

HEADQUARTERS XX CORPS  
APO 340 U. S. ARMY.

VRJ/jft

16 September 1944

SUBJECT: Personal Effects of Deceased Officers.

TO : Commanding General, ETO U S Army, Attn: Effects QM, APO 507, U. S. Army.

On or about 12 July 1944, footlockers belonging to officers named below, now deceased, were sent to your headquarters for storage. It is requested that these effects be returned to next of kin listed opposite officers names:

COL WELBORN B. GRIFFITH 016194 - Mrs Nell H. Griffith, 95 86th St,  
Brooklyn, New York

MAJ ALFRED J. SCOTT III 0358215 - Mrs Ann Scott, 2310 Cimarron St,  
Los Angeles, California

MAJ TERRY F. OVERTON 0406244 - Mrs. Jeanne K. Overton, 507 Parsons St,  
Easton, Pennsylvania

For the Commanding General:

*Vern R. James*  
VERN R. JAMES,  
Major, A.G.D.,  
Asst Adj General.

1st Ind.

HGL/emb

Effects QM UK, Depot G-14, APO 507. U.S.Army.

September 23, 1944.

TO : Effects Quartermaster, 601, Hardesty Avenue, Kansas City, Mo.

1. Effects of subject officers are in storage at this Depot. To date Col Welborn B. Griffith has not been reported on a Casualty Report and his effects will be held in storage here until this report is received. Major Alfred J. Scott III was reported on Casualty Report dated August 31, 1944 as Missing in Action on August 16, 1944 and his effects will be held at this Depot for three months, before forwarding to your Depot, in the absence of a report changing his status. Major Terry F. Overton was reported Deceased on Casualty Report dated August 17, 1944 and his effects will be shipped to your Depot by first available transportation.

2. The next of kin shewn above has been marked on the footlockers and it is requested that the names and address be kept on a suspense file at your office in accordance with the wishes of the Commanding General.

*M. Davis*  
Capt QMC  
for HUGH F. DAVIS  
Lt. Col., QMC.,  
Effects QM UK.





Property Col. W. B. Keith

ETUSA APO 507

I CERTIFY THAT THE ITEMS OF GOVERNMENT ISSUE LISTED ON THIS INVENTORY AND INDICATED BY AN ASTERISK (\*) ARE MY PERSONAL PROPERTY AND ARE AUTHORIZED FOR THIS SHIPMENT BY COMPETENT AUTHORITY.

Storage ID 46065

DATE

&

AMOUNT

ITEM

AMOUNT ITEM

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 sweat suit (2 piece) ✓</li> <li>1 pr gloves brown leather ✓</li> <li>* 3 yds barathea cloth ✓</li> <li>1 swim trunks ✓</li> <li>* 1 pr wool mittens ✓</li> <li>* 1 pr wool gloves ✓</li> <li>* 1 pr cutie cloth gloves w/ leather palm ✓</li> <li>* 1 sheep skin winter cap.</li> <li>* 1 pr unionalls - (coveralls) ✓</li> <li>* 1 blouse uniform wool ✓</li> <li>* 1 pr uniform pink trow ✓</li> <li>* 1 short over coat ✓</li> <li>* 1 barracks bag ✓</li> <li>* 1 pr low shoes ✓</li> <li>* 1 pair slippers ✓</li> <li>1 pr folding house slippers in case ✓</li> <li>* 1 towel OD face ✓</li> <li>* 3 pair socks /isle ①</li> <li>* 1 cap field (o'seas) ✓</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 shirts cotton OD ✓</li> <li>2 pr drawers cotton ①</li> <li>14/50 + 1 small articles ✓</li> <li>value 5.00</li> </ul> |
|---|---|

Received above this date:

DATE

NAME

RANK

NAME

RANK

ASN

Wm. B. Keith

Col

#0-10058



U. S. GOVERNMENT BILL OF LADING  
MEMORANDUM

NO. WW-8228411

| CAR INITIALS AND NO.  |   |  |   |   |                         |           |                 |         |           |         |   |        |    |  |             |  |  |
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| NAME OF INITIAL TRANSPORTATION COMPANY  |   | TRAFFIC CONTROL NOS.   |   |   |                         |           |                 |         |           |         |   |        |    |  |             |  |  |
| UNIVERSAL CARLOADING & DISTRIBUTING CO., INC.   |   |  |   |   |                         |           |                 |         |           |         |   |        |    |  |             |  |  |
| STOP THIS CAR AT  | FOR   | <table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td>†SIZE CAR IN FT. &amp; INS.</td> <td>†MARKED CAPACITY OF CAR</td> <td>†DATE CAR</td> <td>DATE B/L ISSUED</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ORDERED</td> <td>FURNISHED</td> <td>ORDERED</td> <td>FURNISHED</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>10 MAY 1945</td> </tr> </table> |   | †SIZE CAR IN FT. & INS.                   | †MARKED CAPACITY OF CAR | †DATE CAR | DATE B/L ISSUED | ORDERED | FURNISHED | ORDERED | FURNISHED   |        |    |  | 10 MAY 1945 |  |  |
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| <p>RECEIVED BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMPANY NAMED ABOVE, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS NAMED ON THE REVERSE HEREOF, THE PUBLIC PROPERTY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED, IN APPARENT GOOD ORDER AND CONDITION (CONTENTS AND VALUE UNKNOWN), TO BE FORWARDED TO DESTINATION BY THE SAID COMPANY AND CONNECTING LINES, THERE TO BE DELIVERED IN LIKE GOOD ORDER AND CONDITION TO SAID CONSIGNEE.</p>  |   | FROM (SHIPPING POINT) KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  |   |   |                         |           |                 |         |           |         |   |        |    |  |             |  |  |
|   |   | FROM (FULL NAME OF SHIPPER) ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU, KANSAS CITY QM DEPOT.   |   |   |                         |           |                 |         |           |         |   |        |    |  |             |  |  |
|   |   | MARKS  |   |   |                         |           |                 |         |           |         |   |        |    |  |             |  |  |
| CONSIGNEE   |   | <p>CHARGES TO BE BILLED TO (DEPARTMENT OR ESTABLISHMENT AND BUREAU OR SERVICE AND LOCATION)<br/>Finance Officer, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C.</p>   |   |   |                         |           |                 |         |           |         |   |        |    |  |             |  |  |
| MRS. NELL H. GRIFFITH<br>c/o MR. C. S. HUMPHREY<br>95-86TH STREET   |   | <p>APPROPRIATION CHARGEABLE<br/>509-910 P 470-03 A 2152409</p>   |   |   |                         |           |                 |         |           |         |   |        |    |  |             |  |  |
| DESTINATION   |   | ISSUING OFFICE   |   |   |                         |           |                 |         |           |         |   |        |    |  |             |  |  |
| BROOKLYN, NEW YORK  |   | KANSAS CITY QM DEPOT, K.C., MO.  |   |   |                         |           |                 |         |           |         |   |        |    |  |             |  |  |
| VIA (ROUTE JOURNEY ONLY WHEN SOME SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST OF THE GOVERNMENT IS SUBSERVED THEREBY)  |   | NAME AND TITLE OF ISSUING OFFICER  |   |   |                         |           |                 |         |           |         |   |        |    |  |             |  |  |
| UNIVERSAL CARRIER'S DELIVERY SERVICE REQUESTED  |   | G.E. JOHNSTON, CAPT., T.C. <span style="float:right">Transportation Officer</span>   |   |   |                         |           |                 |         |           |         |   |        |    |  |             |  |  |
| <p>PICK-UP SERVICE AT ORIGIN <u>WAS NOT</u> BY THE GOVERNMENT OR ITS AGENT<br/>(Insert "WAS" or "WAS NOT")</p> <p>INITIALS OF SHIPPER'S AUTHORIZED AGENT OR EMPLOYEE</p>  |   | <p>† FURNISH THIS INFORMATION IN CASE OF CARLOAD SHIPMENTS ONLY.<br/>*SHOW ALSO CUBIC MEASUREMENTS FOR SHIPMENTS VIA OCEAN CARRIER IN CASES WHERE REQUIRED.</p>  |   |   |                         |           |                 |         |           |         |   |        |    |  |             |  |  |
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| <p>F. O. B. POINT NAMED IN CONTRACT</p> <p>SIGNATURE OF ISSUING OFFICER M.F. CISTON, CWO, U.S.A.A.T.O.</p>  |   | <p>DATE OF RECEIPT OF SHIPMENT</p>   |   | <p>SIGNATURE OF AGENT _____ PER _____</p> |                         |           |                 |         |           |         |   |        |    |  |             |  |  |

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| SHEET <u>1</u> OF <u>4</u> SHEETS     | ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU INVENTORY   |                            | DECEASED       |
| BOX NUMBER                            | ORIGINAL NUMBER OF PACKAGES     |                            | MISSING        |
| TALLY NUMBER <u>6712</u>              | INVENTORY DATE <u>22-Feb-45</u> | CASE NUMBER <u>122,526</u> | P O W <u>?</u> |
| EFFECTS OF <u>Welborn B. Griffith</u> | RANK <u>col.</u>                |                            | ABANDONED      |
| A.S.N. <u>016194</u>                  | ORGANIZATION                    |                            |                |

| CLOTHING                        |                                     | PERSONAL ITEMS                    |                                     | CONTAINERS                            |                                     |
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| <u>1</u> BELT                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <u>1</u> BRACELET, IDENTIFICATION | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <u>1</u> BAGS, CLOTH                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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| <u>3</u> GLOVES, PR. 1w/liners  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <u>1</u> LIGHTERS                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <u>1</u> KIT, SEWING                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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| <u>2</u> HEADWEAR               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <u>1</u> MISC. ITEMS              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <u>1</u> KIT, WRITING                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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| <u>3</u> SCARFS                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <u>1</u> PIPES                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <u>1</u> BOOKS, ADDRESS               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <u>3</u> SHIRTS                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <u>1</u> RELIGIOUS ARTICLES       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <u>1</u> BOOKS, NOTE                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <u>3</u> SOCKS, PR.             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <u>1</u> RIBBONS, DECORATION      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <u>1</u> BOOKS, PILOT LOG             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <u>3</u> TIES                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <u>1</u> RINGS                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <u>1</u> DIARY (REMOVED FOR DURATION) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <u>3</u> TOWELS                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <u>1</u> TOBACCO                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <u>1</u> FILMS                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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| <u>3</u> UNDERWEAR              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <u>1</u> WINGS                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <u>1</u> PHOTOS                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

1 Piece of cloth

1 Pr. Coveralls

|                       |              |          |           |
|-----------------------|--------------|----------|-----------|
| REMARKS:              | ATTACHMENTS: | FORM #54 | FORM #100 |
| <u>No Information</u> |              |          |           |

|                                     |             |                    |   |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|---|
| C.A.T. <u>Mrs. Nell H. Griffith</u> |             | <u>HML</u>         |   |
| <u>95 - 86th St.</u>                |             |                    |   |
| <u>Brooklyn, New York</u>           |             |                    |   |
| WAREHOUSE SPACE                     | STORED BY   | WEIGHT             | GI REMOVED  |
| <u>700 X</u>                        | <u>7013</u> | <u>78#</u>         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SHORTAGE ON REVERSE |
| INVENTORIED BY                      |             |                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IDENT. TAGS REMOVED |
| <u>M. Smith</u>                     |             |                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DIARY REMOVED       |
| PACKED BY                           | CHECKED BY  | DATE SHIPPED       | LOCKED STORAGE  |
| <u>Coffman</u>                      | <u>2</u>    | <u>MAY 10 1945</u> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LAUNDRY REMOVED     |
|                                     |             |                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FILM REMOVED        |



NAME

GRIFFITH, WELBORN B COL

BAY

PALLET

BOX

TALLY

55

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6712

TYPE OF PKG.

WHSE. SPACE

INVENTORIED

F.L.



ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

SHIP TO Mrs. Nell H. Griffith  
c/o Mr. C. S. Humphrey  
95-86th Street  
Brooklyn, New York

Effects of:  
Name Colonel Welborn B. Griffith

ASN O-16194

Case No. 122526 D

DATE JRM:MSL:gg  
15 March 1945

Marrell  
FOR: Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

Inclose Bureau Check  
Acct. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount \_\_\_\_\_  
Inclose "Valuables" item \_\_\_\_\_  
Ship "Valuables" item(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Remove G.I. \_\_\_\_\_  
Note discrepancy in \_\_\_\_\_  
Films removed \_\_\_\_\_  
Diary removed \_\_\_\_\_  
Laundry removed \_\_\_\_\_

ROUTING:

Accounting Branch  
X Warehouse Division  
X Files Branch, Adm. Div.

REMARKS:

1700t locker 78th  
Franked \_\_\_\_\_  
Est. Exp. Chgs. \_\_\_\_\_  
Est. Frt. Chgs. \_\_\_\_\_  
No. of packages \_\_\_\_\_

**MAY 10 1945**

**MAR 22 1945**

HML  
Shipping Clerk





ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT  
601 HARDESTY AVENUE  
KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI

122526

JRM:MSL:gc  
March 15, 1945

IN REPLY REFER TO \_\_\_\_\_

Mrs. Nell H. Griffith  
c/o Mr. C. S. Humphrey  
95-86th Street  
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Mrs. Griffith:

The Army Effects Bureau has received from overseas some personal effects of your husband, Colonel Welborn B. Griffith.

These effects are being forwarded to you in one footlocker.

If, by any chance, the property has not reached you at the expiration of thirty days from this date, please notify me and tracer will be instituted.

The action of this Bureau in transmitting personal effects does not, of itself, vest title in the recipient. Such property is forwarded for distribution according to the laws of the state of the officer's legal residence.

I regret the circumstances prompting this letter, and wish to express my sympathy in the loss of your husband.

Yours very truly,

W. F. HEHMAN  
Major Q.M.C.  
Asst. Effects Quartermaster



Summary Court-Martial  
ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT Case No. 122526  
601 Hardesty Avenue  
Kansas City 1, Missouri Date 20 March 1945

SUBJECT: Report of transactions in disposing of the effects of

Welborn B. Griffith, 0-16194 late a  
(Name of deceased) (Army Serial Number)  
Colonel, Infantry who died  
(Grade) (Organization, Army or Service)  
on the 16 day of August, 19 44, at European Area.

TO : The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington 25, D.C.

1. Complying with A.W. 112, a Summary Court-Martial, convened at Kansas City, Mo., pursuant to S.O., 228, Hq., KCQM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, for the purpose of disposing of the effects of the above-named soldier, or person subject to military law, reports that:

a. No legal representative or widow of decedent being present at decedents camp or quarters, effects of decedent were forwarded to this Summary Court-Martial.

b. Local debtors owed decedent's estate \$ none, of which the sum of \$ none was collected. (If nothing was found due or collected, state "None"; otherwise attach itemized statement of sums owing and collected.) (Incl. \_\_\_\_\_.)

c. Decedent owed undisputed local creditors the sum of \$ none, which has been paid by the Summary Court-Martial from funds of decedent. (See inclosed receipt \_\_\_\_\_, Incl. \_\_\_\_\_)

d. Disposition of decedent's effects (less money paid creditors, if any) has been made by the Summary Court-Martial by transmittal through the Quartermaster Corps, at Government expense to person found entitled (See Summary Court-Martial FINDING below)

#### FINDING

Before a Summary Court-Martial which convened at Kansas City, Missouri, on 13 March 1945, pursuant to Special Orders 228, Headquarters, KCQM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, the application or affidavit of Mrs. Nell H. Griffith for the effects of the above-named deceased soldier, or person subject to military law, now in the possession of the United States, with other relevant evidence, was duly considered;

Whereupon, this Summary Court-Martial finds that, under the provisions of A.W. 112, Mrs. Nell H. Griffith of c/o Mr. C. S. Humphrey (Name of person found entitled) 95-86th Street, Brooklyn State of New York (Number, Street or Avenue) (City, Town or Village) is the Widow of the (Relationship or Capacity)

above-named decedent and appears to be entitled to receive his or her effects.

(Signature of Summary Court Officer)

JOHN R. MURPHY, Colonel, Q.M.C.

(Name, Rank, Organization)

SUMMARY COURT MARTIAL



95 - 86th Street  
Brooklyn 9, New York  
April 18, 1945.

Army Effects Bureau  
Kansas City Quartermaster Depot  
601 Hardesty Avenue  
Kansas City 1, Missouri

Refer to: 122526

Dear Sirs:

Your letter of 15 March 1945 stated that if I did not receive a footlocker, belonging to my husband and sent from overseas, by the 15 April 1945 to notify you so a tracer could be instituted. I regret to say that the footlocker has not arrived.

The footlocker belonged to my husband, Colonel Welborn B. Griffith, O1C194. I would appreciate your kindness in tracing the footlocker.

Thanking you in advance for your attention.

Very truly yours,

*W. B. Griffith*  
W. B. Griffith  
(Mrs. W. B. Griffith)

*Note: this ltr rec by LTR  
5/14 - Incoming tray - ?*





ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT  
601 HARDESTY AVENUE  
KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI

IN REPLY REFER TO 122526

JRM:WFH:fls  
May 16, 1945

Mrs. Nell H. Griffith  
95-86th Street  
Brooklyn 9, New York

Dear Mrs. Griffith:

Your letter of April 18, reporting non-delivery of the personal effects of your husband, Colonel Welborn B. Griffith, has just come to my attention.

I regret the delay in reply, especially as it develops that the footlocker containing the effects of Colonel Griffith was not actually released for shipment until May 10, via freight.

I hope you will excuse these delays, caused by pressure of work and limited personnel.

As transportation congestion in the East still exists, it may be thirty days or longer before the shipment reaches you. If delay in delivery is prolonged, however, please inform me, so tracer can be instituted.

Sincerely,

W. F. HEHMAN  
Major Q.M.C.  
Asst. Effects Quartermaster



WELBORN B GRIFFITH  
O-16194 T-41-42-13  
NELL H GRIFFITH  
95 86TH ST.  
BROOKLYN, N.Y. 1

US Mil. Cem. St Corneille, France  
19 August 1944  
(Date)

SUBJECT; Inventory of Personal Effects of:

|                 |                |           |             |                |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|----------------|
| <u>Griffith</u> | <u>Welborn</u> | <u>B.</u> | <u>Col.</u> | <u>O-16194</u> |
| (Last Name)     | (First Name)   | (MI)      | (Rank)      | (ASN)          |

TO: Effects Quartermaster, Communication Zone, APO \_\_\_\_\_, U.S. Army.

The above named individual of 20th Corps Gen. Staff  
(Unit)

\_\_\_\_\_ was reported KIA  
(Organization) (Status-Killed, MIA, Hospitalized)  
about Unk 1944.  
(Date)

Designated Beneficiary if information readily accessible \_\_\_\_\_

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

Class 1

Fountain pen (cap missing) ✓  
Eagle ✓  
Collar insignia ✓

NO CURRENCY

*W C Nugent*  
WILLIAM C. NUGENT  
1st Lt. QMC



Money in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ has been turned  
into \_\_\_\_\_ Form WDFD 38 enclosed.  
(Name of Finance Officer and symbol number)

Names and addresses of any Bank in which accounts may be carried:

I certify that the above items constitute all of the effects,  
secured by me, of the above named individual and that they were for-  
warded to the Effects Depot by \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
194\_\_\_\_\_. (Train, Truck, etc.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Rank & ASN \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Any additional pertinent information:



NAME GRIFFITH, WILBOY B COL 6194

| BAY          | PALLET      | BOX         | TALLY |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------|
|              |             | 3           | 7227  |
| TYPE OF PKG. | WHSE. SPACE | INVENTORIED |       |
| GRB          |             |             |       |



**NAME**

**GRIFFITH, WILLIAM B. COL. 6194**

**BAY**

**PALLET**

**BOX**

**TALLY**

**59**

**7402**

**TYPE OF PKG.**

**WHSE. SPACE**

**INVENTORIED**

**FLT. BAG**



PACKAGE DESCRIPTION  
*#1 carton*

ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU INVENTORY  
*122526*

DECEASED ☒  
MISSING ☐  
P.O.W. ☐  
ABANDONED ☐  
TALLY NO. *7402*  
INV. DATE *12 apr 45*  
ORIG. NO. OF PKGS. *1*  
BOX NO.  
SHEET *1* OF *1* SHEETS  
ORGANIZATION

NAME *Welborn B. Griffith*  
A.S.N. *0-16194*  
RANK *Col*

|                |                        |          |                      |          |                           |
|----------------|------------------------|----------|----------------------|----------|---------------------------|
| <i>2</i>       | BELT                   |          | TOWELS & WASHCLOTHS  |          | WINGS                     |
| <i>1</i>       | BELT, MONEY (NO MONEY) |          | CLOTHING             | <i>1</i> | BAGS, CLOTH OR TRAVEL     |
|                | CLOTH, WASH            |          | BRACELET IDENT.      |          | BILLFOLD, (NO MONEY)      |
| <i>1</i>       | COATS                  |          | BRUSHES              |          | CASE                      |
| <i>1</i>       | FOOTWEAR, PR.          |          | CAMERAS              |          | FOOTLOCKER                |
| <i>2</i>       | GLOVES, PR.            | <i>4</i> | GLASSES / <i>sub</i> | <i>2</i> | KIT, SEW, TLT, OR WRITING |
|                | HANDKERCHIEFS          |          | KNIVES               |          | BOOKS                     |
| <i>1</i>       | HEADWEAR               |          | LIGHTERS             |          | BOOKS, ADDRESS            |
|                | JACKETS                | <i>1</i> | MISC. INSIGNIA       |          | BOOKS, PILOT LOG          |
|                | OVERCOATS              |          | PEN, FOUNTAIN        |          | DIARY (REMOVED FOR DUR)   |
|                | SCARFS                 |          | PENCIL, MECHANICAL   |          | FILMS                     |
|                | SHIRTS                 |          | PIPES                |          | LETTERS                   |
| <i>X</i>       | SOCKS, PR.             |          | RELIGIOUS ARTICLES   |          | PAPERS, PERSONAL          |
|                | TIES                   | <i>1</i> | RIBBONS, DECORATION  |          | PHOTOS                    |
| <i>X</i>       | TOWELS                 |          | RINGS                |          | SHOE SHINE ARTICLES       |
| <i>2</i>       | TROUSERS, PR.          |          | TOBACCO              |          | SHORT SNORTER             |
|                | TRUNKS, PR.            |          | TOILET ARTICLES      |          | SOUVENIRS                 |
|                | UNDERWEAR              |          | WATCH                |          | SOUVENIR MONEY            |
| <i>1 Clock</i> |                        |          |                      |          | STATIONERY                |
|                |                        |          |                      |          | TESTAMENTS                |
|                |                        |          |                      |          | U.S. MONEY (AMOUNT)       |

REMARKS  
*no information rechecked*

ATTACHMENTS

FORM #54

FORM #100  
*1 tally in Inventory*

C.A.T. *none*

WAREHOUSE SPACE  
*1909 X*

INVENTORIED BY  
*Downing*

PACKED BY  
*Larason*

STORED BY  
*HB*

CHECKED BY  
*E X*

WEIGHT

DATE SHIPPED  
*JUN 2 1945*

#43 OR ADDITIONAL

G.I. REMOVED

SHORTAGE ON REVERSE

IDENT. TAGS REMOVED

DIARY REMOVED

LOCKED STORAGE

LAUNDRY REMOVED

FILM REMOVED



PACKAGE DESCRIPTION

ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU INVENTORY

DECEASED

MISSING

P.O.W.

ABANDONED

TALLY NO.

INV. DATE

ORIG. NO. OF PKGS.

BOX NO.

SHEET OF SHEETS

ORGANIZATION

20th Corps Gen. Staff

122.526

NAME  
A.S.N.

WELBORN, B. GRIFFITH  
0-16194 RANK COL.

BELT  
BELT, MONEY (NO MONEY)  
CLOTH, WASH  
COATS  
FOOTWEAR, PR.  
GLOVES, PR.  
HANDKERCHIEFS  
HEADWEAR  
JACKETS  
OVERCOATS  
SCARFS  
SHIRTS  
SOCKS, PR.  
TIES  
TOWELS  
TROUSERS, PR.  
TRUNKS, PR.  
UNDERWEAR

TOWELS & WASHCLOTHS  
CLOTHING  
BRACELET IDENT.  
BRUSHES  
CAMERAS  
GLASSES  
KNIVES  
LIGHTERS  
MISC. INSIGNIA  
PEN, FOUNTAIN  
PENCIL, MECHANICAL  
PIPES  
RELIGIOUS ARTICLES  
RIBBONS, DECORATION  
RINGS  
TOBACCO  
TOILET ARTICLES  
WATCH

WINGS  
BAGS, CLOTH OR TRAVEL  
BILLFOLD, (NO MONEY)  
CASE  
FOOTLOCKER  
KIT, SEW, TLT, OR WRITING  
BOOKS  
BOOKS, ADDRESS  
BOOKS, PILOT LOG  
DIARY (REMOVED FOR DUR)  
FILMS  
LETTERS  
PAPERS, PERSONAL  
PHOTOS  
SHOE SHINE ARTICLES  
SHORT SNORTER  
SOUVENIRS  
SOUVENIR MONEY  
STATIONERY  
TESTAMENTS  
U.S. MONEY (AMOUNT)

REMARKS

Will H. Griffith  
95 - 86th St.  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

ATTACHMENTS

FORM #54

FORM #100

Inventory  
I.S.R. Label

\* without top

C.A.T.

None

WAREHOUSE SPACE

13X-2

STORED BY

See

WEIGHT

G.I. REMOVED

SHORTAGE  
ON REVERSE

IDENT. TAGS  
REMOVED

DIARY  
REMOVED

DATE SHIPPED

LOCKED  
STORAGE

LAUNDRY  
REMOVED

FILM REMOVED

INVENTORIED BY

C. H. Hovren

PACKED BY

C. Jones

CHECKED BY

See

ADDITIONAL

DAMAGED



ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

SHIP TO:

Mrs. Nell H. Griffith

95-86th Street

Effects of:

Name **Colonel Welborn B. Griffith**

Brooklyn 9, New York

ASN **0-16194**

Case No. **122526-D**

Wt.

DATE 26 May 1945  
Campbell:fls

*V. Campbell*  
FOR: Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

         Inclose Bureau Check  
         Acct. No.           
         Amount           
         Inclose "Valuables" item  
         Ship "Valuables" item(s)

         Remove G.I.  
         Note discrepancy in           
         Films removed  
         Diary removed  
         Laundry removed

ROUTING:

☒ Accounting Branch  
1 Warehouse Division  
2 Files Branch, Adm. Div.

*no 1 Carto ind 4-12-45*  
*Env. ✓ 4-13-45*

JUN 2 1945

REMARKS

**\*\* NOTICE \*\***

**SHIP DAMAGED PEN TO WIFE**

Eff. Form 14 (26 Dec 44)

Franked **FRANKED**  
Est. Exp. Chgs.           
Est. Frt. Chgs.           
No. of package 2

*[Signature]*  
Shipping Clerk



Serial No. 0-16194 Name WILBORN B. GRIFFITH  
Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Rank COL.  
Organization G.S.C.  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Nearest Relative UNK  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Killed in Action YES Died of Disease \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital \_\_\_\_\_  
Battle Area \_\_\_\_\_ Information \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Burial U.S. MIL. CEM. - ST. CORNEILLE - FR.  
Point of Coordination \_\_\_\_\_  
Description of Body \_\_\_\_\_

Members Missing \_\_\_\_\_

Signed Pfc [Signature]



122526 ✓

BH  
WFH:VC:fls  
May 28, 1945 ✓

Mrs. Nell H. Griffith  
95-86th Street  
Brooklyn 9, New York ✓

Dear Mrs. Griffith:

The Army Effects Bureau has received some additional property of your husband, Colonel Welborn B. Griffith.

These effects, contained in one package and an envelope were, this date, released for shipment to you at the above address, via mail. It is regretted that, upon receipt here, the top of Colonel Griffith's fountain pen was missing. ✓

If delivery is not made within a reasonable length of time, please inform me, so that tracer action may be taken. ✓

Very truly yours,

W. F. HEHMAN  
Major Q.M.C. ✓  
Asst. Effects Quartermaster



NAME: GRIFFITH, WELBORN B. COL: 6194

272 Pieces  
Bed Raccoon Pal 3

5

| BAY          | PALLET      | BOX         | TALLY |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------|
|              | 4           |             | 7563  |
| TYPE OF PKG. | WHSE. SPACE | INVENTORIED |       |
| BOX          |             |             |       |



NAME GRIFFITH, WELBORN B. COL. 6194

192 Pieces  
Red Ball on Pal. 3

(3)

BAY

PALLET

BOX

TALLY

4

7563

TYPE OF PKG.

WHSE. SPACE

INVENTORIED

BOX



NAME GRIFFITH, WELBORN B. COL. 6194

2 Boxes on Pal 4 23

BAY

PALLET

BOX

TALLY

3

7563

TYPE OF PKG.

WHSE. SPACE

INVENTORIED

BED ROLL



L. Smith



## TALLY IN INVENTORY RECORD

NAME GRIFFITH, WELBOYN B RANK COL ASN 0-16194

SHOWN ON CONSIGNEE T.O. AS \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_

DATE 12/26/44 CLASS VI STATUS KIA

ITEMS

DESCRIPTION

REMARKS

INVENTORIED BY

WALKER

WIDE SPACE

TYPE CONTAINER



NAME Griffith, Welborn B. JR Col ASN 016194

SHOWN ON CONSIGNORS T.O. NO

ORGANIZATION

DATE 26/dec/44 CASE Box STATUS K.I.A.

| ITEMS                             | QUANTITY | REMARKS     |
|-----------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Towels                            | 0        | Not Removed |
| 1. Vaseline Bag                   | ①        |             |
| 1 pr Shoes                        | ①        |             |
| 2 Combat jackets                  | ①        |             |
| 1 Blouse                          | ①        |             |
| 2 Green Trousers                  | ②        |             |
| Clothes hangers                   | ①        |             |
| 2 Leather gloves                  | ②        |             |
| Socks & ties                      | 0        |             |
| 1 Green Cap                       | ①        |             |
| 3 pr Glasses w/ Cases             | ③        |             |
| 2 pr Sun Glasses                  | ②        |             |
| 2 Sewing Kit                      | ①        |             |
| 1 Whisk broom                     | ①        |             |
| 2 Belts                           | ②        |             |
| 1 Manganese Set                   | ①        |             |
| Service Bibbons                   | 0        |             |
| 2 Toilet articles/tissues/article | ①        |             |
| Photos                            | ✓        |             |
| 1 Tobacco Pouch                   | ✓        |             |
| 1 Compass & Clock                 | ①        |             |
| 1 money Belt w/ keychain Ring     | ①        |             |
| 1 Blotting Cloth                  | ①        |             |
| 1 Whistle                         | ①        |             |
| Hankies                           | ✓        |             |

INVENTORIED BY Walker

WESE SPACE



NAME Pr. 77th Welborn. B. Col. ASN 016194

SHOWN ON COMSIGIORS I.O. AS

ORGANIZATION

DATE 26/Dec/44 CASE

Box

STALOG KIA

ITEMS

ISSUED

RECEIVED

Wooden underwear ✓ Cis removed  
 1 Combat trousers ✓  
 2 Shirts ✓  
 1 scarf ✓  
 1 Hood ✓  
 1 Sweater ✓  
 Cotton underwear ✓  
 1 Shoe shoe kit ✓  
 Bags ✓  
 2 Trench Coat ①  
 1m shoes over ✓  
 1 Rain Coat ✓  
 1 Bed coat ✓  
 2 Supporters ✓  
 1m Overalls ✓  
 2 pr. Pajamas ✓  
 1 hand bag ✓  
 1 oo shirt ✓  
~~Undergarments~~

INVENTORIED BY

Walker

WIDE SPACE

THE



|   |                               |  |  |
|---|-------------------------------|--|--|
| PACKAGE DESCRIPTION<br><i>#1 carton</i><br><i>#2 carton</i> | ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU INVENTORY |  | DECEASED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
|   | 122526<br>38                  |  | MISSING <input type="checkbox"/>             |
|   |                               |  | P.O.W. <input type="checkbox"/>              |
|   |                               |  | ABANDONED <input type="checkbox"/>           |
|   |                               |  | TALLY NO. <i>7563</i>                        |
|   |                               |  | INV. DATE <i>1 May '45</i>                   |
|   |                               |  | ORIG. NO. OF PKGS. <i>3</i>                  |
|   |                               |  | BOX NO.                                      |
|   |                               |  | SHEET <i>1</i> OF <i>1</i> SHEETS            |
|   |                               |  | ORGANIZATION <i>Hq. XX Corps</i>             |
| NAME <i>Welborn B. Griffith</i>                             |                               |  |  |
| A.S.N. <i>016194</i> RANK <i>Col</i>                        |                               |  |  |

|                                   |                      |  |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|--|
| Belt                              | TOWELS & WASHCLOTHES | WINGS                                  |
| <del>BELT, MONEY (NO MONEY)</del> | <del>CLOTHING</del>  | <i>3</i> BAGS, CLOTH OR TRAVEL (small) |
| Cloth, Wash                       | BRACELET IDENT.      | BILLFOLD, (NO MONEY)                   |
| Coats                             | Brushes              | Case                                   |
| Footwear, Pr.                     | CAMERAS              | Footlocker                             |
| Gloves, Pr.                       | Glasses              | <i>4</i> KIT, SEW, TLT, OR WRITING     |
| Handkerchiefs                     | Knives               | BOOKS                                  |
| Headwear                          | Lighters             | Books, Address                         |
| Jackets                           | MISC. INSIGNIA       | Books, Pilot Log                       |
| Overcoats                         | Pen, Fountain        | DIARY (REMOVED FOR DUR)                |
| Scarfs                            | Pencil, Mechanical   | FILMS                                  |
| Shirts                            | Pipes                | Letters                                |
| Socks, Pr.                        | RELIGIOUS ARTICLES   | Papers, Personal                       |
| Ties                              | RIBBONS, DECORATION  | Photos                                 |
| Towels                            | Rings                | Shoe Shine Articles                    |
| Trousers, Pr.                     | Tobacco              | SHORT SNORTER                          |
| Trunks, Pr.                       | Toilet Articles      | SOUVENIRS                              |
| Underwear                         | WATCH                | SOUVENIR MONEY                         |
|                                   |                      | Stationery                             |
|                                   |                      | TESTAMENTS                             |
|                                   |                      | U.S. MONEY (AMOUNT)                    |

*1 Bed Roll*

|  |                      |                                |   |
|--|----------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| REMARKS  | ATTACHMENTS          | FORM #54                       | FORM #100   |
| <i>Mrs Nell H. Griffith</i><br><i>95-86th St</i><br><i>Brooklyn N.Y.</i> |                      | <i>3 Inventory Records</i>     |   |
| C.A.T. <i>none</i>   | <i>5-16</i>          | WEIGHT                         | G.I. REMOVED  |
| WAREHOUSE SPACE <i>72 5X7 29X</i>  | STORED BY <i>782</i> |                                | SHORTAGE ON REVERSE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| INVENTORIED BY <i>M Smith</i>  |                      |                                | IDENT. TAGS REMOVED                                     |
| PACKED BY <i>Repley</i>  | CHECKED BY <i>6</i>  |                                | DIARY REMOVED   |
|  |                      |                                | LOCKED STORAGE  |
|  |                      | DATE SHIPPED <i>JUL 2 1945</i> | LAUNDRY REMOVED   |
|  |                      | #43 OR ADDITIONAL              | FILM REMOVED  |



SHORTAGES

U. S. GOVT. CHECK SHORT

NUMBER

DATE

SYMBOL

AMOUNT

1 Trench coat

4 towels

1 Uala Pak Bag

1 Pr shoes

1 Jacket

1 Blouse

1 Whistle

2 Trousers

Clothes Hangers

2 Pr gloves

Ties

1 Cap

3 Pr glasses w/ cases

2 " Sun glasses

1 Sewing Kit

1 Whisk Broom

2 Belts

1 Manicure set

Service Ribbons

1 Toilet article Kit w/ articles

1 Compass & Clock

1 Money belt w/ wedding ring

1 Blitz clock

I certify that the above listed items were not in the containers inventoried by me:

M Smith

INVENTORY CLERK

SUPERVISOR

Nolan

G.I. REMOVED



ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

Mrs. Nell H. Griffith

95-26th Street

SHIP TO:  
Colonel Welborn B. Griffith

Brooklyn 9, New York

Effects of:

0-16194

Name

122526 D

ASN

Case No.

Wt.

DATE 20 June 1945

GHC:IB:vw

*L. Griffith*  
R. Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

Inclose Bureau Check

Acct. No.

Amount

Inclose "Valuables" item

Ship "Valuables" item(s)

Revs G.I.

Not discrepancy in

Fils removed

Diary removed

Laundry removed

ROUTING:

Accounting Branch

1 Warehouse Division

2 Fils Branch, Adm. Div.

#1 ctn }  
#2 ctn } 5-1-45 (inv)  
#3 ctn }

REMARKS:

Franked

FRANKED

Est. Exp. Chgs.

Est. Frt. Chgs.

No. of packages

*91*  
Shipping Clerk



122528

WFH:LB:vw

June 20, 1945

Mrs. Nell H. Griffith  
95-86th Street  
Brooklyn 9, New York

Dear Mrs. Griffith:

Since our previous correspondence with you, the Army Effects Bureau has received additional property of your husband, Colonel Welborn B. Griffith.

These effects, contained in two cartons, are being forwarded to you. If delivery is not made within thirty days from this date, please notify me so that tracer action may be instituted.

83  
As previously indicated, personal property is transmitted by this Bureau for distribution according to the laws of the state of the officer's legal residence.

Extending every sympathy, I am

Sincerely yours,

W. F. HEEMAN  
Major Q.M.C.  
Asst. Effects Quartermaster



ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT  
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU  
601 Hardesty Avenue  
Kansas City 1, Missouri

In Reply Refer To: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject:

Personal property which was lost or abandoned by the above named during a change of station, and which was recently received at this Bureau, is being forwarded to you for safekeeping pending the return of the owner.

When delivery has been made, please acknowledge receipt by signing one copy of this letter in the space provided below, returning that copy to this Bureau. For your convenience, there is inclosed an addressed envelope which requires no postage.

Please be assured that this letter is in no way a casualty message. Its sole purpose is to place the property in your custody for safekeeping.

Your cooperation in signing this letter and returning it promptly will be appreciated.

Incl--

Envelope

I agree to safely keep and store the above-mentioned personal property and to deliver it to the owner or to the Army Effects Bureau, Kansas City, Missouri, upon request.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Bailee)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)



WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

122526

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 21 September 1944

|  |    |                 |   |   |    |                                     |        |
|--|----|-----------------|---|---|----|-------------------------------------|--------|
| FULL NAME<br><b>Griffith, Welborn B.</b>   |    |                 |   | ARMY SERIAL NUMBER<br><b>016194</b>   |    | GRADE<br><b>Colonel</b>             |        |
| HOME ADDRESS<br><b>Quannah, Texas</b>  |    |                 |   | ARM OR SERVICE<br><b>Infantry</b>   |    | DATE OF BIRTH<br><b>10 Nov 1901</b> |        |
| PLACE OF DEATH<br><b>European Area</b>   |    |                 | CAUSE OF DEATH<br><b>killed in action</b> |   |    | DATE OF DEATH<br><b>16 Aug 1944</b> |        |
| STATION OF DECEASED<br><b>European Area</b>  |    |                 |   | DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE<br><b>12 June 1925</b><br><del>12 June 1925</del> |    | LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES  |        |
|  |    |                 |   |   |    | YEARS                               | MONTHS |
| EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS)<br><b>Mrs. Welborn B. Griffith (wife) c/o Mr. C. S. Humphrey, 95-86th Street, Brooklyn, New York</b>  |    |                 |   |   |    |                                     |        |
| BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS)<br><b>Mrs. Nell Humphrey Griffith (wife) same as above</b><br><b>Alice Dorothea <del>Griffith</del> Griffith (daughter-previous marriage) c/o*</b><br><b>Mrs. Dorothea L. Humphrey (sister) 1502 N. 7th St., Temple Texas**</b> |    |                 |   |   |    |                                     |        |
| INVESTIGATION MADE?  |    | IN LINE OF DUTY |   | OWN MISCONDUCT  |    | WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS         |        |
| YES  | NO | YES             | NO  | YES   | NO | YES                                 | NO     |
|  |    |                 |   |   |    | AUTHORIZED ABSENCE                  |        |
|  |    |                 |   |   |    | YES                                 | NO     |
|  |    |                 |   |   |    | IN FLYING PAY STATUS                |        |
|  |    |                 |   |   |    | YES                                 | NO     |
|  |    |                 |   |   |    | OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)    |        |
|  |    |                 |   |   |    | YES                                 |        |
|  |    |                 |   |   |    | NO                                  |        |

ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU  
RECEIVED  
27 1944  
TCMB

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

\*Colonel D. H. Torrey, c/o G-1 Army Ground Forces, Washington, D.C.

\*\*Mrs. Virginia H. DeKay (sister) c/o Commander C. G. DeKay, U. S. Navy.

| COPIES FURNISHED: |             |                      |
|-------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| S. G. O.          | F. B. I.    | F. C. U. S. A.       |
| 2. O. Q. M. G.    | O. F. D.    | ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU  |
| G. A. O.          | VET. ADMIN. | CASUALTY BRANCH FILE |
|                   |             | A. G. 201 FILE       |

☒ BATTLE

☐ NON-BATTLE

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

*John T. Winn*  
**John T. Winn**  
ADJUTANT GENERAL



WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 21 September 1944

|   |  |                              |   |       |        |      |  |  |  |
|---|--|------------------------------|---|-------|--------|------|--|--|--|
| FULL NAME<br><i>293</i> Griffith, Welborn B.  |  | ARMY SERIAL NUMBER<br>016194 | GRADE<br>Colonel  |       |        |      |  |  |  |
| HOME ADDRESS<br><i>hs</i> Quanah, Texas   |  | ARM OR SERVICE<br>Infantry   | DATE OF BIRTH<br>10 Nov 1901  |       |        |      |  |  |  |
| PLACE OF DEATH<br>European Area   | CAUSE OF DEATH<br>killed in action   |                              | DATE OF DEATH<br>16 Aug 1944  |       |        |      |  |  |  |
| STATION OF DECEASED<br>European Area  | DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE<br>12 June 1925<br><del>12 June 1925</del> |                              | LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES<br><table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">YEARS</td> <td style="width: 33%;">MONTHS</td> <td style="width: 33%;">DAYS</td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </table> | YEARS | MONTHS | DAYS |  |  |  |
| YEARS   | MONTHS   | DAYS                         |   |       |        |      |  |  |  |
|   |  |                              |   |       |        |      |  |  |  |
| EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS)<br>Mrs. Welborn B. Griffith (wife) c/o Mr. C. S. Humphrey, 95-86th Street, Brooklyn, New York  |  |                              |   |       |        |      |  |  |  |
| BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS)<br>Mrs. Nell Humphrey Griffith (wife) same as above<br>Alice Dorothea <del>Griffith</del> Griffith (daughter-previous marriage) c/o*<br>Mrs. Dorothea L. Humphrey (sister) 1502 N. 7th St., Temple Texas** |  |                              |   |       |        |      |  |  |  |
| INVESTIGATION MADE?   | IN LINE OF DUTY  | OWN MISCONDUCT               | WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS   |       |        |      |  |  |  |
| YES NO  | YES NO   | YES NO                       | YES NO  |       |        |      |  |  |  |
|   |  |                              |   |       |        |      |  |  |  |
| AUTHORIZED ABSENCE  |  | IN FLYING PAY STATUS         | OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)  |       |        |      |  |  |  |
| YES NO  |  | YES NO                       | YES NO  |       |        |      |  |  |  |
|   |  |                              | X   |       |        |      |  |  |  |

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

\*Colonel D. H. Torrey, c/o G-1 Army Ground Forces, Washington, D.C.

\*\*Mrs. Virginia H. DeKay (sister) c/o Commander C. G. DeKay, U. S. Navy.

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☒ BATTLE  
☐ NON-BATTLE

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

*John T. Winn*  
John T. Winn  
ADJUTANT GENERAL

29 SEP 1944 FILE



# REPORT OF BURIAL

TM 10-630 AND AR 30-1815

106

19 August 1944

Date

Griffith Welborn

B.

Col

0-16194

Last Name

First

Initial

Rank

Serial No.

20th Corps General Staff

Unit

Organization

Chartres, France

Unk 16 Aug 44

KIA

Place of Death

Date of Death

Cause of Death

0800 18 August 1944

U.S. Mil. Cem. St. Tamasille, France

Time and Date of Burial

Name of Cemetery

Name or Coordinates of Location

126

6

A

Cross

Grave Number

Row Number

Plot Number

Type of Marker

Disposition of Identification Tags: Buried with body Yes ☒ No ☐ Attached to Marker Yes ☒ No ☐

If No Identification Tags

How were remains identified?

What means of identification were buried with the body?

To determine Right or Left use Deceased's Right and Left.

Who is buried on:

Deceased's Right:

No grave, beginning of row.

Name

Serial No.

Rank

Organization

Grave No.

Deceased's Left:

Arthur W. Petersen 0-756685

Name

Serial No.

Rank

Organization

Grave No.

Signature or Name, Rank and if possible Organization of person furnishing above Data when other than officer reporting burial.

If print of identification tag is not affixed fill in below:

WELBORN B GRIFFITH

0-16194 T-41-42-43

NELL H GRIFFITH

95 86TH ST.

BROOKLYN, N.Y.

Emergency Addressee

Nell H. Griffith

Name

95 86th. St. Brooklyn N.Y.

Address

Religion Protestant

List only Personal Effects Found on Body and disposition of same:

Fountain pen (cap missing)

Eagle

Collar insignia

No currency

*W C Nugent*

Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial

WILLIAM C. NUGENT

1st Lt. QMC

Verified by G.R.S. Officer

File 5-9-45  
QED

*auth 3*



# DECEASED UNIDENTIFIED

Take Fingerprints of Both Hands. If unable to obtain complete set of Fingerprints, Take Those You Can, and fill in the following:

- |                |                          |
|----------------|--------------------------|
| Height:        | Laundry Marks:           |
| Weight:        | Number of Rifle:         |
| Color of Eyes: | Wear Glasses?            |
| Color of Hair: | Is Tooth Chart Attached? |
| Race:          |                          |

(If possible, have medical personnel take a tooth chart, if no medical personnel present, fill in a tooth chart below.) In space below, locate, and describe any scars, birthmarks, moles, deformities, etc.

Note below any identifying clues found, such as letters, photographs, probable organization of deceased, etc.:

Left Hand

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|-------|
| 4     |
| 3     |
| 2     |
| 1     |
| Thumb |

4

3

2

1

Thumb

Right Hand

## TOOTH CHART

| Deceased's Right |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | Deceased's Left |   |       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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| Upper            |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |                 |   | Lower |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

Indicate: missing natural teeth by X; crowns by O; fillings by □; Bridges by ∩ linking anchor teeth; replacements by artificial teeth X

Characteristics:

Other Data:

If this is an Isolated Burial, make a Sketch of the Location, oriented with Permanent Landmarks. If more space needed attach separate sheet. Indicate North.



25 October 1946

Mrs. Welborn B. Griffith  
c/o Mr. C. S. Humphrey  
95-86th Street  
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Mrs. Griffith:

243 The War Department is most desirous that you be furnished information regarding the burial location of your husband, the late Colonel Welborn B. Griffith, O16 194.

The records of this office disclose that his remains are interred in the U. S. Military Cemetery St. Corneille, plot A, row 6, grave 126. You may be assured that the identification and interment have been accomplished with fitting dignity and solemnity.

This cemetery is located nine miles northeast of Le Mans, France, and is under the constant care and supervision of United States military personnel.

The War Department has now been authorized to comply, at Government expense, with the feasible wishes of the next of kin regarding final interment, here or abroad, of the remains of your loved one. At a later date, this office will, without any action on your part, provide the next of kin with full information and solicit his detailed desires.

Please accept my sincere sympathy in your great loss.

Sincerely yours,

T. B. LARKIN  
Major General  
The Quartermaster General

Oct 25 4 23 PM '46  
O.D.M.C.  
MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH

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AO

*noted  
2/12/47*

Office of the Adjutant General  
War Department  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have applied for a passport for the purpose  
of visiting the grave of my brother,

Colonel Welborn E. Griffith

who was killed on August 16 1944 and buried near  
Le Mans, France.

At the suggestion of the Passport Division  
of the State Department, I am writing to you, as  
it appears I may be entitled to a passport with-  
out payment of the \$9.00 fee, if your office  
will confirm the above information.

Your cooperation will be sincerely appreciated.

*Harrison G. DeKay*  
Harrison G. DeKay  
( Mrs. C. G. DeKay )

March 8, 1947  
1146 Valley Drive  
Alexandria, Virginia

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MAR 11 1947  
STATE DEPT. DIVISION



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QMGM 293  
Griffith, Welborn B.  
SN 016 194

Address Reply To  
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
Attention: Memorial Division

25 March 1947

Mrs. Harrison G. DeKay  
1146 Valley Drive  
Alexandria, Virginia

Dear Mrs. DeKay:

Your letter to The Adjutant General concerning your brother, the late Colonel Welborn B. Griffith, has been referred to this office.

The official Report of Burial discloses that the remains of your brother were interred in Plot A, Row 6, Grave 126, in the United States Military Cemetery St. Corneille, located nine miles northeast of Le Mans, France.

Please accept my sincere sympathy in the loss of your brother.

Sincerely yours,

RICHARD B. COOMBS  
Major, QMC  
Memorial Division

JB  
RBC





Griffith ~~Wetborn~~ B

016194

Col

Inf 20th Corps Gen Staff.

Wife

c/o Mr C S Humphrey 95-86 4th St  
Brooklyn NY.



St Cornille, France  
Plot Row Name  
A - 6 - 126

Buried 18 Aug 44



QMCML 293  
Colonel V. B. Griffith

25 March 1947

*X 293 Griffith, William B.*

Mrs. R. R. Shipley, Chief  
Passport Division  
Department of State  
Winder Building  
17th & G Streets, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Mr. Havenner

Dear Mrs. Shipley:

The War Department will interpose no objections to the issuance of a passport to Mrs. Harrison G. DeKay in order that she may visit the grave of her brother, the late Colonel W. B. Griffith, who is buried in the United States Military Cemetery, St. Cornelle, France in Plot A, Row 6, Grave 126.

Sincerely yours,

*W*  
GEO. W. HINMAN, JR.  
Colonel, QMC  
Memorial Division

ajk

FOR RECORD ONLY: (McTwiggan)

RAM

Request made by Mrs. DeKay for ltr fm this office to D/S in order that a passport could be issued to her.

*N.A.T. Hand  
6-8/10 by Mr. Twiggan  
File  
25 Mar 47  
HOC  
Fin Br. Memo  
D. A.*



# CORRESPONDENCE ACTION WORK SHEET

Send Letter to

*Mrs. Harrison M. De Kay*  
*1146 Valley Drive*  
*Alexandria, Va.*

Relationship

*Sister*

Army Serial Number

*-016-194*

Rank

*Col*

OPENING PARAGRAPH:

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BURIAL INFORMATION:

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Temp. Cem.

Perm. Cem.

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*126*

*St. Corneille, Fr.*

Plot

Row

Grave

Name of Cem.

City and Country

RETURN OF REMAINS:

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OTHER PARAGRAPHS

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Other Agencies:

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PERSONAL EFFECTS:

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SUSPEND

days

Copy of letter to AGO and Identification Section\*

TEMPORARY CHANGE OF ADDRESS \*

\* PERMANENT CHANGE OF ADDRESS  
 BUCK SLIP TO RECORDS SECTION  
 COPY TO ADJUTANT GENERAL

Dates of Letters for which Copies are Necessary to AAF:

OTHER:

CLOSING PARAGRAPH:

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Regret Delay \*

Letter to be Dated

Analyst

Typist

Reviewer

\* Note: Circle paragraph numbers and/or starred phrases that are applicable.

NAME OF DECEASED

LAST NAME

FIRST NAME

MIDDLE INITIAL

*Franklin D. Roosevelt*

*File*  
*3/25/47*  
*SMR*



QNKMP 293  
Griffith, Welborn B.  
A.S.N. 016 194

27 May 1947

Mrs. Welborn B. Griffith  
c/o Mr. C. S. Humphrey  
95 - 86th Street  
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Mrs. Griffith:

Inclosed herewith is a picture of the United States Military Cemetery St. Corneille, France, in which your husband, the late Colonel Welborn B. Griffith, is buried.

It is my sincere hope that you may gain some solace from this view of the surroundings in which your loved one rests. As you can see, this is a place of simple dignity, neat and well cared for. Here, assured of continuous care, now rest the remains of a few of those heroic dead who fell together in the service of our country.

This cemetery will be maintained as a temporary resting place until, in accordance with the wishes of the next of kin, all remains are either placed in permanent American cemeteries overseas or returned to the Homeland for final burial.

Sincerely yours,

1 Incl  
Photograph

G. A. HORNKAM  
Brigadier General, QMC  
Chief, Memorial Division

enb

MAY 26 10 01 AM

U.S.M.C.

MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH



NAME Griffith, Welborn D.

ASN 016 194 RANK Colonel.

St. Corneille, France.  
A - 6 - 126.

Changes made in information Forms #333  
and A-Z are from sources listed below:

OQMG Form 381 postmarked 8 Jun 47.

Officer's Initials BE

Date 25 June 1947

FROM: RELATIONSHIP Widow

NAME Griffith, Welborn B.

STREET 95 - 86th Street, c/o Mr. C.S. Humphrey,

CITY & STATE Brooklyn, New York.

TO: RELATIONSHIP Same.

NAME Same.

STREET 105 North George Street

CITY & STATE Goldsboro, North Carolina.

NAT. BE

File 25 June 1947



Col. Welborn B. Griffith, 016 194  
Plot A, Row 6, Grave 126,  
United States Military Cemetery  
St. Corneille, France

29 July 1947

Mrs. Welborn B. Griffith  
105 North George Street  
Goldsboro, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Griffith:

The people of the United States, through the Congress have authorized the disinterment and final burial of the heroic dead of World War II. The Quartermaster General of the Army has been entrusted with this sacred responsibility to the honored dead. The records of the War Department indicate that you may be the nearest relative of the above-named deceased, who gave his life in the service of his country.

The enclosed pamphlets, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," and "American Cemeteries," explain the disposition, options and services made available to you by your Government. If you are the next of kin according to the line of kinship as set forth in the enclosed pamphlet, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," you are invited to express your wishes as to the disposition of the remains of the deceased by completing Part I of the enclosed form "Request for Disposition of Remains." Should you desire to relinquish your rights to the next in line of kinship, please complete Part II of the enclosed form. If you are not the next of kin, please complete Part III of the enclosed form.

If you should elect Option 2, it is advised that no funeral arrangements or other personal arrangements be made until you are further notified by this office.

Will you please complete the enclosed form, "Request for Disposition of Remains" and mail in the enclosed self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, within 30 days after its receipt by you? Its prompt return will avoid unnecessary delays.

Incls.

Sincerely,

THOMAS B. LARKIN  
Major General  
The Quartermaster General

JUL 30 2 27 PM '47  
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MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH



OQMG FORM 381  
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# NOTICE OF CHANGE IN ADDRESS

NAME OF DECEASED

WELBORN BARTON GRIFFITH

RANK

COLONEL

SERIAL NUMBER

0-16194

NAME OF NEXT OF KIN

NELL H. GRIFFITH

RELATIONSHIP

WIFE

OLD ADDRESS

95-86<sup>th</sup> STREET, BROOKLYN 9, N. Y.

NEW ADDRESS

105 NORTH GEORGE STREET  
GOLDSBORO, N. C.

REMARKS

HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM FRANCE. ST.  
CORNEILLE IS A LOVELY CEMETARY. I WISH THAT COL. GRIFFITH  
BE LEFT WITH HIS MEM IN A PERMANENT CEMETARY  
OVERSEAS.



## REQUEST FOR DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

GRADE OF DECEASED, NAME, ARMY SERIAL NUMBER AND REPORTED PLACE OF BURIAL

DATE:

Col. Welborn B. Griffith, 016 194  
 Plot A, Row 6, Grave 126,  
 United States Military Cemetery  
 St. Corneille, France

29 July 1947

|   |  |   |  |
|---|--|---|--|
| A |  | C |  |
| B |  | D |  |

DO NOT WRITE ABOVE THIS LINE

NOTE.—The next of kin should familiarize himself with the contents of the pamphlet, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," before filling out this form. When the proper part of this form is filled out and properly signed by the next of kin, it should be returned to the OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, MEMORIAL DIVISION, WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON 25, D. C., in the self-addressed postage-free envelope provided for this purpose.

If you are the next of kin or authorized representative of next of kin and desire to direct the disposition of the remains, please fill in PART I of this form.

## PART I

I, NELL H. GRIFFITH

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE NAME OF NEXT OF KIN)

(Please indicate relationship to the deceased by placing an "X" in the proper box.)

- ☒ WIDOW ☐ WIDOWER ☐ SON OVER 21 YEARS OLD ☐ DAUGHTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD
- ☐ FATHER ☐ MOTHER ☐ BROTHER OVER 21 YEARS OLD ☐ SISTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD
- ☐ RELATIONSHIP OTHER THAN ABOVE (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

HAVING FAMILIARIZED MYSELF WITH THE OPTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO ME WITH RESPECT TO THE FINAL RESTING PLACE OF THE DECEASED DESIGNATED ABOVE, NOW DO DECLARE THAT IT IS MY DESIRE THAT THE REMAINS: (Please place an "X" in the box opposite the option you have selected.)

- ☒ 1. BE INTERRED IN A PERMANENT AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETERY OVERSEAS. St. James, France
- ☐ 2. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES OR ANY POSSESSION OR TERRITORY THEREOF FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY

(NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY)

- ☐ 3. BE RETURNED TO \_\_\_\_\_, THE HOMETLAND OF THE DECEASED OR NEXT OF KIN, FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY LOCATED AT \_\_\_\_\_
- (FOREIGN COUNTRY) (LOCATION OF CEMETERY SELECTED)

- ☐ 4. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES FOR FINAL INTERMENT IN A NATIONAL CEMETERY LOCATED AT \_\_\_\_\_
- (LOCATION OF NATIONAL CEMETERY SELECTED)

(Please indicate if your own religious services at a location other than the selected national cemetery are desired by placing an "X" in the proper box)

☐ YES ☐ NO

THE NAME OF THE DECEASED, THE SERIAL NUMBER AND GRADE ARE CORRECT EXCEPT FOR THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: (If no corrections are necessary, indicate this fact by inserting the word "NONE" in the space below.)

NONE

9 APR 1948

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# PART I (Continued)

If on Page 1 of this form you have selected Option Number 2 or 3, or Option Number 4 with your own funeral ceremonies desired at a location other than the selected national cemetery, complete one of these sections.

I, AS THE NEXT OF KIN, DO FURTHER DECLARE THAT I DESIRE THE REMAINS TO BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING PERSON WHO HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE THEM:

|   |                   |                    |  |
|---|-------------------|--------------------|--|
| LAST NAME   | FIRST NAME        |                    | MIDDLE INITIAL                             |
| NUMBER AND STREET                                   | CITY OR TOWN      | COUNTY OR PROVINCE | STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY |
| EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station) | TELEGRAPH ADDRESS |                    | TELEPHONE No.                              |

OR

I, AS THE NEXT OF KIN, DO FURTHER DECLARE THAT I DESIRE THE REMAINS TO BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING FUNERAL DIRECTOR WHO HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE THEM:

|   |                   |                    |  |
|---|-------------------|--------------------|--|
| FULL NAME OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR                       |                   |                    |  |
| NUMBER AND STREET                                   | CITY OR TOWN      | COUNTY OR PROVINCE | STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY |
| EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station) | TELEGRAPH ADDRESS |                    | TELEPHONE No.                              |

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON NEXT IN LINE OF KINSHIP AFTER ME, AS SET FORTH IN THE PAMPHLET, "DISPOSITION OF WORLD WAR II ARMED FORCES DEAD," IS:

|                   |              |                    |  |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------------|--|
| LAST NAME         | FIRST NAME   | MIDDLE INITIAL     | RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED                   |
| NUMBER AND STREET | CITY OR TOWN | COUNTY OR PROVINCE | STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY |

REMARKS OR ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS (For additional space use page 4.)

AS EXPLAINED IN THE PAMPHLET, "DISPOSITION OF WORLD WAR II ARMED FORCES DEAD," I AM THE NEXT OF KIN AND THE INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO DIRECT THE DISPOSITION OF THE SAID REMAINS.

I, the undersigned, DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR (OR AFFIRM) that the statements made by me in the foregoing document are full and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Nell H. Griffith (SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)  
NELL H. GRIFFITH (NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)  
105 N. GEORGE STREET (STREET AND NUMBER)  
BROOKLYN (CITY AND STATE)  
GOLDSBORO, N. CAROLINA

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 1947 at city (or town) of New York, county of King, District of New York, and State (or Territory or

\*NOTE.—Page 4 is part of the notarial attestation.

[Signature]  
 (SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS)  
 Notary Public in and for the State of New York  
 Commission Expires March 30, 1949



## PART II—RELINQUISHMENT OF DISPOSITION AUTHORITY

If you are the next of kin and you desire to relinquish your disposition authority, please fill in PART II of this form.

I, THE \_\_\_\_\_, AS THE NEXT OF KIN OF THE DECEASED  
(PLEASE INSERT RELATIONSHIP)  
NAMED IN PART I OF THIS FORM, DO HEREBY RELINQUISH MY RIGHTS TO DIRECT THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED.  
THE NEXT EXISTING PERSON IN THE ORDER OF ELIGIBILITY OF DECEDENT'S SURVIVORS IS:

|                              |              |                  |
|------------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| LAST NAME                    | FIRST NAME   | MIDDLE INITIAL   |
| RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED |              |                  |
| NUMBER AND STREET            | CITY OR TOWN | STATE OR COUNTRY |

WHOM I UNDERSTAND SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO DIRECT FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(DATE)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(STREET AND NUMBER)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(CITY AND STATE)

## PART III

If you are NOT the next of kin authorized to direct the disposition of remains, please fill in PART III of this form.

THIS IS TO NOTIFY YOU THAT I AM NOT THE NEXT OF KIN AUTHORIZED TO DIRECT THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED NAMED ON PAGE 1 OF THIS FORM. THE FOLLOWING PERSON, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, IS THE NEXT OF KIN TO WHOM THIS FORM SHOULD BE DIRECTED.

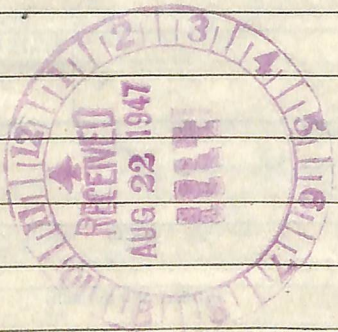
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| RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED |              |                  |
| NUMBER AND STREET            | CITY OR TOWN | STATE OR COUNTRY |

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SIGNATURE)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(DATE)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(STREET AND NUMBER)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(CITY AND STATE)



**ADDITIONAL REMARKS AND INSTRUCTIONS**

*All remarks and information entered here will be considered as part of the Notarial Attestation.*





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| 1  | Reinterred 22 March 1949<br>B-44 St JAMES<br>H. F. HILL<br>Capt., QMC Cem. Supt. |  | DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE   |                                    |
|  | SECTION A —<br>NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED                              |  | DIRECTIVE NUMBER<br>3576 00185                                     | DATE<br>15 04 48<br>DAY MONTH YEAR |
| NAME 293<br>GRIFFITH WELBORN B   |  | SERIAL NUMBER<br>0-016194<br>0-16194   | RANK<br>COL  | ARM<br>1                           |
| CEMETERY<br>ST CORNEILLE - LE MANS   |  | DATE OF DEATH<br>DAY MONTH YEAR<br>3504 80<br>CODE DIST. PT.   |  | DISPOSITION OF REMAINS<br>1        |
| PLOT<br>A  | ROW<br>6   | GRAVE<br>126   | COUNTRY<br>FRANCE  | CAUSE OF DEATH<br>1                |
| SECTION B — CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN  |  |  |  |                                    |
| NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE<br>ST. JAMES, FRANCE   |  | NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN<br>NELL H. GRIFFITH (WIFE)<br>105 NORTH GEORGE STREET<br>GOLDSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA |  |                                    |
| SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION Flag sent 31 March 1949  |  |  |  |                                    |
| NAME<br>GRIFFITH, Welborn B.   | SERIAL NUMBER<br>0-16194   | RANK<br>UTD  | DATE OF DEATH<br>11 June 1948                                      | DATE DISTINTERRED                  |
| IDENTIFICATION TAG ON<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REMAINS<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARKER   | ORGANIZATION<br>USAGF  | RELIGION<br>Prot   | IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY<br>J. EARL TUCKER EMB<br>NAME AND TITLE |                                    |
| SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT  |  |  |  |                                    |
| NATURE OF BURIAL<br>O.D. UNIFORM   |  | CONDITION OF REMAINS<br>ADVANCED DECOMPOSITION   |  |                                    |
| OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION<br>NONE  |  |  |  |                                    |
| MINOR DISCREPANCIES 1 ASN CORR. (HQ.AGRC)  |  |  |  |                                    |
| NONE   |  |  |  |                                    |
| REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET Case Transfer Case   |  |  |  |                                    |
| DATE 11 June 1948  |  | BY J. EARL TUCKER  |  |                                    |
| CASKET SEALED BY<br>ROY HALFORD  |  | EMBALMER (Signature)   |  |                                    |
| CASKET BOXED AND MARKED  |  | SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY All markings tags and plates verified by J.J. ANDREWS 1/Lt Inf                        |  |                                    |
| DATE 16/9/48 BY ROY HALFORD  |  |  |  |                                    |
| I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct. / except casketing |  |  |  |                                    |
| RAFAEL T. RUIZ 1/Lt FA   |  |  |  |                                    |
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Col Welborn B. Griffith, ASN 016 194  
Plot B, Row 4, Grave 4  
Headstone: Cross  
St. James (France) U. S. Military Cemetery


Mrs. Nell H. Griffith  
105 North George Street  
Goldboro, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Griffith:

This is to inform you that the remains of your loved one have been permanently interred, as recorded above, side by side with comrades who also gave their lives for their country. Customary military funeral services were conducted over the grave at the time of burial.

After the Department of the Army has completed all final interments, the cemetery will be transferred, as authorized by the Congress, to the care and supervision of the American Battle Monuments Commission. The Commission also will have the responsibility for permanent construction and beautification of the cemetery, including erection of the permanent headstone. The headstone will be inscribed with the name exactly as recorded above, the rank or rating where appropriate, organization, State, and date of death. Any inquiries relative to the type of headstone or the spelling of the name to be inscribed thereon, should be addressed to the American Battle Monuments Commission, Washington 25, D. C. Your letter should include the full name, rank, serial number, grave location, and name of the cemetery.

While interments are in progress, the cemetery will not be open to visitors. You may rest assured that this final interment was conducted with fitting dignity and solemnity and that the grave-site will be carefully and conscientiously maintained in perpetuity by the United States Government.

 Sincerely yours,

H. FELDMAN  
Major General  
The Quartermaster General

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# GI's fate uncovered with help of French

Slain colonel a hero in town he protected

By Greg Seigle  
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

For more than 50 years, Thomas Griffin, 62, of Fairfax Station wondered what happened to his uncle, Col. Welborn B. Griffith, 42, who was reported killed in France during World War II.

The retired Army lieutenant general only knew his uncle had been killed in action, but he and his family longed for details about how and where Col. Griffith died. The questions drove Gen. Griffin to visit France in 1990 to inquire about his uncle's death, but he came up empty-handed.

"Everywhere we went, nobody knew anything," he said in a recent interview.

But it turns out that Gen. Griffin and his family, which is spread over the East Coast, were not the only ones looking for answers about his uncle.

Across the Atlantic, residents of Leves, France, often wondered about the brave U.S. soldier gunned down Aug. 16, 1944, during the small town's liberation from German troops. He was the lone American casualty of the battle in the small farm town north of Chartres.

The soldier remained where he fell, as his comrades pursued the fleeing Germans. Within hours, the townspeople of Leves covered the spot with flowers.

Eventually, they put a plaque on a wall at the spot where he was killed, and they turned it into a shrine of sorts, according to recent letters from residents.

On every Aug. 16 since, the town's residents gather at the scene and lay flowers at the memorial of their unknown soldier.

But while he was a hero in town folklore, his identity for the past 50 years remained as much of a mystery to the townsfolk as

Col. Griffith's fate remained a mystery to his family.

That's because the townspeople for decades mistook the dead soldier's first name for his last, even commemorating him on the plaque as "Col. Welburn," a misspelled version of his first name.

But Bernard Papillon, a local historian, learned the fallen hero's true identity in the fall with help from officers at the St. Louis facility where U.S. Army personnel records are warehoused.

Mr. Papillon quickly found Col. Griffith's grave at a French military cemetery, but he and other local residents still wanted to know more about the man who gave his life helping to liberate their town.

So Mr. Papillon put an ad in the Retired Officer Association magazine, asking anyone who knew Welborn Barton Griffith to contact an address in Leves.

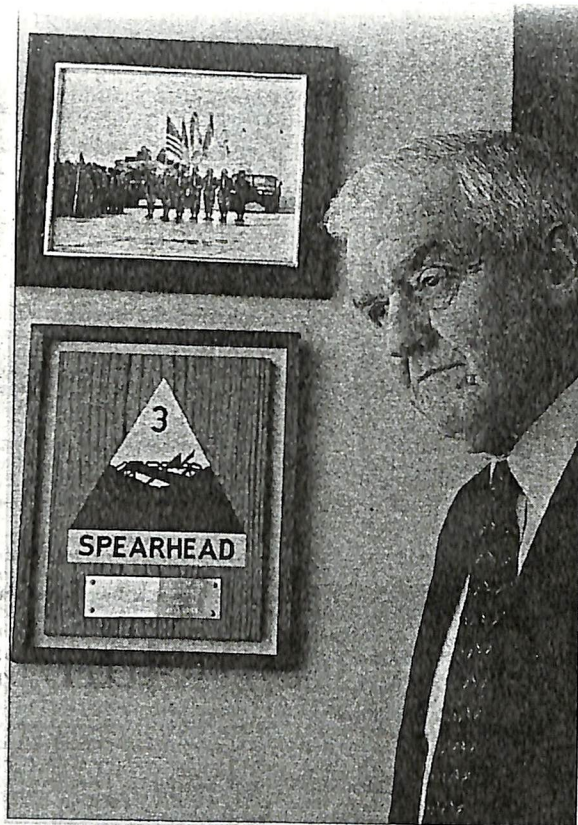
When Gen. Griffin saw the ad while sitting in his Fairfax Station home last month, he was "absolutely dumbfounded." He was startled to see it so many years after the family began seeking clues about Col. Griffith's death.

"I always sort of wondered what happened to old Griff," Gen. Griffin said, using the nickname for the uncle he had not seen since he was a young boy. "I really did feel a chill up my spine when I saw that ad."

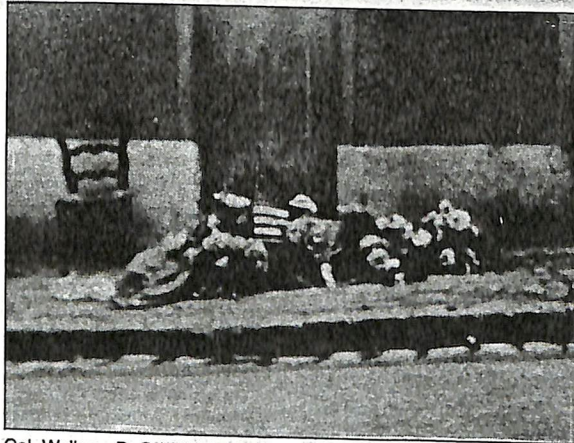
A series of letters and phone calls to Leves followed and, by mid-March, an excited family knew what had happened to their long-lost relative. And the people of Leves finally satisfied their desire to learn more about their long-anonymous hero.

"I was so thrilled, so very excited," said Col. Griffith's widow, Nel Griffith, 82, from North Carolina. "I was stunned."

"We were just overwhelmed with curiosity. [The ad] was rather eerie," said his daughter,



Like his uncle, retired Lt. Gen. Thomas Griffin has Army ties.  
Photo by Tracy A. Woodward/The Washington Times



Col. Welborn B. Griffith's body was covered with flowers and an American flag after he was killed in Leves, France, in 1944.

Alice Irving, 53, in a telephone interview from Jacksonville, Fla. "It was like a voice or a memory from 50 years ago."

According to U.S. Army records and accounts from witnesses in Leves, Col. Griffith was leading a mission to rid the town of German troops that were straggling behind after a Nazi retreat.

Although he was the operations officer for 20th Corps headquarters, Col. Griffith load-

ed his rifle and took it on himself to search buildings in town room by room.

In the center of town, he found about 15 Nazis and opened fire before jumping atop a U.S. tank and leading a charge at the enemy position, according to witnesses and Army reports.

"During the advance of the tank he was exposed to intense enemy machine gun and rocket-launcher fire" and was killed, according to his citation for the



Col. Griffith is buried in a military cemetery (top) not far from Leves. The townspeople put up a plaque on the spot where their hero was killed by the Nazis, but his first name is used as his surname and misspelled.



Distinguished Service Cross. The award is this country's second-highest for valor, after the Medal of Honor.

Within hours of Col. Griffith's death, town residents covered his body with flowers and topped it with a small American flag. U.S. troops eventually carted the body away, but residents turned the spot into a makeshift memorial, according to letters townspeople sent to Gen. Griffin.

This Aug. 16, when residents of Leves gather to leave flowers and honor their hero, Gen. Griffin and family will be on hand as official guests of the town. The ceremonies will include dedication of a street in the name of Col. Griffith, a 1925 graduate of West Point.

"It's so nice to know that people really gave a damn," said Gen. Griffin, now the president of D3 International, an engineering firm at 1400 L Street NW.

"They really cared about this fella who came across the ocean to fight and save their town. They just felt he was the savior of their town," he said.

"It really makes you feel good," said Gen. Griffin, a 1956 West Point graduate. "When something like this happens, you have all kinds of emotions stirring inside. They're very loving, very kind people."



MG. Thomas N. Griffin

SN# 017775

Active Duty 1929 - 1962 Ret'd 30 JUN 62  
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