

Griffith

Oscar C.

176 - 200
2564 ✓

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt 1 cl

Amb Co 12, San Tr, 1 Div

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Father

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:

A W Griffith Southern Postal

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

R. H. 3.

Godsden

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(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

R. H. 3.

A W Griffith

Godsden

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(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

PENALTY TO AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE \$300.

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

GRIFFITH, OSCAR G. 2564

Pfc., Amb. #12, S.M. 1st Div.

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Name: GRIFFITH, Osear C.

File No.: 12800

Rank and Organization: Pvt. 1/c 2564, Amb. #12, S. T. 1st Div.

Next of kin: Mr Andrew W Griffith,
RFD #3, Gadsden, Ala.

Transport: USAT SOMME 3/14/21

Ship remains to: Mr Andrew W Griffith,
c/o Woodliff (Und)

Street and No.:

City: Gadsden, Ala.

Telegram sent:

ROUTING

SHIPPED

PENN-RF&P-SAL-

Atlanta
Sou - dest.

Train No.: 101

Time: 12:30 AM

Date: MAR 30 1921

Station:

T. R. No. 33086 ✓✓

Corp. A.C. Gary, 18th Inf.

Attendant:

----- Days rations.

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J F TAYLOR

CAPTAIN QM CORPS

HOBOKEN NJ

3/29/21

WOODLIFF (UNDERTAKER)

GADSDEN ALABAMA

RAIL EIGHT SIXTY EIGHT REMAINS PRIVATE FIRST CLASS OSCAR C GRIFFITH LEAVE
NEW YORK MARCH THIRTIETH TWELVE THIRTY AM ARRIVE GADSDEN ALABAMA VIA
SOUTHERN RAILROAD

BRADLEY

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ANDREW W GRIFFITH

R F D #3 GADSDEN ALABAMA

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HEADQUARTERS PORT OF EMBARKATION
HOBOKEN NEW JERSEY

SPECIAL ORDERS
NO. 73.

March 28, 1921. se

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1. Under the provisions of paragraph 37, Army Regulations, Corporal Fred Moore, 6th Field Artillery, as escort, will proceed from Hoboken, N.J., to Atlanta, Georgia, accompanying the remains of the following deceased soldiers enroute to destinations set opposite their respective names:

Pfc. James E. McMillen, 1599574, Bat.F. 121st F.A.	Bucatumna, Miss.
Pvt. John B. Eaves, 56330, M.G.Co. 28th Inf.	Buchanan, Ga.
Pfc. Marshall B. Dudderar, 1309120, Co.K. 117th Inf.	Chattanooga, Tenn.
Pfc. Oscar Hampton, 1317437, Hq. Co. 119th Inf.	" "
Pvt. Erma W. Lawson, 39885, Co.H. 9th Inf.	Enterprise, Miss.
Pfc. Oscar C. Griffith, 2564, Amb. # 12, S.T. 1st Div.	Gadsden, Ala.
Pvt. Ruben B. Harelsen, 44157, Co.L, 16th Inf.	Helena, Ga.
Pvt. Loony Smith, 57950, Co.H. 28th Inf.	Iuka, Miss.
Pvt. Robert C. Nails, 58403, Co.K, 28th Inf.	Jackson, Miss.
Pvt. Bennie W. East, 56882, Co.B. 28th Inf.	Magnolia, Miss.
Cpl. Reubeb C. Kornegay, 98183, Co.L, 167th Inf.	Centreville, Ala.
Pvt. Willford Funderburk, 53449, Co.E. 26th Inf.	Durand, Ga.
Pvt. Homer Harris, 3210607, Co.M. 355th Inf.	Elba, Ala.
Pvt. Albert Hage, 56665, Co.A. 28th Inf.	Franklin, La.
Pvt. Joe L. Graham, 56661, Co.A. 28th Inf.	Gulfport, Miss.
Pvt. Joseph Romain, 1402256, Co.D. 370th Inf.	McDonoghville, La.
Sgt. Frank Williams, 3610161, Co.D. 322nd Lab.Bn.	Mobile, Ala.
Pvt. Charlton S. Leach, 1345888, Co.H. 9th Inf.	Newman, Ga.
Cpl. Gustave Simmons, 1401572, Co.A. 370th Inf.	New Orleans, La.
Pvt. Ernest C. Ross, 57475, Co.E. 28th Inf.	Griffin, Ga.
Pvt. Cody F. Mills, 1875146, 118 F. Amb. Co.	Havana, Fla.
Pvt. Bee O. Hutchinson, 3503755, Co.I, 166th Inf.	Moultrie, Ga.
Pfc. Charles B. Burrell, 1321643, Co.K, 120th Inf.	Murphy, N.C.

Upon arrival at Atlanta, Ga., Escort will deliver the aforesaid remains to the Depot Quartermaster, that city, for distribution to their respective homes and upon completion of this duty will return to Hoboken, N.J., and report to the Officer in Charge, Rail & Cemeterial Branch.

The Transportation Service will furnish transportation covering journey of escort from Hoboken, N.J., to Atlanta, Ga., and return, and covering shipment of remains from Hoboken, N.J., to destination set after each name. The Finance Service will pay Escort a per diem allowance, in advance, at the authorized rate (4 rations plus \$1.50) for three (3) days; as provided in paragraph 1223-(g), Army Regulations, it being impracticable for the Government to furnish subsistence in kind. The journey is necessary for the public service.

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2 AGA
1 CO of escort
1 Capt. VanVliet
1 D.QM. Atlanta, Ga.
35 Capt. Shannon
1 file

By order of Colonel BRADLEY:

JOSEPH A. MARMON,
Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry,
Executive Officer.

France

G R I F F I T H, Oscar C ,

Entered on list

Griffith, Oscar C.

Private, First-class, Ambulance
Company No. 12, Sanitary Train 1st
Division.

Killed in action April 26, 1918,
Amexforce.

Emergency Address:

Andrew W. Griffith, father
R. F. D, No. 3,
Gadson, Ala.

A. G. O. 5/21/18.

May 27/18 Mr. Andrew N. Griffith,
Route #3, Gadsden, Ala.
(293.3)

May 9/18 Depot Q.M., N.Y. City,
directed to ship
(293.3)

THE GADSDEN EVENING JOURNAL

JOURNAL PUBLISHING COMPANY
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GADSDEN, ALABAMA.

May, 25, 1918

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of May 9th, in regards to my son's body, Oscar C. Griffith, Pvt. 1st Class, Ambulance Co. No. 12, Sanitary Train, 1st Division, who died April 26, 1918 in France.

If in the future you find you can ship his body home, it is my request that you do so.

Very truly yours,

Andrew W. Griffith

Route # 3, Gadsden, Ala.

293-3 Griffith, Oscar

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Day Letter	Blue
Night Message	Nite
Night Letter	N L

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

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WASHINGTON DC

CAN OSCAR GRIFFITHS BODY BE SENT BACK HOME ANSWER

A W GRIFFITHS

7P



1918
MAY 8

Received A.G.O. MAY 8 1918

293-3
Oscar Griffith, McCain C.

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No. 293.3-C **material**

May 9, 1918.

From: The Quartermaster General of the Army.

To: **Mr. A. W. Griffiths, Cadson, Alabama.**

Subject: Shipment home of remains of **Oscar C. Griffith, Pvt. 1st cl., Ambulance Co. #12 Sanitary Train, 1st Division.**

1. This office is in receipt of your telegram of the 7th instant requesting shipment to you at Cadson, Alabama, ----- of the remains of **Oscar C. Griffith, Pvt. 1st cl., Ambulance Co. #12, 1st Div.** who died **April 26, 1918, in France.**

2. In reply I regret to inform you that it will be impracticable to comply with your request as the Secretary of War has decided, on the recommendation of the Commanding General of the American Expeditionary Forces, that bodies of deceased officers and soldiers will not be shipped from France to the United States during the continuance of the War. This policy has been adopted in view of the difficulties in shipping the remains home, and the Department is unable to deviate from the policy which has been adopted.

3. You are advised, however, that if in the future it is found to be practicable to ship the remains home in accordance with your request, it will be done. If your address as indicated above is not correct, or you should desire that your request for shipment home of the remains be canceled, this office should be advised accordingly.

4. Under existing regulations the necessary steps will be taken by the military authorities in France to mark the grave of each soldier who dies or is killed in battle, and to register the number and location of the grave and to establish beyond a doubt their identity should it become desirable subsequently to disinter the remains for removal to the United States.

G. W. Goethals,
Acting Quartermaster General.

COPY to the
Depot Q.M.,
Army Bldg.,
N.Y. City, N.Y.

By:

H. H. Lowly,
Major, C.M. Corps, N.A.

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MAY 9 1918

CABLEGRAM

RECEIVED IN CODE ROOM, A.G.O.

May 5, 1918.

3:00 A.

RECEIVED IN OVERSEAS CABLE BRANCH

May 6, 1918.

H A E F

FROM:

The Adjutant General, Washington,

TO Casualty

119

May 4th,

CABLE NO:

PARAGRAPH NO:

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1918.

Report following deaths: Killed in action:

Oscar C. Griffith Private first class Ambulance Company Number 12 Sanitary Train 1st Division April 26th, Harry G. Bruce First Sergeant, Gus Chretien Corporal, Company E 16th Infantry, Charles F. Wiseman Private 1st Class Company K 16th Infantry, Albert Stefanik Sergeant Company H 16th Infantry transferred from Second Company Training Battalion 16th Infantry, Marcus Jones Private Company G 18th Infantry transferred from Company H 18th Infantry April 27th.

Deaths: Wounds received in action:

Joseph Frank Private Company I 18th Infantry transferred from Second Company Training Battalion 28th Infantry, William Clark Private Company E 18th Infantry transferred from Third Company 4th Provisional Recruit Battalion April 28th.

Deaths: Shell wounds:

Joseph Quesenberry 1st Lieutenant Company K 18th Infantry April 28th.

Deaths: Aeroplane Accident:

Robert P. Cross, Julian N. Dowell 1st Lieutenants Aviation Section Signal Corps Reserve May 2nd, Chester A. Pudrith 1st Lieutenant Aviation Section Signal Corps Reserve April 30th,

Deaths: Gunshot wounds:

Joseph W. Wilson 2nd Lieutenant Cavalry Reserve Corps April 30th.

29333 Griffith, Oscar C.
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FROM:

The Adjutant General, Washington.

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May 4,

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(Cont'd).

Deaths: Shell wounds:

Chandler Waterman Cook Section 577 United States Ambulance
Reserve April 30th.

Deaths: Lobar Pneumonia:

Canada Mammie Private Company E 303d Stevedores, Abraham
Joseph Private Company H 302nd Stevedores, James W. Smith
Private Headquarters Battalion General Headquarters American
Expeditionary Forces Camp Lee Detachment, Cecil G. Tormey Ser-
geant Headquarters Company 127th Infantry, May 1st; Ralph A.
Johnson Private Ambulance Company Number 26 3d Division
Sanitary Train April 26th; Phillip Lovejoy Private Company H
125th Infantry April 30th; Thomas L. Walter Private Company
A 38th Infantry April 23d.

Deaths: Pulmonary Tuberculosis:

Richard Henderson Private Company I 301st Stevedores May 2nd.

Deaths: Leukemia acute:

William H. Harris Private Company L 18th Infantry April 27th.

Deaths: Heart failure:

Harold P. Rodgers Cook Motor Truck Company 310th Motor Supply
Train 403d May 2nd.

Deaths: Acute Mastoiditis:

George T. Painburch Private 142nd Aero Squadron Signal Corps

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TO: Casualty

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CABLE NO:

PARAGRAPH NO:

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May 4, 1918.

(Cont'd.)

April 27th.

Deaths: Meningitis:

Lester D. Erskine Private Headquarters Company 121st Field Artillery April 30th.

Deaths: Cerebrospinal Meningitis:

Henry Coner Private Company A 1st Army Headquarters Regiment May 1st; All in line of duty, not result of misconduct.

Deaths: Aeroplane accident:

John K. Grizard 1st Lieutenant Aviation Section Signal Corps Reserve May 1st.

Deaths: Lesion of heart:

Charles G. Baird Major 415th Telegraph Battalion, Signal Corps April 26th; Line of duty status to be determined.

X

X

X

Subparagraph B. With reference to paragraph 3 your cablegram 1210 First Lieutenant John D. Arnett Medical Reserve Corps reported killed in action April 16th and buried April 17th.

X

X

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Pershing.

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, WASHINGTON, D. C.

In reply refer to:

220.86 (MC-EG) General

May 6, 1918

Date

Copies to:

GEMETERIAL BRANCH FOR INFORMATION & GUIDANCE.

Ambulance Co 12.
1st Division.

GRIFFITH, Oscar Pvt.

Near Villers Tournelle (Oise) France April 26th 1918 while rendering first aid to a sergeant from the 16th Infantry which at that time was in the front line position. Pvt Oscar G Griffith was instantly killed by an enemy shell, and lies buried in a cemetery at Villers Tournelle (Oise) France number of grave is unknown.,

Informant Humiston, Arthur H Sgt 2539.

Home: Knowles Oklahoma.,
Ambulance Co 12

Signed: Erles F. Fisher. Captain M.C.

YS

Original

Place Villers - Jourville

Date Nov - 22 - 1920

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF GRIFFITH-OSCAR-C- SERIAL NUMBER 2564

RANK Pvt 1/c ORGANIZATION Coast-12-San-Tru-1st Div

2. Disinterred (date): 11-22-20 From (give complete location): Gr-63-Plot-C
Amer-Cem-176-Villers-Jourville-Somme

By: Group 2 Unit 1

3. Reburied (date): _____ In (give complete location): _____

By: Group _____ Unit _____ Nature of reburial _____

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
in uniform - body decomposed - unrecognizable

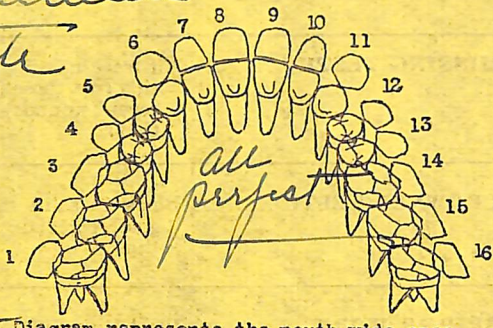
5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? Yes
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:
None

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) impossible to determine

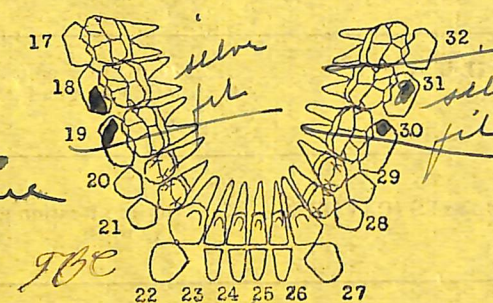
(b) Weight (estimated) impossible to estimate

(c) Hair—Color None on skull
Quantity None
Characteristics None



(d) Hair on face—Color None on face
Location None
Quantity None

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) impossible to determine



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

R# 12438






7. Disinterment supervised by Clarence A. Dodge Approved: S. D. Campbell
Capt. M. C. Inspector (Title) Capt. Infantry
Mas. of Sec. #1

8. Reburial supervised by _____ Approved: _____
(Title)

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

MISSING TEETHAll teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus:	 <p style="text-align: center;">TOOTH MISSING TOOTH MISSING</p>
CROWNED TEETHBlock in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:	 <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD CROWN PORCELAIN CROWN</p>
BRIDGE WORKBlock in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus:	 <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD AND PORCELAIN BRIDGE GOLD BRIDGE</p>
FILLINGSDraw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:	 <p style="text-align: center;">SILVER FILLING GOLD FILLING</p>
CARIES (CAVITIES)Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:	 <p style="text-align: center;">CAVITY 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."

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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.

RECEIVED BY MAIL UNIT
 JAN 10 1921
 Central District
 Overseas Properties Division

Place Villers-Tournelle (Somme)

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date November 22, 1920

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RANK Pvt. 1/C1. ORGANIZATION Amb. 12, Sanitary Train, 1st Division

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Grave 63-Plot C-American Cemetery 176, Villers-Tournelle, (Somme).

By: Group 2 Unit 1

3. Reburied (date): _____ In (give complete location): _____

By: Group _____ Unit _____ Nature of reburial _____

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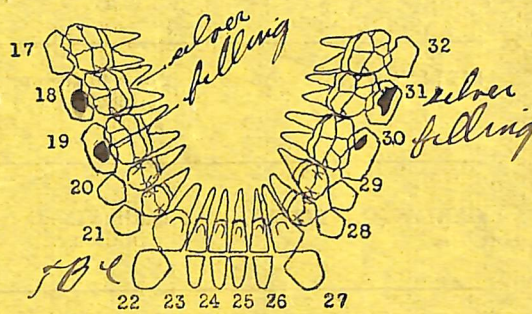
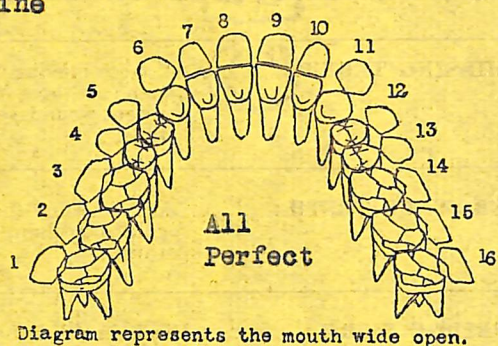
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Inspector

Approved: (S. D. Campbell)
(Title) Capt. Infantry
Mos. of Sec. #1






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RECEIVED BY
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 MAIL UNIT
 Overseas Direct Section
 Adjutant General's Office
 War Department
 Washington, D.C.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA File # 1945

S.S. SUMME.

3-18-21

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name GRIFFITH, Oscar C. Ser. No. 2504
 (b) Rank Pvt. 1/c Organization Amb. #12, San. Trn. 1st Div.
 (c) Date of death 4-26-18 (d) Cause of death K/ A

TYP. B
 CKR. H.S.

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

(a) Grave No. 63 Row - Plot - Sec. C TYP. DE
 (b) Emerg. Address Mr. Andrew W. Griffith, (Father) RFD #3, Gadsden, Ala.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases -- CKR. H.S.

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt None

(a) Name A. W. Griffith (b) Relationship Father
 (c) Address R.F.D. #13 Gadsden, Ala.
 (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. A. W. Griffith
Gadsden Ala.
Southern Ex. Postal Tel.

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

Examiner's Initials MOM Date 9-17, 1920.

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

_____, dated _____

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

No correspondence

Examiner's Initials MOM Date 9-17, 1920.

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

No request for disposition

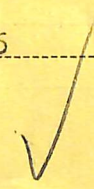
(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes MOM

Examiner's Initials MOM Date 9-17, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 176 SHEET No. 200

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VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made 9/17, 1920.
Typed by PS, Checked by MCH, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on 9/17, 1920.
letter on 9/24, 1920

Cemeterial Division
Overseas Project 1920 Section

Par. # 1. To be returned (E.C.S.)

IX. CORRECTIONS

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

CONFIRMATION RECEIVED
AND ACKNOWLEDGED

MAR 27 1921
MAR 27 1921

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: *10/21/20 Form # 120 Father confirms previous instructions. 10/26/20 E.C.S.*

Somme 3/14/21

12800

Port Transportation Office
Hoboken, N.J.

To: Port Transportation Officer, Pier #2, Hoboken, N.J.

Person authorized to receive remains:

Mr. Andrew W. Griffith, c/o Woodliff (Und)
Gadsden, Ala.

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the remains of:

Pfc. Oscar C. Griffith, 3654 Amb. #12, S.T. 1st Div.

in a satisfactory manner and condition, also burial permit

this 31 day of March 1921.

Andrew W. Griffith
Signature of person authorized to
receive remains.

Note: if person undertaker, or otherwise, except the next of kin
is authorized to receive remains, have copy of letter of authority
attached.

TO BE FILLED IN BY ATTENDANT

Name Victor E. Musser Rank Porter No 6318298

Destination Gadsden, Ala.

Date returned 4-1-21. 7 o'clock P.M.

Noted STAT-5 14 21 B
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RETURN TO RM. 353
HOBOKEN, N.J.

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Overseas Project Sub-section

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REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, AND SHIPMENT OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

MAY 13 1921

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records Office Chief G. R. S.

Discrepancy found upon examination of body.

1. Name GRIFFITH, Oscar C. 10. Name _____
 2. No. 2564 11. No. _____
 3. Rank Pvt. 1/cl. 12. Rank _____
 4. Org Amb. #12, Sen. Trn. 1st Div. 13. Org _____
 5. D. D. 4/26/18 14. (a) D. D. _____
 6. C. D. K/A 15. (b) D. B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment.

7. Grave No. 63 Sec. C 15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
 8. Plot --- Row --- 16. Plot C Row _____
 9. ----- 17. _____

18. Cemetery American
 19. Commune or town Villers-Tournelle
 20. Department or county Somme
 21. Country France 22. G. R. S. Headquarters Code No. 176
 23. Disinterred 11-22-20 By B. A. Bradford
 (Date.)
 24. Inscription on grave marker { Name Oscar C. Griffith Serial No. 2564
 Rank Pvt. 1/Cl. Organization Amb. 12, Sen. Train, 1st Division
 25. Was identification disk found on grave marker? Yes On body? Yes

J. C. Dougherty
 Signature of Junior Technical Assistant.

(The following space is reserved for notations to be made by office Chief Graves Registration Service.)

3-7727

TBC

PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disk or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail) None

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed.

28. Nature of burial In uniform

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G. R. S. records quoted above?

No

30. Body prepared 11-22-20 placed in casket By B.A. Bradford
(Date.)

31. Casket sealed by B. A. Bradford

Signature of Embalmer (Supervisor) Ben. A. Bradford

SHIPMENT (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. 15895

32. Designation of body { Name GRIFFITH, Oscar C. Serial No. 2564
Rank Pvt. 1/cl. Organization Amb. #12, San Trn. 1st Div.

33. CONSIGNEE—Name A. W. Griffith
Address Gadsden, Ala. (Southern Ex. Postal Teleg.)

34. Casket boxed and marked 11-22-20 By B. A. Bradford
(Date.)

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

Signature of G. R. S. Inspector Clarence W. Dodge
Capt. M. C.
Inspector

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from cemetery (Date.) To Port Officer, Calais, (Pas de Calais).
(Point of concentration.)

Convoyer (Signature) Signature Shipping Officer

38. Received at point of concentration (Date.)
Signature Receiving Officer

39. Shipped from point of concentration 2/11/21
(Date.) L. J. Johnson

To Calais, (Pas de Calais) Convoyer (Signature)
(Port.) (D. Campbell)
Signature Shipping Officer Capt. Infantry

40. Received European port CALAIS 13 FEB 1921
(Date.) (Signature)
Signature of G. R. S. Representative H. L. WARD, Major Q. M. Corps

41. Shipped to HOBOKEN N. J. USAT SOMME
(U. S. port.) (Signature)
Date 27 FEB 1921 Convoyer H. A. Wescott. H. L. WARD, Major Q. M. Corps
(Signature of Shipping Officer)

42. Received 3/14/21 By G. R. S. Representative (Signature)
(Date.) 3/29/21 S. F. BUTLER
CAPT. INFANTRY (Signature.)

43. Shipped to destination (Date.) { B/L or Express Order No. (Signature)
Convoyer (Signature) Shipping Officer (Signature)

INDEX CARD

Recorded By (Signature) Date 6-4-21
Checked By (Signature) Date 6-6-21

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

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C.

OCT 16 1920

To: Mr. Andrew W. Griffith, RFD #3, Gadsden, Ala.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. 1/c Oscar C. Griffith, #2564, Amb #12, San. Trn. 1st Div.

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body be returned to
United States and delivered to you at RFD #3, Gadsden, Alabama.

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Major, U. S. A.

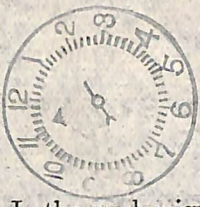
If all blank spaces below are not filled out, it will necessitate a return of this paper and a SERIOUS DELAY in the shipment of this body. State in each case WHETHER these relatives are STILL LIVING.

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Was soldier married <i>no</i>			
Soldier's widow			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)			
1			
2			
3			
Father <i>A. W. Griffith</i>	<i>Route No. 3</i>	<i>Gadsden</i>	<i>Ala</i>
Mother <i>Mrs. M. C. Griffith</i>			
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)			
1 <i>H. R. Griffith</i>	<i>Route No 2</i>	<i>Gadsden</i>	<i>Ala</i>
2			
3			
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)			
1 <i>Mrs. W. E. Devine</i>	<i>347 Ewing Ave</i>	<i>Gadsden</i>	<i>Ala</i>
2 <i>Mrs. W. H. Hill</i>	<i>Route No. 3</i>	<i>Gadsden</i>	<i>Ala</i>
3 <i>Mrs. C. B. Robinson</i>	<i>Route no. 2</i>	<i>Gadsden</i>	<i>Ala</i>
<i>Mrs. R. M. Pike</i>	<i>Route no 2</i>	<i>Gadsden</i>	<i>Ala</i>
<i>Mrs. Dan W. Wood</i>	<i>Ewing Ave</i>	<i>Gadsden</i>	<i>Ala</i>
<i>Mrs. B. Miller</i>	<i>Washington St</i>	<i>Gadsden</i>	<i>Ala</i>
Date <i>October 21, 1920</i>	Signature <i>Andrew W. Griffith</i>		

Address *Route # 3*

Relationship *Father*

CEMETERY DIVISION



OCT 25 20

October 21, 1920.

I, the undersigned, am the Father and nearest living relative of the within-named
(Relationship.)

soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:
(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to Andrew W. Griffith
(Name.)
Yadaden Alabama
(R. R. station.) (State.)

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

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

Signature Andrew W. Griffith

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

1. If definite instruction as to the disposition of a body are not received from the nearest relative within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.

2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.

3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT of kin IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.

4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.

5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.

6. If YOU are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.

7. If YOU are not the nearest living relative and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.

8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.

9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

(Griffith, Pvt. 1/c Oscar C.)
(Serial No. 2564)

March 22, 1921.

Mr. Andrew W. Griffith,
RFD #3, Gadsden, Ala.

Dear Sir:

Receipt of your telegram of March 22d is hereby acknowledged and your wishes will be complied with. We will ship the body of Private Griffith to you, care of Undertaker Woodliff, Gadsden, Alabama, at the earliest practicable date. You will be notified by telegraph date of departure of the body from this port and railroad line on which body will arrive at destination.

Very respectfully yours,

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

By:


4 incls.
jfb/jt

J. F. Butler,
1st Lt. Infantry.

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Telegram	
Day Letter	Blue
Night Message	Nite
Night Letter	N L

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

WESTERN UNION



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NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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GADSDEN ALA 755A MAR 22 1921

GRAVES REGN SVC

HOBOKEN NJ

REPLYING YOUR WIRE NINETEENTH SHIP PRIVATE FIRST CLASS OSCAR C
GRIFFITHS BODY TO GADSDEN ALA CARE WOODLIFF UNDERTAKING

ANDREW W GRIFFITH

1132A



HOBOKEN, N. J.

MAR 22 1921

J.F. BUTLER, 1st Lieut, Inf.
3/19/21

Mr. Andrew W. Griffith,
R.F.D.# 3, Gadsden, Ala.

Body of Pvt. 1/c Oscar G. Griffith, two, five, six, four
has arrived will arrive New York City about 1921 and will be shipped to
You
at Government expense, but not until you telegraph at Government expense, confirming above ship-
ping instructions to—

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

Pier # 2, Hoboken, N.J.

176 - 200 120

Cause of Death: K/A Date of Death: 4-26-18

Country France Soldier's Serial No. 2564

Amb. #12 San Arn., 1st Div.

42. Received (date) _____

43. Shipped to destination (date) _____ B-L or Express Order No. _____

Convoyer _____ Shipping Officer _____

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

1943

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Griffith

Oscar

(Surname.)

(Number.)

(First Name and Initials.)

Private Amb. Corp. Unit # 12

(Rank.)

(Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL

April - 27th - 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL

Villers-Tournelle

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

18th Inf. Rgt. Cemetery - Villers

Tournelle - North Sub. - Sect. A de

Zone - Contain Sect. (Map) Phamville

St just en Chaussée. Car. Rd 9705

GRAVE NUMBER

1

HOW MARKED :

Name Peg?

Cross?

Headboard?

Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS :

Was one buried with body?

~~Yes~~ No (no tag on body)

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

No. (note in bottle)

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

The above body is no. 2 in grave

1 - numbers running from right left in grave

REPORTED BY :

J. E. Carney - 1st Lieut Inf Rgt

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

23 in A1 Rgt