

gc *Soldier's Log, Edwin*
 1. NAME *COUGHLIN, Edward A* DATE *Dec 30th, 1921.*
 SERIAL No. *1738895*
 RANK *Pvt.* ORGANIZATION *Co.L., 309th Inf.*
 & DIVISION *78*

GRAVE LOCATION *Meuse-Arg. Amer. Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse) 1232. Sec. 28*
 CTY. NAME NUMBER
 197 Sec. 28 4
 GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION *31 #2 of sketch #27 - 2k. N. of St. Juvin Ardennes*
 GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES *287.2N 295.7E Verdun 35 NW 10 yds. S.E. of crossroads*

CONCENTRATED TO *4/17/19 197 Sec. 28 4*
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT
 Meuse Argonne 1232
 CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on body *DATE OF DEATH 0216, 1918*
 STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME *NY*
 MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED *none*

Data from Form 1

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS
 Robert O. Davis, Major General, The Adjutant General, By *RVD* *ejr/tm*
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR *Wm M. Cline* **Wm M. CLINE**
Captain Q.M.C.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION *Dec 30th, 1921. 12 Block D. 18*
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

AUDITED BY *Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty # 1232. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon Meuse*
 CEMETERY
N.W. 3-27-23.
 MAY 15 1926

WORKS WAR DIV.
MAR 28 1922
A.G.O.
REGISTRY
JUL 1922

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 16, 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.



Now ref Kia 10/16/18 sub for 35 ee 348

12/13/18

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Coughlin **1 738 885** **Edw. A.**
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Private **Co. L. 309th Inf.**
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH:

CAUSE OF DEATH:

DATE OF BURIAL: **Nov. 6 1918**

PLACE OF DEATH: **87.4 - 96.3**

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

Buzancy Map No. 79

GRAVE NUMBER:

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? **yes** Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? **yes**

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

Chaplain Friedman, 77th Division

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

Co L 309th Inf.

COUGHLIN Edward A Pvt 1738895

28

Missing October 16th

Buried by Chaplain Friedman, Nov. 6th 1918
Bureau 87-4 96-3

No Informant
No searcher
No date

c/
Enquirer: Vera F. Coughlin 261 Forest St , Jersey City N.J.

Индустриал: Лена В. Конвертин Сер Вольер Ст 'Ленася Олга И. 1.

6/

no date
no research
no information

Вольер Олга И. 1-2
Вольер Ст Конвертин Сер Вольер: пол. Олга И. 1-2

Co. L. 508 Inf.

Индустриал Олга И. 1-2

COUGHLIN Edward A Pvt. 1738095

Co. L. 508 Inf.

COUGHLIN Edward A. Pvt. 1738095

78

Missing October 15th, 1918

Sub, Par. 35. C.C. 359, now reported Killed in action 18/ 6 X /18.
Buried 11/6-18. Cem; 6/6, Champigneulle, Am. Cem. Ardennes.

(Father) John J. Coughlin, 261 Forest Street, Jersey City,
New Jersey.

Informant: Central Rec. Office
M. J. Estill, Searcher
Bourges,
Mar. 22, 1919

Inquirer:

Miss Vera F. Coughlin, 261 Forest St.
Jersey City, N.J.

D.P.

D-5

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Co L 309 Inf.

78

COUGHLIN Edward A Pvt 1738895

Missing in action Oct. 16-1918

Missing Oct. 16th to killed 16th Oct.

Informant: R R Leaycraft 78 Div.
Dec. 27-1918

F/N.

R R Leaycraft Searcher.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Coughlin, Edwin A. 1232 F

July 8, 1930.

Mr. John J. Coughlin, Sr.,
261 Forrest St.,
Jersey City, N. J.

Dear Sir:

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

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

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

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

If so, give her name and address:

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

If so, give her name and address:

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:
Envelope
Act
Amendment

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Coughlin, Edwin A.
1232.

Sept. 6, 1929

Mr. John J. Coughlin,
261 Forest St.,
Jersey City, N. J.

Dear Sir:

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

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Coughlin, Edwin A.

June 29, 1929.

Mr. John J. Coughlin,
261 Forest St.,
Jersey City, N.J.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Pvt. Edwin A. Coughlin, Co. L, 309th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother or widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish the full names and addresses of the mother and widow in order that action may be taken to extend invitations to them to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

In reply refer to:
293 C-R

June 28, 1923.

Mr. John J. Coughlin,
261 Forest St.,
Jersey City, N.J.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that
Private Edwin A. Coughlin, Company I, 309th
the permanent grave of
Infantry, is Grave 12, Row 18, Block D, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery,
Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries
to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be
marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with
name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State
from which he came. The headstones will be placed at all graves in
connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as
possible, and without waiting for special action or request on the
part of relatives.

In effecting removal, the utmost care and reverence were
exercised and more than willingly accorded by those performing this
sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually main-
tained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting
place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

H. J. Ganner,
Assistant.

RD
L

23/236/ARK

CONCENTRATION

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

Place ROMAGNE 1232.
Date Dec. 30 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF COUGHLIN, Edward A. SERIAL NUMBER 1738895
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. L. 309th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Dec. 30 1921 From (give complete location):
Gr 197, sec 28, plot 4, cem 1232.
By: Group 1 Unit Section 1

3. Reburied (date): Dec. 30th, 1921. Grave 12, Row 18, Block D, Cemetery 1232.
In (give complete location):
Unlined Gasket,
By: Group Reburial S Unit Nature of reburial

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
Decomposed, unrecognizable.
Uniform, burlap and box.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? No

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:
Body tag inscribed, " Edwin -----Hlin, 1738885"

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

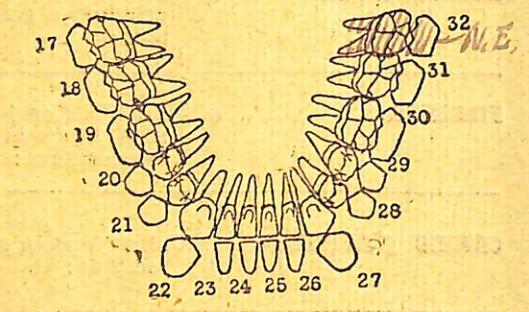
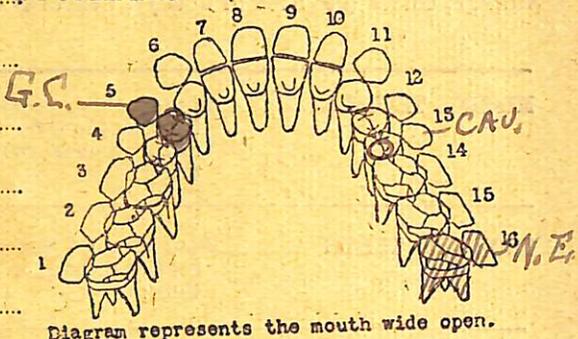
Location do

Quantity do

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) do

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

Hole above right eye.



7. Disinterment supervised by H.H. Foster

Approved: H.S. Harpole
(Title) 1st Lieut. G.M.C.

8. Reburial supervised by A.U. Dufault
JEL

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

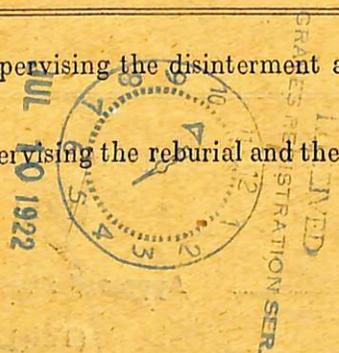
INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPER COMPLETION OF G. R. S. FORM NO. 16-A

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 Question 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".
 (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 TEETHAll teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :	
CROWNED TEETHBlock in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :	
BRIDGE WORKBlock in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :	
FILLINGSDraw 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 Dec 30 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

⁸⁰ DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name COUGHLIN, Edward A.

10. Name Edwin ----Hlin

2. No. 1738895

11. No. 1738895

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank _____

4. Org. Co. L., 309th Inf.

13. Org. _____

5. D.D. Oct. 16th. -18

14. (a) D.D. _____

6. C.D. KIA

(b) D.B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 197 Sec. 28

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____

8. Plot 4 Row _____

16. Plot _____ Row _____

9. _____

17. None

18. Cemetery Meuse-Arg.Amer.

19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Montfaucon

20. Dept. or County Meuse

21. Country France.

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232, Sec. 28.

23. Disinterred (Date) Dec 30 1921

By H H Foster.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Edward A Coughlin

Serial No. 1738895

Rank Pvt.

Organization Co L 309th Inf

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

John H Crawford
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

John H Crawford

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).

None

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable

28. Nature of burial Uniform, burlap and box

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? See items 10 and 11

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Dec 30 1921 By H H Foster.

31. Casket sealed by H H Foster.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

H H Foster

H H Foster.

RECEIVED BY

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.)



32. Designation of body:

Name Edward A. COUGHLIN

Serial No. 1738895

Rank Pvt.

Organization Co. B, 309th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

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

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Dec 30 1921 By H H Foster.

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

H S Harpole

H S Harpole 1st Lt. QMC

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Dec 30 1921 cc

To point of Concentration Morgue Romagne

(Name)

Convoyer W J Royed

Signature Shipping Officer

F Oberhelzer
F Oberhelzer, Capt. QMC

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery

(Name)

Convoyer

Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred. Meuse Argonne Cemetery 1232, Dec. 30th, 1921.
(Date)

42. Grave No. 12 Section

43. Plot. Block. D Row 18

G.R.S. Representative

James W. Younger

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

JEL

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #77558

(a) Name *(47671)* COUGHLIN, Edward A. Ser. No. 1738895
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co.L, 309th Infantry
(c) Date of death 10/16/18 (d) Cause of death K/A

CRK. 13. J
TYP. DMA
CKR. 13. J

*Returned
for Concentration
Museum - Argonne / 232
att 4/11/22*

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

(a) Grave No. 197 Row - Plot 4 Sec. 28 TYP. DMA
(b) Emerg. Address Mr. John J. Coughlin (father) 261 Forest St., Jersey City, N. J.

III. Files of soldiers/dying from contagious diseases/ CKR. 13. J.

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt _____

(a) Name *John J. Coughlin Sr.* (b) Relationship *Father*
(c) Address *261 Forest St., Jersey City, N.J.*
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? *no*
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at _____

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

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

Examiner's Initials *GOR* Date *4-11-*, 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 *GOR* Date *4-11-*, 1920

VI. G. R. S. FILES, CORRESPONDENCE—shows as follows: *Vera F. Coughlin,*

sister, 261 Forrest St., Jersey City, N.J. 2-17-19,
Requests grave location & details of death.

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? *yes*

Examiner's Initials *GOR* Date *4-11-*, 1920

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232-sec.28 SHEET No. 44

ACP 5-27-21

*checked
4-26-21
E.M.*

Location Index

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

Rice - 4-11-21

A.G.O. Card & Corr.

Discrepancies

Name ✓

Rank

Serial NO. ✓

Org.

Remarks

G. R. S. Corr.

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

Checkers

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial no.

Org.

Remarks

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*8W sent in
4-11-21
checked
4/11/21
at*

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

Form 115
Att 4/11/22

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name COUGHLIN, Edward A. Ser. No. 1738895 File # 77558
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. L, 309th Infantry TYP. DMA
 (c) Date of death 10/16/18 (d) Cause of death K/A B. J.

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

(a) Grave No. 197 Row - Plot 4 Sec. 28 TYP. DMA
 (b) Emerg. Address Mr. John J. Coughlin (father) 261 Forest St., Jersey City, N. J.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases CR. B. J.

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

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
Coughlin, Edwin A. letter of transmittal on MAY 20 1921, 192
Sec. 28 **PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED** (H.A.S.)

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

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

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

COUNTRY _____ CEMETERY No. _____ SHEET No. _____

ACP 5-27-21.

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

FILE NUMBER

77558

FROM:- A. R. E.

DATE:

3/10/19

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME COUGHLIN

NUMBER

RANK

ORGANIZATION

Co., 309th INF.

NO	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	Edward H. PVT, yes
2.	Date of Death.	2-10-16-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	3-14-17
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	4359.
5.	Date buried.	5-11-6-18
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.	① City of Luneville CHAMIGNEULLE.
7.	Who reported burial?	ARTIENNES.
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.?	Yes
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	Yes
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	Yes
11.	Who is nearest relative?	Yes
12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	Yes
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	Dawsonbury and attached to grave marker
14.	What is the Photograph No?	① No of Coughlin (E)

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

261 Forest St
Jersey City N.J.
② 2-28-19.

March 7, 1922.

. 293.8 C-R #77558 (Goughlin, Edwin A., Pvt.) Cty. 1232-Sec. 28-3ht. 44

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

Mr. James F. McGann, National Disabled Soldiers League, 1714
Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Case of Private Edwin A. Goughlin.

1. In reply to your letter of February 24, 1922, written in behalf of the relatives of the late Private Edwin A. Goughlin, Company L, 309th Infantry, and addressed to the Adjutant General's Office, you are advised that the records of this office show that the remains of this soldier are now interred in Grave #197, Section #28, Plot #4, American Cemetery of the Meuse-Argonne, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse. This is a permanent American cemetery and the grave will be marked by an appropriate headstone and will be perpetually cared for in a manner befitting the late soldier's supreme sacrifice.
2. There is enclosed herewith a photograph of the grave of Private Goughlin, as requested.
3. The application blanks for headstones, requested by you, have been forwarded under separate cover.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

1 encl.

CHARLES J. WYNNÉ,
Captain, Q. M. G.

CS
HCH

Unnecessary to note on 4-115.

1,738,895 ✓
~~1,738,885~~

Coughlin, Edwin Andrew

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt.

Co L, 309th Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Father

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

no
(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:

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

John J. Coughlin Sr

261 Forest St

Jersey City

New Jersey

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

F.M.

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March 7, 1922.

293.8 C-R #77558 (Coughlin, Edwin A., Pvt.) Cty. 1232-Sec. 28-Sht. 44

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

Mr. James F. McCann, National Disabled Soldiers League, 1714
Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Case of Private Edwin A. Coughlin.

3-7-22-axb
File

1. In reply to your letter of February 24, 1922, written in behalf of the relatives of the late Private Edwin A. Coughlin, Company L, 309th Infantry, and addressed to the Adjutant General's Office, you are advised that the records of this office show that the remains of this soldier are now interred in Grave #197, Section #28, Plot #4, American Cemetery of the Meuse-Argonne, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse. This is a permanent American cemetery and the grave will be marked by an appropriate headstone and will be perpetually cared for in a manner befitting the late soldier's supreme sacrifice.

2. There is enclosed herewith a photograph of the grave of Private Coughlin, as requested.

3. The application blanks for headstones, requested by you, have been forwarded under separate cover.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

1 encl.

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

MAILED
MAR 8 - 1922
CEMETERIAL DIV.
O. Q. M. G.

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"A nation which forgets its disabled soldiers shall perish from the earth."

NATIONAL DISABLED SOLDIERS LEAGUE

Incorporated State of New York

JOHN T. NOLAN
National Commander

EUGENE L. MCGILL
1st National Vice Commander

THOMAS V. FIELDS
2nd National Vice Commander

R. R. DAVIS
3rd National Vice Commander

CHARLES B. BRYAN
National Claims Chairman

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

1714 Pennsylvania Avenue N. W.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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4th National Vice Commander

H. CHARLES BARNES
5th National Vice Commander

SAMUEL J. REED
National Adjutant

JAMES F. McCANN
National Treasurer

February 24, 1922.

Graves Registration Bureau,
Adjutant General's Office,
War Department,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Edwin Andrew Coughlin, Co.L, 309th Inf., 78th Div., A.E.F.

We have been requested by the family of the above deceased man to communicate with you relative to securing a photograph of the grave where this man is buried, and any such information you may have as to the location of grave, etc. Would also appreciate if you would send us some blank forms for headstones for soldiers' bodies being returned.

Thanking you for your attention in this matter, I remain

Very truly yours,

James F. McCann
James F. McCann
National Treasurer.

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NATIONAL DISCHARGED SOLDIERS LEAGUE

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HW 1-207

War Department, A. G. O., February 28, 1922. To the Quartermaster
General of the Army.

Recorded, Comptroller Div. A. G. O. M. G.
File # 1293.8. 77558

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CEMETERIAL DIVISION
REGISTRATION BRANCH
Inquiry & Correspondence Section
Registration Section
Overseas Project Section

Date

TO: INC. & COR.
CAPTAIN WYNNE

MR. HUGHITT
MR. MAHAR
MISS BOLAND
MR. SCOTT
MISS MCMILLEN
MRS. RUTH
MISS MINOCUE
MR. RAGAN
WAR PLANS
REVISION ARMY REGULATIONS
TRAINING ACTIVITIES

THRU
MISS GORDON

CONGRESSIONAL & SPECIAL REPLY
GENERAL REPLY

INVESTIGATION & ADJUSTMENT
AUDIT
CARDS

COMPILATION OF DATA
STATISTICS

Action
Adjustment
Approval
Copies
Correction
Draft of letter
Investigation & Report
Note (need not return)
Papers in Case
Personal Conference
Remarks
Reply
Returned
Signature

Preparation of Reply for Signature of
Secretary of War
Quartermaster General
Colonel Penrose
Lt. Col. Davis, O.R.C.
Captain Wynne
Captain Conner

Return to _____

(see other side)

From Film Dept

NS/4/LML

Photo record
showed sent
address John J
Coughlin, 261
Trent St
Jersey City
N.J.
not ret'd unclaimed

Office Quartermaster General

Cemeterial Division

March 4 ² 1921

Memo For: Capt. Corner.

Referring to telephone conversation with Capt. Wynne this date, the attached letter is filed for information in reference to application blanks for headstones -

Eng. & Cor. Sec.
H.C.H. ✓

Blanks mailed

March 6/22

H.C.H.

4/11/01
(Date)

FORM 115 has been compiled on the following case:-

CEMETERY NO. 1232 SECTION 2F

FORM 115 Sheet No. 44

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(Initials)

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Form No. 1011.

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FILE

CEMETERY DIVISION
REGISTRATION SECTION

September 6, 1921

MEMO FOR:

Cards Department.

1.

CASE OF:

Company "L" 309th Infantry

ORGANIZATION (old)

COUGHLIN # 1738895 Edward A. Private

(Name)

FILE

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

ORGANIZATION (New)

FILE NO.

SURNAME

SERIAL NUMBER 1738885

FIRST NAME AND INITIALS Edwin A.

RANK

DATE OF DEATH

CAUSE OF DEATH

	Date	Place	F-1A No.
Orig.			D-
1st Reb.			D-
2nd Reb.			D-
3rd Reb.			D-

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

BY: D. T. Dodson,

Adjustment Section.

(Department)

5 x 8 card was sent to file.

Corrections made
on Organization
File Card:

By W/B

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

PLEASE
EXPEDITE

Adjustment Made

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

File No. 77558 Requisition
File No.

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

- a. Surname **COUGHLIN,**
- b. Christian name **Edward A.**
or **(Edwin Andrew)** *Edwin A*
- c. Serial Number **1738895**
or **(1738885)**
- d. Organization **Co. L, 309th Inf.** *OK*
- e. Rank **Pvt.** *OK*
- f. Date of death **10-16-18** *OK*
- g. Cause of death **K/A** *OK*
- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- i. Emergency address
- j. Relationship **Father**
John J. Coughlin
261 Forrest St., Jersey City, N.J.

FILE

NOTED FORM 115
DATE 4-26-21 *G.M.*

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

- a. Age of 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)
- 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

Donnelly 19. 71.
C.P. & April 19/21
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H. L. ROGERS,
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.

BY: *H. J. Conner*

H. J. CONNER,
1st. Lieut. Q.M.G.

CEMETERY NO: 1232-Sec. 28

SHEET NO: 44

TYPED BY: VH.

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Adjustment Made

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- f. Date of death **10-16-18** *OK*
- g. Cause of death **K/A** *OK*
- h. Authority (G.O.#)

- ~~i. Emergency address~~
- ~~j. Relationship~~ *Father*
John J. Coughlin
261 Forrest St, Jersey City, N.J.

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

- a. Age of enlistment
- b. Color of eyes
- c. Color of hair
- d. Height
- e. Weight

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

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NOTED FORM 115
DATE 4-26-21
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WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

Assignment Made

Date 4-18-18

Information furnished by A.S.G.

Registration

From The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army, (Comptrol Division)
The Adjutant General of the Army, 5th & B Sts., Washington, D.C.

Subject: Information required for A.S.G.

It is requested that the items checked below be furnished
certificates of all information shown

Date of birth 10-16-18

Place of birth Y/A

Authority (A.S.G.)

Emergency address

Registration

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

(Quartermaster's report of

examination prior to assignment)

Write out full name

Color of eyes

Color of hair

Height

Weight

Service number

Christian name Edward A.

or (last name)

Serial number 1738888

or (1738888)

Organization Co. 1, 30th Inf.

Rank Pvt.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

(Quartermaster's report of

examination prior to assignment)

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W. L. ROGERS

Quartermaster General

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W. L. ROGERS

Quartermaster General

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Co. M. 309th Inf. U.S.A.
A.P.O. 755 Am. E. F.

Feb. 22, 1919

My dear Miss. Coughlin -

It has been nearly a month since I received your letter so must explain the delay in replying. It has taken time to hunt up what little I can tell you of your business and I wanted to be sure before writing. I am sorry to have to tell you that the last report you received was correct.

After I returned from the hospital late in December I was sent to Co. M instead of Co. L and so lost touch in a way with the old company. But after getting your letter I tried to find someone who was with him at the last but failed to do so.

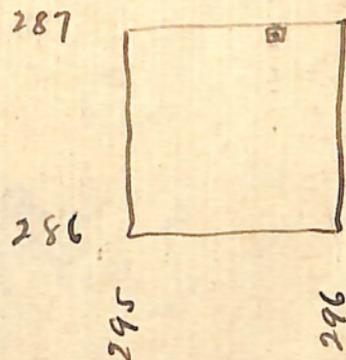
Oct. 16 was a bad day for the battalions. The boys who were with him are either also dead or else went home from the hospital. Unfortunately I cannot give you any such names or addresses.

The last time I saw him was shortly after we went over the top at six o'clock in the morning of Oct. 16th. We had relieved the 77th Div. the night before. This was at St. Juvin a small village about two or three miles east of Grand Pré on the river Aise in the Argonne.

Our advance was in the direction of a little village called Champigneulle to the north. I was unfortunate enough to be wounded very early so cannot tell much of what happened later in the day. From the position of his grave I should judge that your brother was killed in the afternoon's advance.

From the grave registration division

I learned the location of his grave. It is Buzancy $\frac{1}{20000}$
N.S. 286.95 E.W. 295.70 - Buzancy is the name of that
sheet of the map - being the largest town. $\frac{1}{20000}$ is the scale. The
other numbers refer to the fraction of the squares into which
the map is divided



Having an old map we at the time and plotted; the
reference I find that he was buried a short distance between a $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$

half a mile to the south west of Champagnelles.

Your brother was an automatic
rifleman. These men were picked men
as being above the average.

Should I be fortunate enough to
learn more, ^{later} I shall be glad to let
you know.

Yours sincerely

Warren H. Evans.

1st Lt. 309th Inf.

W.N. Smeen
59th Inf.



Miss. Vera F. Coughlin

261 Forrest Street

Jersey City N.J.

U.S.A.



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AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY

Reference-77558.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F. April 21st 1919.
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.
TO : V.F. Coughlin, 26 1/2 Forrest St., Jersey City N.J.
SUBJECT : Pvt. Edward A. Coughlin, Co., E. 309th Infantry,
American E.F.

1 In reply to your letter of inquiry, with reference to the re-
gretted death of this soldier, according to the records at these headquarters
he is buried in Grave No. 31, American Battle Area Cemetery, Commune
of CHAMPIGNEULLE, Department of ARDENNES.

2. I am today requesting the Chaplain of your brother's
organization to communicate with you, giving, if possible full
particulars of death.

By direction

(Enclosures G.R.S.:)
(10-B, 6, .004.5)

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

Per MAURICE B. DIX,
Captain, American Red Cross
Representative assigned to
Graves Registration Service.

MBD-cb



261 Forrest St.
Jersey City, N. J.
Headquarters American
Slave Registration Service,
Tours, France.

Dear Sir:

My brother, according
to a telegram received
from the government,
was killed in action,
Oct. 16, 1918. He was a
member of Co. L, 309th
Infantry.

We have had no
definite news about
him besides that. Could
you give me any?

The location of his grave
or anything about how
he died would be greatly
appreciated.

Sincerely yours,
Vera G. Coughlin.

Feb. 17, 1919.



2 SOLDIERS No 1738885

3 ~~Couch~~ EDWIN A. 558
SURNAME FIRST NAME

4 RANK UNKNOWN
COMPANY REG'T OR CORPS

5 UNKNOWN IN ACTION
DATE OF DEATH CAUSE

6 UNKNOWN BATTLE FRONT No 3
DATE OF BURIAL CEMETERY

7 NEAR ST JUVIN ARDENNES
TOWN OR COMMUNE DEPARTMENT

8 31 SKETCH No 21
GRAVE No PLOT No OR LETTER

9 NAME PEG CROSS HEADWARD BOTTLE

10 BURIED WITH BODY ATTACHED TO MARKER

11 IF NAME UNKNOWN TAGS MISSING GIVE MARKERS
DESCRIPTION

12 VERDUN N.W. 35
MAP REFERENCE 287-2-N 295-7E

13 GIVEN NAME OF CHAPLAIN

SIGNE Hermann Mecher O.M. Sgt Sr Gr.

GROUP No. 4 UNIT 305 G.R.S.
R.B. No 110

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Coughlin **1 738 885** **Edw. A.**
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Private **Co. L, 309th Inf.**
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH:

CAUSE OF DEATH:

DATE OF BURIAL: **Nov. 6 1918**

PLACE OF BURIAL: **87.4 - 96.3**

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

Buzancy Map No. 79

GRAVE NUMBER:

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? **yes** Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? **yes**

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE: **Champion neutral (admitted)**

ADDRESS: **412 SUT 35 NW 100 87.4**
151 296.3

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

Chaplain Friedman, 77th Division
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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



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Communal List No. 412-700
Daily Report No. _____

Place NEUFCHATEAU

Date 9th, May 1919.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

77558

Remains of:

Name: ^{Edward} COUGHLIN, Edwin A.
(Coughlin)

Number: 1738895⁹

Rank: Unkn

Organization: Unkn

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group _____ Unit _____

Disinterred (Date) _____ From: (Give complete location) _____

17th, April 1919. Grave #31 B/A Cemetery

CHAMPIGNEULLE, ARDENNES.

35 NW 295.7 E 287.2 N

Reburied (Date) _____ in: (Give complete location) _____

17th, April 1919. Grave #197 Sec. #28 Plot #4.

ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY No. 1232.

ROMAGNE, MEUSE. 35 NE 308.16 E 284.87 N.

1232

Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
Burial good. Buried in uniform; body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes

What other means of identification were found on the body? None

CONFIRMED No. D.....

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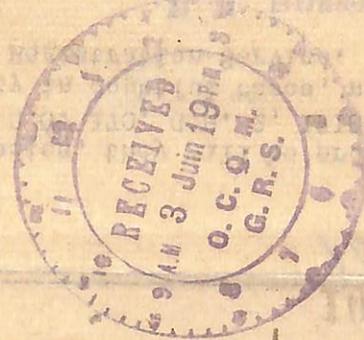
If upon disinterment, effects are found upon bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct as is required by G.O. 170, G.H. 2, 1918., after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Lt. Armitage

R. H. ROSENTHAL

2nd Lieut. O.M.C.U.S.A

C.O. Group _____ Unit _____



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THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	<i>Coughlin</i>	3	<i>3512</i>
	<i>Edwin A.</i>		
BURIED	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
	GRAVE <i>12</i>	2	<i>12</i>
	ROW <i>18</i>	2	<i>18</i>
	BLOCK <i>10</i>	1	<i>4</i>
STATE	<i>N. J.</i>	2	<i>35</i>
RANK	<i>Plt.</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>78</i>	2	<i>78</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>309</i>	3	<i>309</i>
ARM	<i>Inf.</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARITAL	<i>No</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME	<i>Coughlin</i>	3	
	<i>John J. Sr.</i>		
	<i>261 Forest St.</i>		
RESIDENCE			
	<i>Jersey City, N. J.</i>		
RELATION	<i>(no loc or S.M.)</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER	<i>Mother</i>	1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Dead</i>	1	<i>6</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

Father

Audited
APR 21 1982
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Em ACCEPTANCE
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Coughlin, Edwin A. 1232 F

July 8, 1930.

Mr. John J. Coughlin, Sr.,
261 Forrest St.,
Jersey City, N. J.

Dear Sir:

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

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

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

No

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

If so, give her name and address:

No

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

If so, give her name and address:

No

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:
Envelope
Act
Amendment



(7) John J. Coughlin

261 Forrest St
Jersey City, N.J.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

DATE January 17, 1930

NAME	RANK	SERIAL	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
Coughlin, Edwin A	Pvt.	1738885	Co. L., 309th Inf.	Oct. 16, 1918

STATE	CTY. NO.	GRAVE	ROW	BLOCK	D
New Jersey	1232	12	18		D

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

Veterans Bureau Claim Number
29/156/

C-142072

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Coughlin, Edwin A.

June 29, 1929.

Mr. John J. Coughlin,
261 Forest St.,
Jersey City, N.J.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Pvt. Edwin A. Coughlin, Co. L, 309th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother or widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish the full names and addresses of the mother and widow in order that action may be taken to extend invitations to them to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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