Annie Comerford's reg. 11-21-21 Da

Letters 12-12-21 to Ea, Mrs. Mary Comerford & Mrs. Annie Comerford advising that since no replies have been received to numerous letters sent, body will be moved to P.A.C. in France. (Pm 12-12-21)

12-20-21 Europe advised of above adjustment. Body not to be returned. Fund 12-20-21

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE **Jan. 20, 1922**

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT *je.*

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name **COMERFORD, Richard J/**

10. Name

2. No. **1704532**

11. No.

3. Rank **Cpl.**

12. Rank

4. Org. **Co. A. 307th Inf.**

13. Org.

5. D.D. **Sept. 14th 1918**

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. **MIA.**

(b) D.B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. **77** Sec. **B.**

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot **2** Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. **No discp**

18. Cemetery **American Cty.**

19. Commune or town **FISMES**

20. Dept. or County **France**

21. Country **France**

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. **617**

23. Disinterred (Date) **1-20-22**

By **W.C. Rapine**

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name **Richard J. Comerford**

Serial No. **1704532**

Rank **Cpl**

Organization **Co. A. 307th Inf.**

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? **No** On body? **Yes**

W.C. Rapine
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).

Formerly reburied by Field Section Tag on bur lap checked.

27. Condition of body **Badly decomposed features unrecognizable**

28. Nature of burial **Wooden box and uniform**

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date **1-20-22** By **W.C. Rapine**

31. Casket sealed by **W.C. Rapine**

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor *W.C. Rapine*)

AUDITED BY
502 5-23-24

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-22824

32. Designation of body:

Name Richard J. COMERTORD Serial No. 1704532

Rank Cpl. Organization Co. A. 307th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne Amer. Cty, 608 SERINGES-et-NESLES(Aisne)

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) 1-20-22 By W.C. Rapine

35. I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector O.E. Davis
O.E. Davis, 1st Lt. QMC

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date)

To point of Concentration (Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

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 Oise Aisne, Am. Cty 608 Seringes et Nesles, Aisne
(Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer O.E. Davis
O.E. Davis, 1st Lt. QMC

40. Received: Date JAN 23 1922

G.R.S. Representative R. W. Woods

41. Reinterred Aug. 21, 1922, Oise-Aisne Cam. 608, Seringes et Nesles (Aisne)
(Date)

42. Grave No. 11 Section

43. Plot BLOCK Row 5

G.R.S. Representative W.D. Cleary
W.D. Cleary
Lt., Chaplain, USA.

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REVISION

Place Fismes, Gem. 617

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Jan. 20th, 1922

1. REMAINS OF COMERFORD, Richard J. SERIAL NUMBER 1704532
RANK Cpl. ORGANIZATION Co. A. 307th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Jan. 20th, 1922 From (give complete location): Gr. 77, Sec. 2, Plot B, Gem. 617
By: Group 4 Unit Sec. 7

3. Reburied (date): Aug. 21, 1922 In (give complete location): Gr. 11, Block C, Row 5, Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes et Nesles (Aisne)
By: Group re-burial group Unit ----- Nature of reburial Lined casket

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

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? No
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks: Formerly reburial by Field Section. Tag on burlap checked.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to

(b) Weight (estimated) determine

(c) Hair—Color None

Quantity -----

Characteristics -----

(d) Hair on face—Color None

Location -----

Quantity -----

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) None

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty)

Skull including lower jaw missing.

W. J. Mangum, Checker.

7. Disinterment supervised by W. C. Rapine
W. C. Rapine, Sup. Emb.

Approved: O. E. Davis
O. E. Davis, 1st Lt., QMC.
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by L. D. Hays
L. D. Hays

Approved: W. D. Cleary
W. D. Cleary
(Title) Lt., Chaplain, USA.

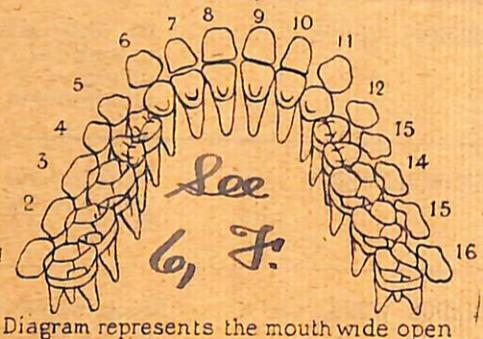
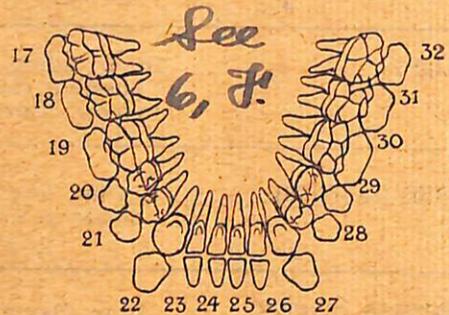


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



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

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

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File# 108730

(a) Name COMERFORD, Richard J. Ser. No. 1704532
 (b) Rank Corp. Organization Co. A, 307th Inf. } TYP meh
 (c) Date of death 9/14/18 (d) Cause of death KIA } DB

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

(a) Grave No. 77 Row -- Plot 2 Sec. B. TYP. meh
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Mary Comerford (aunt) 3230 Corlear Ave., N.Y. City.

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

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

ADJUSTMENT RECORD - 12/22/20 Letter of Transmittal Europe advised that grave 77, Plot 2, Section B, contains the body of an UNKNOWN Soldier - 9/15/21 AUDIE DEPARTMENT amended records to show that UNKNOWN Soldier buried in Grave 77, Plot 2, Section B, is now confirmed as RICHARD J. COMERFORD. 10/22/21 Form 115 covering UNKNOWN Soldier was cancelled and filed. 10/22/21 A.G.O. confirms COMERFORD. GMP 11/4/21.

2023/11/5/21

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
 letter of transmittal on _____, 192

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.

12-20-21 Europe advised of above adjustment. Body not to be returned. done 12-20-21

VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J. _____, 192

COUNTRY _____ CEMETERY No. _____ SHEET No. _____

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

File No.

January 4, 1922.

From: Chief,

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

Subject: Acknowledgment of Correspondence.

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

Letter)

dated: December 20, 1921.

~~Indorsement~~)

File No. 293.8 C.R. # 108730, Comerford, Richard J., Cty. 617-1610

Subject: Supplementary advice on American Cemetery # 617, Fismes, France. (Marne)

Name: Comerford, Richard J., Cpl.

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

FILE

Title No.

January 21, 1922

Chief

Superintendent General, U.S. Army (General Division)

Subject: Acknowledgment of correspondence

Reference is made to the following correspondence from your office:

Letter

Dated: December 10, 1921

Reference

Title No. 20, 011, 1st Lt. General, Richard L. ...

Subject: Acknowledgment of correspondence from your office

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CEMETERY DIVISION



JAN 21 1922

AMERICAN OVERSEAS REGISTRATION SERVICE, INC.
4 AVENUE D'ORLÉANS, PARIS

File 108730

Case of Richard J. Comerford- Cpl. Co. A 307th Inf. KIA 9/14/18

Insurance was being paid to grandmother- who has died.

Legal guardian for most of the heirs and receives part of the insurance.

Legal guardian Mrs. Annie Mary Comerford
38 Drake Ave. New Rochelle, N.Y.
Richard T. Comerford.

etv.(phone V. B)

SYNOPSIS OF COMMUNICATION RECEIVED AND INDORSED OUT.

DATED:

DATE RECEIVED IN

FROM:

TO:

Q. M. C. Form No. 487

RECEIVED
NOV 10 1915
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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108730

Cpl. Richard J. Comerford- 1704

Co A 307th Inf.

INDEX SHEET

SYNOPSIS

grave
Europe advised as to ~~grave~~ of above. Formerly reported as UNKNOWN in Cty 617

FILE

DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO.

110649- Pvt John Gove- 1429459- Co. B 307th Inf.

Basic 4/27/21
1st Ind, 2nd , & 3rd Ind.
Memo as to what our records now show, 9/8/21

RECEIVED
IND. & CORR. SEC.

NOV 30 1921

GENERAL DIV.

E. K. Wall
9/8/21

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

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December 20, 1921.

293.8 C-R #108730, Comerford, Richard J., Cty. 617-1610.

FROM: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Cemeterial Division).
TO: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.
SUBJECT: Supplementary advice on American Cemetery #617, Fismes, Marne, France.

1. Reference paragraph 5, office letter of December 22nd, 1920 (File No. 617 Reg. Sec., Cem. Div.), the records of this office have been amended to show the remains buried in Grave #77, Plot 2, Section B, reported as those of an UNKNOWN SOLDIER, are now identified as those of the deceased soldier named below. This body is not to be returned to the United States.

Cable
Ref. No.

1610. Comerford, Richard J., Corporal, 1704532, Company A, 307th Infantry.

2. It is requested that the records of your office be revised accordingly.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:

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

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HBC.

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DEC 22 1921

Overseas Proj. Sec.
Cemeterial Division.

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December 20, 1921.

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

December 12, 1921.

293.8 C-R #106730 (Comerford, Richard J., Cpl.) Cty. 617-Sht. 1610
The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Cemeterial Division)
Mrs. Mary Comerford, 3230 Corlear Avenue, New York, N.Y.

Disposition of Remains.

1. With reference to the case of the late Corporal Richard J. Comerford, Company A, 307th Infantry, you are advised that since no replies have been received to enclosed copies of letters addressed to you and to Mrs. Annie Comerford, 37 Drake Avenue, New Rochelle, N.Y., by this office, with respect to the final disposition of the remains of the deceased, the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe, will be directed to transfer the body of this soldier from the temporary American cemetery at Fismes, Department of Marne, to one of the permanent American Cemeteries in France where the grave will be marked by a suitable headstone and will be perpetually cared for by our Government in a most careful and reverent manner.

2. This action is now taken, as it has become necessary to make a final decision with respect to the disposition of these remains.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:

4 Encls.
Letters.

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

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DEC 12 1921

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December 18, 1921.

293.8 C-R #108730 (Comerford, Richard J., Cpl.)Cty.617-Sgt.1610

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

Mrs. Arnie Comerford, 37 Drake Avenue, New Rochelle, N.Y.

Disposition of Remains.

1. With reference to the case of the late Corporal Richard J. Comerford, Company A, 307th Infantry, your attention is invited to enclosed copies of letters addressed to you and Mrs. Mary Comerford under dates of December 12, 1920, November 5, 1921, and November 21, 1921, to which no replies have been received. Your attention is also invited to enclosed copy of letter addressed to Mrs. Mary Comerford, this date, with respect to the final disposition of the remains of this soldier.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:

5 Encls.
Letters.

CHARLES J. WYNNIE,
Captain, Q. M. G.

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December 12, 1921.

293.8 G-R #108730 (Comerford, Richard J., Cpl.)Cty.617-Sht.1610

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

Mrs. Mary Comerford, 3230 Corlear Avenue, New York, N.Y.

Disposition of Remains.

1. With reference to the case of the late Corporal Richard J. Comerford, Company A, 307th Infantry, you are advised that since no replies have been received to enclosed copies of letters addressed to you and to Mrs. Annie Comerford, 37 Drake Avenue, New Rochelle, N.Y., by this office, with respect to the final disposition of the remains of the deceased, the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.G., in Europe, will be directed to transfer the body of this soldier from the temporary American cemetery at Fismes, Department of Marne, to one of the permanent American Cemeteries in France where the grave will be marked by a suitable headstone and will be perpetually cared for by our Government in a most careful and reverent manner.

2. This action is now taken, as it has become necessary to make a final decision with respect to the disposition of these remains.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:

CHARLES J. TENNIS,
Captain, Q. M. G.

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December 12, 1921.

293.8 G-R #108730 (Comerford, Richard J., Cpl.)Gty.617-Sht.1610

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

Mrs. Annie Comerford, 37 Drake Avenue, New Rochelle, N.Y.

Disposition of Remains.

1. With reference to the case of the late Corporal Richard J. Comerford, Company A, 307th Infantry, your attention is invited to enclosed copies of letters addressed to you and Mrs. Mary Comerford under dates of December 12, 1920, November 3, 1921, and November 21, 1921, to which no replies have been received. Your attention is also invited to enclosed copy of letter addressed to Mrs. Mary Comerford, this date, with respect to the final disposition of the remains of this soldier.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:

5 Encls.
Letters.

CHARLES J. WYNN,
Captain, Q. M. G.

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Date Am 12-12-21

Nov. 21, 1921.

293.8 C-R #108730-(Comerford, Richard J. Cpl.) Cty. 617, Sht. 1610.

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

Mrs. Annie Comerford, 37 Drake Ave., New Rochelle, N.Y.

Disposition of remains.

1. The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to letter from this office dated November 3, 1921 (copy attached) in which it was requested that Mrs. Mary Comerford, aunt of the late Corporal Richard J. Comerford, Company A, 307th Infantry, confirm your request for the return of these remains. It is requested that this matter be expedited, in order that proper instructions may be issued for the return of these remains.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:

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

1 incl.
c/letter Nov. 3/21.

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293.8 C-R #108730-(Comerford, Richard J. Cpl.) Cty. 617, Sht. 1610.

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

Mrs. Mary Comerford, 3230 Corlear Ave., New York City, N.Y.

Disposition of remains.

1. This office is in receipt of a request from Mrs. Annie Comerford, 37 Drake Ave., New Rochelle, New York, that the remains of the late Corporal Richard J. Comerford, Company A, 307th Infantry be returned to her for private interment. You are advised that before instructions may be issued that her wishes be complied with, it will be necessary that you concur in her request, in view of the fact that the deceased gave your name as the one to be notified in case of emergency. An immediate reply to this communication is desired.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:

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

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

Mrs. Annie Comerford, 37 Drake Ave., New Rochelle, N.Y.

Disposition of remains.

1. The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to letter from this office dated November 3, 1921 (copy attached) in which it was requested that Mrs. Mary Comerford, aunt of the late Corporal Richard J. Comerford, Company A, 307th Infantry, confirm your request for the return of these remains. It is requested that this matter be expedited, in order that proper instructions may be issued for the return of these remains.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:

1 incl.
c/letter Nov. 3/21.

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

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Nov. 21, 1921.

293.8 C-R #108730-(Comerford, Richard J. Cpl.) Cty. 617, Sht. 1610.

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

Mrs. Mary Comerford, 3230 Corlear Ave., New York City, N.Y.

Disposition of remains.

1. This office is in receipt of a request from Mrs. Annie Comerford, 37 Drake Ave., New Rochelle, New York, that the remains of the late Corporal Richard J. Comerford, Company A, 307th Infantry be returned to her for private interment. You are advised that before instructions may be issued that her wishes be complied with, it will be necessary that you concur in her request, in view of the fact that the deceased gave your name as the one to be notified in case of emergency. An immediate reply to this communication is desired.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:

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

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November 3, 1921.

293.8 Cem. #108730 (Comerford, Richard J., Cpl.) Cty. 617 - Sht. 1610.

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

Mrs. Annie Comerford, 37 Drake Ave., New Rochelle, N.Y.

Disposition of remains.

1. Referring to the case of the late Corporal Richard J. Comerford, Company "A", 307th Infantry, you are advised that this late soldier gave the name of his aunt, Mrs. Mary Comerford, as the proper person to be notified in case of emergency. It is, therefore, necessary that she advise this office of her concurrence in your request before instructions can be issued for compliance with your request for the return of this body.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:

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

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Noted on Form 115
Date 11-3-21 - aas.

Office Quartermaster General

Cemeterial Division

1921

Memo For:

Miss Rey
Miss Niogue

Miss Rey is looking
for a case on this
man. I sent a
suspension slip to
you this A. M. as
I thought Capt Wynne
had case. Can
you tell Miss Rey
status

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S-3142/MB

Capt Wynne has
not case number
have I seen it.
BPM

November 3, 1921.

293.8 Cem. #108730 (Comerford, Richard J., Cpl.) Cty. 617 - Sht. 1610.

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

Mrs. Annie Comerford, 37 Drake Ave., New Rochelle, N.Y.

Disposition of remains.

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1. Referring to the case of the late Corporal Richard J. Comerford, Company "A", 307th Infantry, you are advised that this late soldier gave the name of his aunt, Mrs. Mary Comerford, as the proper person to be notified in case of emergency. It is, therefore, necessary that she advise this office of her concurrence in your request before instructions can be issued for compliance with your request for the return of this body.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:

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

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Office Quartermaster General

Cemeterial Division

10-26 1921

Memo For:

~~Cpl. Davis~~

Mrs. Annie Coverford
(relationship omitted).
requests return
to bury with mother
father & brother.

Mrs. Mary Coverford
aunt of ^{E.A.} at different
address makes no
request.

Recommend follow-
up be made for
concurrence of E.A. &
Aunt.

Noted on Form 113

Date 11-3-21-abb.

J. Wilson ✓

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ING. & CORP.

OCT 31 1921

CEMETERIAL IV.

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CITY OF BOSTON
MAY 11 1922

Can find us
a. G. O. Deep Cart

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9/8/21

Q. M. C. Form No. 487.
Approved Nov. 8, 1915.

SYNOPSIS OF COMMUNICATION RECEIVED AND INDORSED OUT.

DATED:

DATE RECEIVED IN

FROM:

TO:

Sept. 20, 1921.

File
MBH/20/21

293.8-Cem. File #108730 (Comerford, Richard J., Cpl.)

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

Mrs. Mary Comerford, 3230 Corlear Ave., New York City.

Disposition of Remains.

1. The records of this office indicate that the remains of the late Corporal Richard J. Comerford, Company A, 307th Infantry, are now interred in grave #77, Section B, Plot #2, American Cemetery at Fismes, Department of Marne.

2. Your request for the return of these remains is on file in this office and before instructions may be issued that your wishes be complied with, it will be necessary for you to advise this office whether or not you are the legal next of kin according to the provisions of paragraph #5 of the enclosed Cemeterial Division Bulletin, No. 10-G-W. Requests for the return of the remains of the deceased should be made by the legal next of kin.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

MAILED
SEP 20 1921
G.R.A.

JF

CHARLES J. WYNNE,
Captain, U. S. A. C.

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REVIEWED
OSP SS.

September 13, 1921.

REVISED REPORT ON CTY.617-

	BURIALS				
	W.C.		B.C.		
	Con.	Uncon.	Unk.	Con.	Uncon.
#617-American Cty., Fismes, Marne.					
Last report 9-6-21 (With 3 suspensions)	1532	0	160	18	0
9-13-21 KUCHARSKY, Adam reported in Gr.51, Sec.B. Plot R was found to be in Gr.46, Sec.B.Plot 1.					
Unknown in Grave 51, Sec.B.Plot 1.					
Unknown in Gr.77, Sec.B. identified as COMERFORD, Richard J.	1			-1	
Unknown in Gr.78, Sec. B. identified as ERMY, Samuel B.	1			-1	
Unknown in Gr 169 Sec.B. identified as WAGNER, Gustave C. -	1			-1	
Cty.617 now reads (With 3 suspensions)	1535	0	157	18	0

FILE

CEMETERIAL DIVISION
REGISTRATION SECTION

File No. 108730

Sept. 7

1921

MEMO FOR:

Cards Department.

1.

CASE OF:

Co, A 307th Inf.

Cpl. Richard J. Comerford (old) 1704532

(Name)

FILE

Correction or additional data changes as shown below have been made on the Registration Card of the above-mentioned soldier and a corresponding change will be necessary on the Organization Card:

ORGANIZATION (New)

FILE NO.

SURNAME

SERIAL NUMBER

FIRST NAME AND INITIALS

RANK

DATE OF DEATH

CAUSE OF DEATH

KIA

	Date	Place	F-1A No.
Orig.		Merval Cty 1283	1357
1st Reb.	4/28/19	617	D 20590
2nd Reb.			D-
3rd Reb.			D-

(Note: In the above spaces below double line fill in ONLY the new data and data correcting previous information)

Grave 77, Sec. B, Plot 2 Cty 617-- Fismes, Marne.

BY: E. Kensett Vail -- Investigator

Registration

(Department)

5 x 8 card was sent to file.

Corrections made
on Organization
File Card:

By

S/1105/LML

File Number 108730

TO: REGISTRATION BRANCH, G. R. S.

Date 9/7/21

FROM: INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME: **COMERFORD: RICHARD J.**

Serial Number

RANK: **Cpl**

ORGANIZATION: **Co. A 307th Inf.**

No.	QUESTION	REPLY
		1... YES-- #1704532
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with records?	2... 9/14/18
2.	Date of death.	3... KIA
3.	Cause and place of death.	4... 569
4.	Number of casualty cablegram.	5... No record
5.	Date buried.	6... Grave #2 Forsberg Sk 51 34N.W. N292.3-E207.3 Cmme Merval-- 1283 Reburied 4/28/19 Grave 77, Sec. B, Plot 2 American Cty-- #617 Fismes, Marne.
6.	Grave location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of cemetery or commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	
7.	Who reported burial?	9.
8.	Confirmed by G. R. S.?	10a. YES 10b NO
9.	Report as to grave marker.	11 Mrs. Mary Comerford- aunt 3230 Corlear Ave. N.Y.City-- N.Y.
10.	Identification tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	12 NO
11.	Complete emergency address?	
12.	Has 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 number?	
15.	Inquiry made by.	

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

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Confirmed.

Unconfirmed.

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Pa's cow,
requested
three Annie
another to
Annie & Aunt
Annie desires
returns
each.

inasmuch
settled

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

March 4, 1920

IN REPLY REFER TO:

C-261402

Richard J. Comerford

Cpl., Co. A, 307th Inf.

vised that as the deceased soldier, Richard

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MAY 9 1921
G. H. S.

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THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT

ABSENT CARD

NAME

DATE ABSENT

DATE RETURNED

SICK:

ANNUAL:

AWOL:

Handwritten signature
Mr. A. H. B.

Comerford, Richard

10-29

~~L & C.~~

Serial 17045-32

CASE OF COMERFORD: RICHARD J. 1704532 Cpl. Co. A 307th Inf.

GRAVE 77, Sec. B, Plot 2, Cty 617-- Fismes, Marne.

DECISION It is my opinion that body in the above grave IS THAT of Cpl. Richard J. Comerford- 1704532- Co. A 307th Inf. Tag found on body.

DENTAL CHART

Date of Enlistment		Report on Disinterment			
A.G.O.	Dental Work	Emergency Address	Missing B.D.	Dental Work	Miss A.D.
Missing		Dental Work			
U.R.	4;5;6 unservicable				
U.L.	1 unservicable		HEAD MISSING.		
L.R.					
6;7					
L.L.					
6/7					

Above discrepancies canbe accounted for as follows:.....

BODY DESCRIPTION

A.G.O. Report	E/A Report	Report on Disinterment
Height <u>5ft 5 inc;</u>		<u>impossible to determine</u>
Weight <u>118 lbs</u>		" " "
Hair <u>dr. brown</u>		<u>NONE</u>
Fractures		

IDENTIFICATION TAGS

YES- 2 Found on Body NO Found on Cross

OTHER IDENTIFYING MARKS

One tag too corroded to read-- the other-- "Corp. R.J. Comerford- Co. A 307th Inf. 1704532- Send for Priest."

ORIGINAL BURIAL DATA

Body in this Grave concentrated from Grave 2- Sk. 51 Forsberg-- Cty Merval- 1283
This man reported buried originally No GLE

Organizations of other men buried around original location 77th Div.

Concur:

[Signature]

APPROVED:

E. K. Vail
Investigator

[Signature]

ADDRESS REPLY TO

Division
 DIRECTOR OF STORAGE
 MUNITIONS BUILDING

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

No: This burial in Merval is reported as UNKNOWN and again reported UNKNOWN
 in Cty 617-- grave disinterred in effort to locate grave of some of the
 From: 307th Inf. men killed in Sept. around Merval.
 To: R.C. Searcher reports- Cpl. Comerford was in charge of his squad on the
 Oise- Aisne Offensive. The Co. was in the front line between Fismes and
 Subject: Merval near the Ravin Merien and Comerford was about to lead his squad
 in an attack when a large shell burst near where he was last seen. No
 member of the company saw corporal after this nor was there any trace
 found of him. This was about the 9th of Sept.

Another searcher reports- Ermy and Comerford were evidently hit by the
 same shell for when we went over after the explosion all we could find
 were the remains of their overcoats sticking to the trees, etc.

A.G.O report KIA 9/14/18.

E. Kensett Vail
 Investigator.

Co."A" 307th.Infantry
77th.Division.

COMERFORD, Richard J., Corp1.1704532
HOME: 3230 Corlear Avenue
NEW YORK CITY

Corporal Commerford was in charge of his squad on the Oise-Aisne Offensive. The company was in the front line between Fismes and Merval near the Ravin Merion and Commerford was about to lead his squad in an attack when a large shell burst near where he was last seen. No member of the company saw corporal after this nor was there any trace found of him. This was about the 9th. of September 1918.

INFORMANT: HERZIG, Benjamin H., Corp1.1704514
HOME: Co."A" 307th. Infantry
228 West 38th. Street
NEW YORK CITY.

Next of Kin;
Mary Commerford
3230
Corlear Avenue
NEW YORK CITY.

/MJM/

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

File No. *108730* Registration.

Date *7/22/21*

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. *Connerford*
- b. Christian name. *Richard J.*
- c. Serial number. *1704532*
- d. Organization. *Co a 307*
- e. Rank. *Cpl*
- f. Date of death. *Sept 14, 1918*
- g. Cause of death. *K. I. A.*
- h. Authority (C. C. No.) *273*
- i. Emergency address. *Mrs Mary Connerford*
- j. Relationship. *3230 Corlear Ave New York N.Y.*

BODY DESCRIPTION.

(See page 2 of the Service Record.)

- a. Age at enlistment. *27 yrs 2 mo*
- b. Color of eyes. *[redacted]*
- c. Color of hair. *dark brown*
- d. Height. *5 ft 5 inches*
- e. Weight. *118 lbs. - (from physical exam)*
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment. (Old fractures or breaks.) *none shown.*

DENTAL CHARTS.

(See physical report of examination prior to enlistment.)

a. Strike out teeth missing:

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

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

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

By

H. J. Conner

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

W. H. [unclear] Paul
Investigator
Donnelly / S. M.
Enl Rec Sec
Aug 30/20

REC'D MAIL SECTION,
W. W. Div., A. G. O.
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Rec'd World War Division.
AUG 30 1921

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, Headquarters, Washington, D. C.
From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (General Division).
Subject: Information required for G. P. Form 8-W-A.
It is requested that the items checked below be furnished. Request confirmation of all information shown.

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- a. Rank
- b. Organization
- c. Serial number
- d. Christian name
- e. Date of death
- f. Cause of death
- g. Relationship
- h. Emergency address
- i. Authority (C. G. No.)
- j. Date of death

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page 2 of the Service Record)

DENTAL CHARTS

(See physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

- a. Age at enlistment
- b. Color of eyes
- c. Color of hair
- d. Height
- e. Weight
- f. Fractures or breaks
- g. Defects at enlistment (Old)
- h. Permanent marks and physical
- i. Strike out teeth missing
- j. Upper right
- k. Upper left
- l. Lower right
- m. Lower left

H. J. ROBERTS
Quartermaster General, U. S. A.

H. J. CONYER
Captain, G. M. C.

AUG 31 1921
AUG 31 1921

May 24, 1921.

FILE

293.8 Gen. #108730 (Comerford, Richard J., Corp.)

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

Mrs. Annie Comerford, 37 Drake Ave., New Rochelle, N. Y.

Non-registration of Grave Location.

1. In reply to your recent letter, you are advised that the records of this office do not as yet show the grave location of Corporal Richard J. Comerford, Company A, 307th Infantry. A detailed investigation of this case has been instituted, the result of which may not be reached for some time. The investigation consists of a conscientious search of reports, maps and sketches and in many cases careful search of the ground in addition to those already made, in an effort to definitely locate the grave. Failure then can only be overcome by positive identification of an unknown body. As soon as further information is received you will be immediately advised.

2. Your request that the body of this soldier be returned to you for private interment has been noted, and in the event that his grave location is determined, instructions will be issued that your wishes be complied with provided there is no relative whose legal right to direct disposition has priority over that of your children.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

MAILED

MAY 24 1921

G.R.S.

HR

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

May
JNY

ORANGE CARD MADE.

REVIEWED
OSP

37 Drake Ave

New Rochelle

N. Y.

Recorded, Cemeterial Div. 0-0-0
File 2572
10873
M. G.

Col. Charles River

Dear Sir

REVIEWED
OSP SS.

Could you kindly

give me information
how I should apply for
the body of - Cor. Richard
J. Comyns - Co. A - 307 Regt
he was killed in action
on 14 September 1918. Arizona



his insurance number

C-261402

would like to claim the
body and buy it with his
mother, father and brother

My children are receiving
his insurance - from War
Risk they are the nearest
to it

Very Informative you
can give I will be grateful
for Dr. man

Mrs. Annis Cornwell
37 Drake Ave New Rochelle

File Number

TO: REGISTRATION BRANCH, G. R. S.

Date 5/12/21

FROM: INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME: *Conerford Richard J* Serial Number

RANK: *Cpl.* ORGANIZATION: *Co. A 307th Inf.*

- | No. | QUESTION | REPLY |
|-----|--|-------|
| 1. | Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with records? | |
| 2. | Date of death. | |
| 3. | Cause and place of death. | |
| 4. | Number of casualty cablegram. | |
| 5. | Date buried. | |
| 6. | Grave location.
(a) Complete record required.
(b) Name of cemetery or commune only required.
(c) Note reinterments. | |
| 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? | |
| 12. | Has 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 number? | |
| 15. | Inquiry made by. | |

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

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..... Confirmed.
..... Unconfirmed.