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G.R.S. Form #114-B

To The A. G. O.

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APR 27 1926

FULL NAME ..... COSTIGAN, James T. ✓

RANK ..... Mech. ✓ SERIAL ..... 1235299 ✓

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION ..... Co. B, 109th Inf. ✓ 28 div ✓

DATE OF DEATH ..... July 27, 1918 ✓

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME ..... Pa ✓

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED. none

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION.....	24	34	C
	Date	Grave	Row
		Meuse-Argonne, #1232	
		Cemetery	

The Adjutant General  
By C. X. R.

MAY 3 1926

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A. G. O.  
APR 30 1926  
WORLD WAR DIV.



## GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

..... Costigan (1235299) James T. .....  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

..... Mech., Co. B, 109th Infantry. .....  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL July 28, 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL American Military

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

..... Cemetery, Contrexeville, Vosges. .....

GRAVE NUMBER 15.

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

Headboard? ~~Yes.~~ Bottle? ~~Yes.~~

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 BY:

*William C. Press*  
**WILLIAM C. PRESS,**  
**Chaplain, A.R.C.,**  
**B.H.#31, AMER. E.F.**

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Costigan		
	C O S	3	3 5 9
BURIED	JAMES T.		
	CEMETERY 1232	1	1
	GRAVE 24	2	24
	ROW 34	2	34
	BLOCK C	1	3
STATE	Pa	2	44
BANK	Mech	1	2
DIVISION	28	2	28
ORGANIZATION	109	3	109
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARTIAL	220	1	2
NAME	Earhart		
	Mrs Mary	5	3 5 9
STATE		2	44
RESIDENCE	3434 Amber St Phila Pa.	2	51
COUNTY		2	
CITY		3	
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER	(no loco or SM)	1	
ELIGIBILITY	Dead 1/17/31	1	6
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	
	29/514/FJ		

Sister

3434 Amber St

Phila Pa.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Costigan, James T. (M-A) M-

September 30, 1931

Mrs. Mary E. Costigan,  
3434 Amber St.,  
Philadelphia, 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?	
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*

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

Encl:  
Env.

Oct 11<sup>th</sup> 1931

The Quartermaster General

Dear Sir

I am sending this form back

to you to inform you that every time we have received a letter from your office we have answered promptly. My Mother had been an invalid for five years, suffering from cancer from which she died last January - 17<sup>th</sup> - 1931 so there fore it was impossible for her to make trip at any time, this fact was stated in every answer sent back to your office. Will you kindly have your records corrected to that effect, I am Mrs Mary Costigan's daughter

Mrs Mary Carhart

3434 Amber St  
Phila.

pa.



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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Costigan, James T. Mech. (M-A) M-

July 13, 1931.

Mrs. Mary E. Costigan,  
3434 Amber St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1932 to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 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 either of the words "Yes", "No", or "Undecided" 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 eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? \_\_\_\_\_

Write answer here

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 7, 1930.

*Costigan*, James T. - 1232 M

Mrs. Mary E. Costigan,  
3434 Amber St.,  
Philadelphia, 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? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Write answer here)

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

QM 293 A-0  
Costigan, James T.

September 20, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Costigan,  
3434 Amber St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 14, 1929, and it is regretted to learn that due to serious illness you will be prevented from making the pilgrimage of the Gold Star Mothers and Widows to Europe.

It is regretted to have to advise that the Act of March 2, 1929, providing for the above pilgrimage does not contain any provision which permits of the mother or widow receiving a sum of money in lieu of making the trip.

I am sorry that your request cannot be granted, but you will understand that the War Department has no alternative other than to carry out the provisions of the law as passed by Congress.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

SC/p

Phila. Sept 14th, 1929

From. Mrs Mary Elizabeth Costigan. 3434 Amber Street. Phila. Penna.

To. Major. John T. Harris. Q.M. Corps. War Department. Washington. D.C.

Subject. Pilgrimage to cemeteries containing bodies of World War Soldiers.

James T. Costigan. (Mechanic) Company "B" 109th, U.S Infantry.

Reference...QM 293 A-C. James T. Costigan. 1232.

Dear Sir.

Please find enclosed, recent communication, properly filled as requested. I would like to state that I am very sorry that I am unable to make the trip, but owing to the serious advanced stage of my illness, this would be impossible. Until a few years ago, I would have readily consented, and as all worldly help has long since ended for my son James, I feel that it is myself who needs, rather than he. I do not mean that I have any ill feeling for those that were responsible for his presence in Europe, for I often find consolation and ease in my suffering when I realize that he died a glorious death, in the service of his country. However, I rather feel that the following proposition could not be accepted, but as there may be a chance in some cases, there will be no harm in asking. As a matter of fact, it will cost the government quite a sum of money for each person making the trip, and I would ask that if it were possible, that I be refunded part of the money that would have to be spent were I to make the trip. While I realize that all the money in the country could not cure my illness owing to my age and advanced stage of the disease, I could at least get some relief, had I the money. Understand, I am not demanding this, or will I feel any way unfriendly however the decision in my case is made, but merely make the proposition in case such were possible.

Thanking you kindly for your invitation, which I must decline, and also for all past favors, I remain,

Yours very respectfully,

*Mrs Mary Elizabeth Costigan*

3434 Amber Street.

Philadelphia. Penna.

(Mother of the deceased)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Costigan, James T.  
1232.

Sept. 6, 1929

Mrs. Mary E. Costigan,  
~~3881 Coral St.,~~  
Phila. Pa.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 29, 1929, making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

No.

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.

Mother.

Mrs Mary Elizabeth Costigan.

3434 Amber Street.  
Phila. Penna.

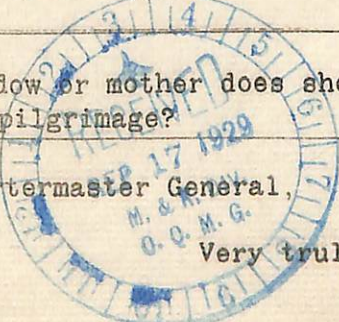
3. If survived by a widow or mother does she desire to make the pilgrimage?

It would be impossible.  
She is suffering from a  
very bad case of cancer.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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

Note.

Please correct your mailing address to

Mrs Mary Elizabeth Costigan.  
3434 Amber Street.  
Phila. Pa.

instead of 3861 Coral St, Phila. Pa.

Notice of change in address was sent to War Dept,  
nearly eight years ago, when same took place.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29, 1929.

Costigan, James T.

Mrs. Mary E. Costigan,  
~~5861 Coral St.,~~  
Philadelphia, Pa.

3434 Amber St.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, entitled an Act "To enable the mothers and widows of the deceased soldiers, sailors and marines of the American forces now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries".

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late **Mechanic James T. Costigan, Co.B. 109th 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 widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish her full name and address in order that action may be taken to extend an invitation to her to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is 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.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Costigan, James T. (M-A) M-

September 30, 1931 ad

Mrs. Mary E. Costigan,  
3434 Amber St.,  
Philadelphia, 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?	
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:  
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Costigan, James T. Mech. (M-A) M-

July 13, 1931.

Mrs. Mary E. Costigan,  
3434 Amber St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1932 to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 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 either of the words "Yes", "No", or "Undecided" 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 eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? \_\_\_\_\_

Write answer here

Sign here

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Costigan, James T. Meeh. (M-A) M

April 9, 1931.

Dear Madam: Costigan,  
3434 Amber St.,  
Philadelphia,

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.

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?

2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?

3. Please give your age and state your health.

4. Do you speak English?

5. What other language do you speak?

Age  
Condition of Health

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment

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QM 293 A-M

October 13, 1930

Costigan, James T. Mech 1232 M

Mrs. Mary E. Costigan  
3434 Amber Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Madam:

A reply has not been received to office letter of recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the **mother** of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages in 1931, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age Condition of health
4. Do you speak English?	
5. What other language do you speak?	

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 7, 1930.

Costigan, James T. - 1232 M

Mrs. Mary E. Costigan,  
3434 Amber St.,  
Philadelphia, 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? \_\_\_\_\_

(Write answer here)

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Costigan, James T. 1232 M.

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Mary E. Costigan,  
5434 Amber St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

QM 295 A-C  
Costigan, James T.

September 20, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Costigan,  
3454 Amber St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 14, 1929, and it is regretted to learn that due to serious illness you will be prevented from making the pilgrimage of the Gold Star Mothers and Widows to Europe.

It is regretted to have to advise that the Act of March 2, 1929, providing for the above pilgrimage does not contain any provision which permits of the mother or widow receiving a sum of money in lieu of making the trip.

I am sorry that your request cannot be granted, but you will understand that the War Department has no alternative other than to carry out the provisions of the law as passed by Congress.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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*Ans. Costigan*



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Costigan, James T.  
1232.

Sept. 6, 1929

Mrs. Mary E. Costigan,  
3861 Coral St.,  
Phila., Pa.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 29, 1929, making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

2. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29, 1929.

Costigan, James T.

Mrs. Mary E. Costigan,  
3861 Coral St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, entitled an Act "To enable the mothers and widows of the deceased soldiers, sailors and marines of the American forces now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries".

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late **Mechanic James T. Costigan, Co.B. 109th 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 widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish her full name and address in order that action may be taken to extend an invitation to her to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is 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.

Costigan

(Surname.)

James Thomas

(Christian name in full.)

1,235,299

(Army serial number.)

Mech.

Co B 109th Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Father.

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

Yes.

No

(Yes or no.)

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

(Yes or no.)

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

John. Joseph. Costigan. Sr. Frankford. (Same.)

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

3861 Coral Street. Philadelphia.

Penna.

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

John. Joseph. Costigan. Sr.

3861 Coral St.

Phila.

Penna.

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by ~~STH~~

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In reply refer to:  
293.8 C-R #11160

January 10, 1923.

Mrs. Mary E. Costigan,  
3861 Coral St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of the late James T. Costigan, Mechanic, Company B, 109th Infantry, is Grave 24, Row 34, Block G, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse, France.

This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, 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.

MAILED

JAN 10 1923

Very truly yours,

G.R.S.

H. J. Conner,  
Assistant.

rk  
HCH

DATE 12/3/21

1. NAME Costigan, James T SERIAL No. 1235299

RANK Mech. ORGANIZATION Co. B 109th Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION Amer.Cty. Contrexeville - Vosges CTY. NAME 15 NUMBER 94

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GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 15 Contrexeville Vosges

GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES E.363.65 N.154.95 Map Mirecourt S.E. 84

CONCENTRATED TO Nothing of record

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Nothing of record

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS None

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR Stanley J. Grogan

STANLEY J. GROGAN, Capt. Inf. USA.

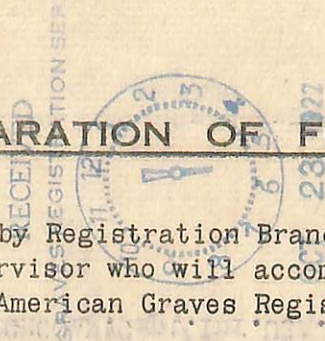
3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 12/3/21 24 34 C.

DATE GRAVE ROW Block ~~FEET~~

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

AUDITED BY  
M.J.D. 12/19/22  
el

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B



1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.
2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.
3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.
4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form I6, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.

Place Contrexeville, (Vosges) France.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date October 13th 1921.

1. REMAINS OF COSTIGAN, JAMES T. SERIAL NUMBER 1235299.

RANK R Mech. ORGANIZATION Co. B 109th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): October 13th 1921. From (give complete location): Grave 15.  
American Cemetery, G.R.S. Code # 94, Contrexeville, (Vosges) France.

By: Group 1 Unit Section 4.

3. Reburied (date): Dec. 3rd, 1921. In (give complete location): Grave 24, Row 34, Block C, Cemetery 1232.

By: Group Reburial S Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial Lined Casket

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

Buried in wooden box, and uniform. Body badly decomposed, recognition impossible.

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

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

No effects found.

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

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

(b) Weight, (estimated) -

(c) Hair—Color -

Quantity -

Characteristics -

(d) Hair on face—Color -

Location -

Quantity -

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities,

or missing parts -

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

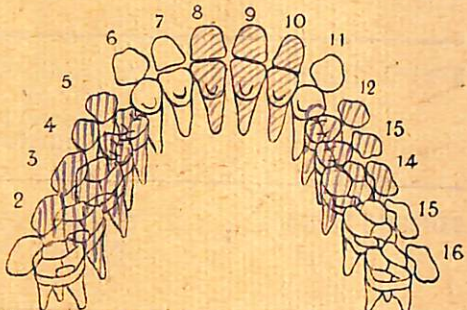
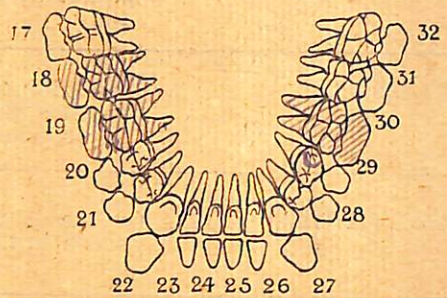


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



Nos. 8, 9, 10 Missing after death.

Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 30

Missing before death.

No. 32 Not cut.

Nos. 11, 29 Cavity.

7. Disinterment supervised by W.R. Tomlinson

Approved: D.E. Lowry  
hem  
(Title) 1st Lt. Q.M.C.






8. Reburial Supervised by A.U. Dufault

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

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

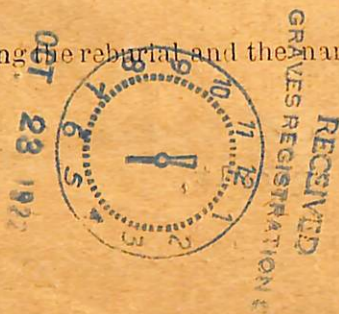
Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Questions 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".  
(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No 6.
6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

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

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

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



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE October 13th 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 Costigan, James T.  
 2. No. 1235299  
 3. Rank Mech.  
 4. Org. Co. B 109th Inf.  
 5. D.D. 7-27  
 6. C.D. DOW

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 15 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 17. No Discrepancies.

18. Cemetery Amer.  
 20. Dept. or County Vosges  
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 94  
 23. Disinterred (Date) October 13th 1921. By W.R. TOMLINSON.

19. Commune or town Contrexeville  
 21. Country France

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name JAMES T. COSTIGAN.  
 Rank Mech.

Serial No. ---  
 Organization Co. B 109th Inf. Grave 15.

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

Thos. A. Pace  
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant

THOS. A. PACE.

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).

No effects found. Form 16a accomplished.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, recognition impossible.

28. Nature of burial In wooden box, and uniform.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? No.

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Oct. 13th 1921. By W.R. TOMLINSON.

31. Casket sealed by W.R. TOMLINSON.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) W.R. Tomlinson  
 W.R. TOMLINSON.

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box)

Box No.

Q-11376

32. Designation of body:

Name Costigan, James T

Serial No. 1235299

Rank Mech.

Organization Co. B 109th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse Argonne Amer. #1232. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) October 13th 1921.

By W.R. TOULINSON

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

*D.E.L. CARY*  
D.E.L. CARY,  
1st Lt. Q.M.C.

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36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) October 13th 1921.

To point of Concentration Neufchateau, (Vosges) France.

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer Capt. Q.M.C.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 3 OCT 1921

To Permanent Cemetery Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, (Meuse) France.

Convoyer C. L. RIELEY Signature Shipping Officer W.R. Toulinson Q.M.C.

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred Meuse Argonne Cemetery 1232, Dec. 3rd, 1921.

(Date)

42. Grave No. 24 Section

43. ~~Block~~ Block C Row 34

G.R.S. Representative

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

JEE<sup>el</sup>

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7-28-18  
DWRIA

# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 11160

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name **COSTIGAN, James T.** Ser. No. **1235299**  
(b) Rank **Mechanic** Organization **Co. B, 109th Inf.**  
(c) Date of death **7-28-18** (d) Cause of death **DWRIA**

TYP. **DB**  
CKR. **[initials]**

For  
Museum  
Argonne 1282  
10/16-22  
Exhumed  
10/27/22

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

(a) Grave No. **15** Row **-** Plot **A** Sec. **-** TYP. **DB**  
(b) Emerg. Address **Mrs. Mary E. Costigan, (Mother) 3861 Coral St., Phila.**

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases **--** Pa. CKR. **[initials]**

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt **none**

(a) Name **John Joseph Costigan, Sr.** (b) Relationship **Father**  
(c) Address **2861 Coral St, Phila 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. **John Joseph Costigan, Sr.,  
2861 Coral St Phila Pa.  
Off & Lib Office - Frankford.**  
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. **-**

Examiner's Initials **SH** Date **10/21**, 1920.

V. A. G. C. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from **Father John Joseph Costigan, Sr.,  
3861 Coral St, Phila. Pa.**, dated **March 28, 1919.**  
confirming request in Par. IV., item **d**, above, of requesting that **he be admitted  
relative to funeral services.**

Examiner's Initials **SH** Date **10/21**, 1920.

VI. G. R. S. FILES, CORRESPONDENCE—shows as follows: **Father John Joseph Costigan, Sr.,  
3761 Coral St Philadelphia Penna 4/27/20  
Informs body remains in France whatever**  
(a) Cancellation memos referred to? **yes SH over**

Examiner's Initials **SH** Date **10-23**, 1920.

COUNTRY **FRANCE**

CEMETERY No. **94**

SHEET No. **36**

G. R. S. Form No. 115  
Amended April 6, 1920

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Make Form No. 114

**FORM 115 - A COMPLETED**

**MB 12-1-20**

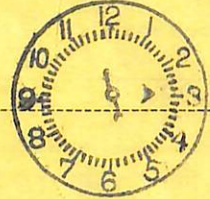
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CENETERIAL DIVISION

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

Typed by ....., Checked by ....., 1920.

JAN 12 1921



VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on ..... 1920  
OVERSEAS PROTECT DIVISION  
letter on 11/16, 1920 DEC 4 24

Par. #2 - Not to be returned (RWS)

IX. CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

location decided upon by Govt  
He wishes to be informed of location of  
body has been exhumed making ready  
for shipment to U.S. or is on its way  
then ship to 3861 Coral St Philadelphia  
Pa. Mt. 10-23-20

Form # 120 12/30/20 John J. Costigan, Father,  
w/1c 3861 Coral St, Phila. Pa, requests  
body remain in Europe. 1/8/21  
12/30/20 - Letter attached to #120 from father, John J. Costigan,  
states delay in ans'g was caused by getting decision  
of family, and they request body remain in  
France in American cemetery. Asks for  
(below)

FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN - 503Y  
TO REMAIN IN EUROPE.

JAN 11 1921

Correction of name - middle initial should  
be T. instead of J, as soldier's name was  
Thomas, and also asks for final location  
of grave - 1/27/21 - EPT (Wash)  
Copy of letter of 12-30-20 forwarded to Sup. Br. 1-28-21  
S.C.

December 30th 1920.

To: Major Charles C. Peirce. Chief, Cemeterial Division, U.S.A. Hoboken. N.J.

From: John Joseph Costigan. 3861 Coral St. Phila. (Father of deceased.)

Subject: Final disposition of body of, Mechanic James Thomas Costigan. Company "B" 109th U.S. Inf, now buried in Europe. Serial No. 1235299.

Dear Major.

You will please pardon the delay in receiving a prompt answer to your inquiry as requested, as I wanted to have a meeting with all members of the family present to help make a satisfactory decision.

The enclosed (Form G.R.S. No 120) sets forth the decision, that of permitting the United States Government to finally inter the remains of the above mentioned soldier in an American Military Cemetery in France.

We have received from The American Red Cross, three photos of my son's grave, but there is a mistake of the middle initial, as it shows the letter to be (J), while the correct letter should be, (T) as Thomas was his middle name.

I would be very thankful to you major if you could have the matter corrected in regards to the initial, and also to see that I get the proper information as to the final location of his grave when any re-interment has been accomplished, as one or more members of my family intend <sup>to</sup> visit his grave abroad when conditions become more settled in Europe, and being equiped with the proper information, they would have no trouble to find the location when they arrive in France.

Again thanking you kindly for your service in the above matter, and also for your favors of the past, I remain,

Yours very truly,

*John J. Costigan*, (Father.)

3861 Coral Street.  
Philadelphia, Penna.

e.l.c\*

Noted on Form No. 115  
Date 1/29/21 EP (Wash)

*Copy forwarded to  
July. Rev. 1-28-21  
J.C.*

12/380/ 20.

RECEIVED.

JAN 12 1921

CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT 382-523.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

*[Handwritten signature]*  
Special Agent in Charge

Dear Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. regarding the matter of the ...

I am sorry to hear that you are unable to visit at this time. I will be glad to have you call on me when you are next in the ...

Very truly yours,  
Special Agent in Charge

Respectfully,  
Special Agent in Charge

Received 12/380/ 20.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 11160

*See Form 115  
att 2/7/22*

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name **COSTIGAN, James T.** Ser. No. **1235299**  
 (b) Rank **Mechanic** Organization **Co. B, 109th Inf.** TYP **DB**  
 (c) Date of death **7-28-18** Cause of death **DWRIA**

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

(a) Grave No. **15** Row **A** Plot **A** Sect. **-** TYP **DB**  
 (b) Emerg. Address **Mrs. Mary E. Costigan, (Mother) 3861 Coral St., Phila. Pa.**

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

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

*G. R. S. Cores. - John J. Costigan, Sr. (Father) - 3861 Coral St., Phila. Pa. - prefers body remain in France. (L ES) 11/26/20*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on ..... 192  
 (Letter of transmittal on 11/16/1920

*Par. #2 - Not to be returned (L ES)*

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. **DEC 3 1920** 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken

VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. **1-12-1920**

*MB 12-1-20*

G. R. S. Form #124  
Disposition Status -  
OFFICE MEMORANDUM. -

REGISTRATION SECTION  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION

File No. 11160  
OSPSS Ref. No. 94-36  
Follow-up No. 1230

To: Inquiry Section.  
From: Overseas Project Sub-Section.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION on Cemetery No. <sup>94</sup> (furnished by: MBH) (date 2-1-21)  
Data sent Overseas Body not to be returned. Let. Trans. 11-16-20  
Operations to commence (approx.) March 1921  
Operations to be completed (approx.) \_\_\_\_\_  
Bodies shipped from European Port \_\_\_\_\_  
Bodies arrived at Hoboken \_\_\_\_\_ See # 1235-299

II. CASE OF Costigan, James T., Mechanica Co. B. 109th St.

The following information was abstracted (Date) 2-1-21 from: Form 115

SOURCE	CLK.	in OFFICE		Clk.	in OFFICE
A. G. O. Cards	<u>SH</u>	<u>yes.</u>	Shppg. Inquiry (sent <u>12-11-21</u> )		
A.G.O. Corresp.	<u>SH</u>	<u>yes.</u>	To <u>Father</u>	<u>MBH</u>	<u>yes.</u>
G.R.S. Corresp. relative to disp.	<u>YC</u>	<u>yes.</u>	OSP S-S Corresp. (see Remarks.)		

Agos Card.

DESIRES as to Disposition.

Name of Relative	RETURN			REMAIN	SPECIAL
	N. C.	Pvt.	Int.		
Widow					
Children (Name oldest first)					
Father <u>John Joseph Costigan Sr.</u>					
Mother <u>3861 Coral St.</u>					
Brothers <u>Phila.</u>					
Sisters <u>Pai.</u>					

Body to be shipped to John Joseph Costigan Sr. 3861 Coral St. Phila. Pa. was shipped (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS Cty 94 Dispt-11-17-20, Exhumation Commence March 1921, 13843/21-21  
Corresp. - 12-30-20 noted on Form 115  
Form 120-12-30-20-Father - w/k - requish body remain in Europe in Permanent American Cemetery. MBH-2-1-21

OK MBH

*J.P.O.*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
~~WASHINGTON~~ Hoboken, N.J.

DEC 11 1920

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C.  
TO: Mr. John J. Costigan, 3861 Coral St., Phila., Pa.  
SUBJECT: Remains of Mechanic James T. Costigan, Ser.No. 1235299,  
Co.B, 109th Inf.

*No change  
note attached  
letter*

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body remain in Europe.

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.

Noted on Form No. 115

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

Date *1-8-21-LE*

*Per E.P. (Wash)*

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?	<b>NO.</b>		
Soldier's widow			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1 #		
	2 #		
	3 #		
Father	John Joseph Costigan.	3861 Coral Street.	Phila. Penna.
Mother	Mary Elizabeth Costigan.	3861 Coral Street.	Phila. Penna.
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1 Edward L. Costigan.	3861 Coral Street.	Phila. Penna.
	2 John A. Costigan.	3861 Coral Street.	Phila. Penna.
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1 Mrs Mary E. Earhart.	5861 Coral Street.	Phila. Penna.
	2 Mrs Annie M. Finn.	3914 Arcadia Street.	Phila. Penna.
	3 Miss Agnes F. Costigan.	3861 Coral Street.	Phila. Penna.

Date December 30th 1920.

Signature *John J. Costigan*

Address 3861 Coral Street. Phila. Pa.

Relationship Father.

IMPORTANT.—CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper.

CEMETERY DIVISION



DEC 31 1920

December 30th 1920. (Date)  
-----, 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~~ -----  
(Name.)  
-----  
(R. R. station.) ----- (State.) -----
3. ~~To be returned to the U. S. and buried in~~ ----- ~~National Cemetery~~ -----
4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

Signature John J. Costigan

**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.

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OFFICE OF THE CIVILIAN CONTROL SERVICE  
OFFICE OF THE CIVILIAN CONTROL SERVICE OF THE ARMY  
WAR DEPARTMENT

*ct 94-36*

February 8, 1921.

293.8 Cem. #11160 (Costigan, James T., Mechanic)

**From:** The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)  
**To:** Mr. John J. Costigan, 3861 Coral Street, Phila., Pa.  
**Subject:** Disposition of Remains.

1. In reply to your letter of December 30, 1920, enclosing Form 120, you are advised that your wish that the body of your son, Mechanic James T. Costigan, Company B, 109th Infantry, be permanently interred in France will be complied with in the event that the deceased is not survived by a widow or children. It is, therefore, requested that you advise definitely whether or not such relatives survive and if so, that the name, or names, and address, or addresses, of each be furnished this office without delay.

2. The records of this office show the name, rank and organization of your son as James T. Costigan, Mechanic, Company B, 109th Infantry. Instructions will therefore be issued to the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C. in Europe, that the inscription on the cross marking the grave of this soldier be changed to agree with the records of this office.

3. As soon as the remains of your son are transferred, the legal next of kin will be advised of the new grave location.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

MR CHARLES J. WYNNE, JEW  
2nd Lieut., Q. M. C.

Drawn by dt

94 - 36

10/21/20

checked

all 10-23-21

Philadelphia March 28th, 1919.

*Handwritten initials*

#11160

To : P.C.Harris. Adjutant General, U.S.A. Wash" D.C.

From : John J. Costigan. Sr. 3861 Coral St Phila. Pa.

Subject : Concerning removal of Mec, James T. Costigan. (Deceased) 109th U.S. Inf" Company "B", now buried at Contrexeville, Dept" of Vosges. France.

Dear General.

In reply to your communication of the 15inst" concerning the requested decision as to whether we desire to have the above mentioned soldier's body returned, or consent to have it remain where it now rests, I will state that if it is returned, I would like to be informed as to just how far we would be permitted to proceed with a public funeral, without violating any of the government rules applying to such cases.

While I feel certian that we would not be permitted to open the casket, there are a few questions that I would like to have you answer before making the decision.

Would we be allowed to have the body remain at the house as is usual in ordinary deaths, and would his friends and realitives be permitted to call at the house when the body was there, and also if we would be permitted to have the casket taken into the church for services before burial?

You may have general letter of information (form) covering the above questions, and if so I would be very thankful if you would mail me a copy.

Thanking you for any consideration that you may give the above matter, I remain,

Very respectfully yours,

John. Joseph. Costigan. Sr. (Father)  
3861 Coral Street.  
Phila. Penna.

**FILE**

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293.8 (Costigan, James T.) Enl.

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April 5, 1919.

Mr. John J. Costigan, Sr.,  
3861 Coral Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of March 28, relative to the final disposition of the body of your son, James T. Costigan, I beg leave to advise you that the bodies are shipped to the relatives, and will be in their charge thereafter. The bodies will be returned in hermetically sealed metal or metal lined caskets and will not be opened upon their arrival in this country.

I take this opportunity to express to you the deep sympathy of the Department on account of the great loss you have sustained and to commend you for the contribution you have made to the cause for which your son gave his life.

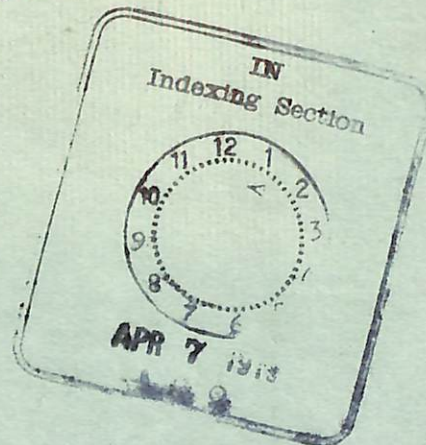
Very sincerely,

P. C. Harris.

The Adjutant General.

Per

W. V. Carter.



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TO CHIEF OF CONTROL SECTION, MAIL AND RECORD DIVISION, THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.

Please furnish the following papers from files:

Date **4/1/19**

File No. (if known) <b>293.8 or 201,</b>	Serial No. (if enlisted man) <b>(Costigan, James T.)</b>	Mark a cross below against papers required	Ret'd to files
Subject (name)  <b>Letter from John J. Costigan, Sr., 3861 Coral Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> Correspondence	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/> Enlisted Records	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/> Storage Papers	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Case No.	

SEARCHER'S REPORT

Requested papers herewith ( )	Requested papers not on file ( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> )	Additional copy made in Branch.....			Searcher's initials <b>CLB</b>
Requested papers charged out to (name)	On (date)	Req'n No.	Division and Section	Room No.	<b>452</b>

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COSTIGAN, JAMES F<sup>2</sup>

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Mech. Co. B, 109th Inf.

DD: 7/28/18

Buried: Cemetery #94, Contrexville

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Costigan James T. #1235299

Mech. Co. B. 109th Inf.

DB 7/28/18

Buried American Military Cemetery  
Contrexville, Vosges.

Grave 15

94

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Investigation & Adjutant  
Investigation Unit

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

FROM: O. Q. M. G.  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
Munitions Building  
Room 1109

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

PLEASE  
EXPEDITE

File No. 11160 Registration. Date 2/11/21

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. Costigan *O.K.* ✓ f. Date of death. 7/28/18 *July 27/18*
- ✓ b. Christian name. James T. *O.K.* ✓ g. Cause of death. DWRIA *O.K.*
- ✓ c. Serial number. 1235299 *O.K.* ✓ h. Authority (C. C. No.) 237 *O.K.*
- ✓ d. Organization. Co. B, 109th Inf. *O.K.* ✓ i. Emergency address. Mrs. Mary E. Costigan, 3861 Coral St., Philadelphia, Pa. *O.K.*
- ✓ e. Rank. Mech. *O.K.* ✓ j. Relationship. Mother *O.K.*

**BODY DESCRIPTION.**

(See page 2 of the Service Record.)

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

**DENTAL CHARTS.**

(See physical report of examination prior to enlistment.)

a. Strike out teeth missing:

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.

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*Donnelly, J. M.  
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Enl. Sec.  
Feb 27/21*

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

By *H. J. Conner*

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

Rec'd World War  
Date FEB 12 1921

EXPEDITE  
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Investigation & Adjutant Dept.,  
Investigation Unit

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

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✓ c. Serial number.	1235299 <i>O.K.</i>	✓ h. Authority (C. C. No.)	237 <i>O.K.</i>
✓ d. Organization.	Co. B, 109th Inf. <i>O.K.</i>	✓ i. Emergency address.	Mrs. Mary E. Costigan, 3861 Coral St., Philadelphia, Pa. <i>O.K.</i>
✓ e. Rank.	Mech. <i>O.K.</i>	✓ j. Relationship.	Mother <i>O.K.</i>

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a. Strike out teeth missing:

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*Donnelly, J. M.*  
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*8th Div Sec*  
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By

*H. J. Conner*  
**H. L. ROGERS,**  
*Quartermaster General, U. S. A.,*

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*Captain, Q. M. C.*  
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WASHINGTON  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WAR DEPARTMENT

Investigation & Adjutant Dept.  
Investigation Unit

G. H. R. Form No. 1  
Information required by A. O.

File No. 11160 Registration

Date 2/11/21

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

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

Subject: Information required for G. H. R.

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	a. Surname	Costigan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A. Date of birth	7/28/78
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	b. Christian name	James T.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	v. Cause of death	UNLIA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	c. Serial number	1255299	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A. Authority (C. G. No.)	237
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	d. Organization	Co. B, 108th Inf.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Emergency address	Mrs. Mary K. Costigan, 3881 Coral St., Philadelphia, Pa.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	e. Rank	sergt.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Relationship	Mother

**BODY DESCRIPTION** (See page 2 of the Service Record)  
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H. J. ROGERS,  
Quartermaster General, U. S. A.

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H. A. CONNER,  
Adjutant General, U. S. A.

FILE

February 8, 1921.

293.8 Cem. #11160 (Costigan, James T., Mechanic)

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

To: Mr. John J. Costigan, 3861 Coral Street, Phila., Pa.

Subject: Disposition of Remains.

1. In reply to your letter of December 30, 1920, enclosing Form 120, you are advised that your wish that the body of your son, Mechanic James T. Costigan, Company B, 109th Infantry, be permanently interred in France will be complied with in the event that the deceased is not survived by a widow or children. It is, therefore, requested that you advise definitely whether or not such relatives survive and if so, that the name, or names, and address, or addresses, of each be furnished this office without delay.

2. The records of this office show the name, rank and organization of your son as James T. Costigan, Mechanic, Company B, 109th Infantry. Instructions will therefore be issued to the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C. in Europe, that the inscription on the cross marking the grave of this soldier be changed to agree with the records of this office.

3. As soon as the remains of your son are transferred, the legal next of kin will be advised of the new grave location.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

MAILED

NR

CHARLES J. WYNNIE,  
2nd Lieut., Q. M. C.

JHW

FEB 8 1921

G.R.S.

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COPY OF LETTER RECEIVED BY OSP:SS

94-36 CBM

December 30th, 1920.

TO: Major Charles C. Pierce, Chief, Cemeterial Division, U.S.A., Hoboken, N.J.

FROM: John Joseph Costigan, 3861 Coral St., Phila. ( Father of deceased).

SUBJECT: Final disposition of body of Mechanic James Thomas Costigan, Co. B. 109th U.S. Inf., now buried in Europe, Serial No. 1235299.

Dear Major:

You will please pardon the delay in receiving a prompt answer to your inquiry as requested, as I wanted to have a meeting with all members of the family present to help make a satisfactory decision.

The enclosed (Form G.R.S. No. 120) sets forth the decision, that of permitting the United States Government to finally inter the remains of the above mentioned soldier in an American Military Cemetery in France.

We have received from the American Red Cross, three photos of my son's grave, but there is a mistake of the middle initial, as it shows the letter to be [J], while the correct letter should be, (T) as Thomas was his middle name.

I would be very thankful to you major if you could have the matter corrected in regards to the initial, and also to see that I get the proper information as to the final location of his grave when any re-interment has been accomplished, as one or more members of my family intend to visit his grave abroad when conditions become more settled in Europe, and being equiped with the proper information, they would have no trouble to find the location when they arrive in France.

Again thanking you kindly for your service in the above matter, and also for your favors of the past, I remain,

Yours very truly,  
John J. Costigan (father).

Remains of:  
Mechanic James T. Costigan,  
Serial No. 1235299,  
Co. B. 109th Inf.  
94-36.  
File # 11160.

Noted on Form No. 115  
Date 1-28-21 S.C.

*Costigan, James Thomas*

Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. O. M. G.  
File # 2928  
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File Number 11160

TO: REGISTRATION BRANCH, G. R. S.

Date 2-3-21

FROM: INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME: *Cortigan, James J.* Serial Number *1235-299*

RANK: *Mech.* ORGANIZATION: *C. B. - 109th Inf.*

No.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with records?	<i>Yes.</i>
2.	Date of death.	<i>(2) 7-28-18</i>
3.	Cause and place of death.	<i>(3) DW R D A</i>
4.	Number of casualty cablegram.	<i>(4) 237</i>
5.	Date buried.	<i>(5) 7-28-18</i>
6.	Grave location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of cemetery or commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	<i>(6) Grave 15, Plot A, ✓ Amer. Cty. # 94, Centerville, Vozges.</i>
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G. R. S.?	
9.	Report as to grave marker.	<i>(10) a. Yes b. Yes.</i>
10.	Identification tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	<i>(11) Mrs. Mary E. Cortigan (mother) 3861 Coral St., Philadelphia, Pa.</i>
11.	Complete emergency address?	
12.	Has been notified? (Give date.)	<i>(12) 10-26-18</i>
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?	<i>(14) D-30235</i>
15.	Inquiry made by.	

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293.8 Cem. Div., #11160, COSTIGAN, James Thomas

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John J. Costigan (father).

Remains of:  
Mechanic James T. Costigan,  
Serial No. 1235299,  
Co. B. 109th Inf.  
94-36.  
File #11160.



Philadelphia April 27th 1920.

To: The Adjutant General. U.S.Army, Washington. D.C.

From: John Joseph Costigan.Sr. 3861 Coral Street, Philadelphia. Penna.

Subject: Removal of body, of Mechanic James Thomas Costigan. (Deceased) formerly of Company "B" 109th U.S.Infantry, 28th Division.

Reference: 293.8 (COSTIGAN, JAMES T. )Enl.

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Dear General.

In futher reference to removal of the body of my son mentioned above, I would prefer, if not too late that the body remain in France at whatever location the U.S.Government decides to finally inter said body, provided that I would be eventually informed as to the exact location of his final resting place.

The desire to have the body remain abroad, is contrary to my decision contained in a letter mailed to you about a year ago, and if it so happens that his body has been disturbed (exhumed) in making ready for shipment to the United States, or is on it's way, I would then ask that it be permitted to be shipped home as was decided (deliver to 3861 Coral St Phila. Pa ).

Thanking you for your prompt favors of the past, and wishing to get an early reply to this note, I remain,

Respectfully yours,  
(Father)

Army Serial No. 1235299.

W.R.I. Certificate No. 774811.

Allottment No. C-34732.

3861 CORAL STREET.  
PHILA. PENNA.

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P. J. G. 201

*Costigan James T.*

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CENTRAL RECORDS OFFICE  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT  
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
A.P.O.#902. FRANCE



December 13, 1918.

201.1 (K. of C.)

From: Central Records Office, A.G.D., A.E.F.  
To: Commanding Officer, Graves Registration  
Service, A.P.O.#717.  
Subject: Private James T. Costigan.

It is requested that you advise Mr C.P. Shea,  
Inquiry Department, Knights of Columbus, 16 Place de la  
Madeleine, Paris, the location of grave of Private James  
T. Costigan, Company B, 109th Infantry, who died of wounds  
received in action July 27, 1918.



EARLE BOOTHE.  
Adjutant General.

By: *CA Ben*  
Captain, A.G.D., U.S.A.

*K.*  
JMT/ds.