

McGrath Eugene M A#3915942 **INDEX**
 Pvt. Co. C, 308 Inf. S#3133217
 APPLICANT McGrath Ellen (Last name) (First name) (Middle name)
 ADDRESS *ms* \$60.00 LUMP SUM PAYMENT AUTHORIZED (House number and street) Authorized for cash
 Armour, S.D. **CODED** 67.50 *ms 12/30/26* (City) BY *ms* DATE 12/30/26 (State)

I certify that the person first named on the face of this certificate, and upon whom the applicant bases his claim, was a veteran; that the veteran was discharged under honorable conditions; that the veteran was born on Feb 4, 1890 at Lebanon, Wisc.; that the name and address given by the applicant is as shown above; that the applicant alleges to be a Mother (Relationship)

of the veteran; that the date of the application is Dec 7, 1926; that the amount of Adjusted Service Credit due veteran is \$ 67.50; that the facts hereinbefore stated are the facts of record upon which the conclusions reached are based.

I further certify that the veteran's service was (~~was~~) terminated by death, on Oct 6, 1918.

DWIGHT F. DAVIS,
 JOHN W. WEEKS,
 Secretary of War.

OFFICIAL
ms
 MAJOR GENERAL.
 THE ADJUTANT GENERAL.

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Mr. Kraft, Eugene M.
Mr. Kraft,

Pvt.

Organization

~~John M. Folsom~~
Hambrell

Co. C. 308th Inf.

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INSURANCE AND ADJUSTED SERVICE CERTIFICATE

BRIEF FACE #2

Certificate No. 2648254 Amount of Ins. 10,000
Eugene M. McGrath Pvt., Co. C, 308 Infantry
(Name of veteran) (Rank) (Organization) (Age)
Date of discharge , 19 Date of { disability death } 10/6/18 , 19

RELATIONSHIP OF PAYEE OR PAYEES TO VETERAN

Payee No. 1 mother died 11/2/31 Payee No. 2
Payee No. 3 Payee No. 4

sec. 303	Sec. 305 not involved.	Monthly payment	Commencing date	Ending date
Payee No. 1	Dora Cunningham as Admr. of estate of Eugene M. McGrath, Address Armour, South Dakota.	\$4253.00	Lump Sum	
Payee No. 2	Address			
Payee No. 3	Address			
Payee No. 4	Address			
Payee No. 5	Address			
Payee No. 6	Address			
Payee No. 7	Address			

Face value of Certificate \$
Amount of loan \$
Interest on loan
Other deductions
Total deductions \$
Amount payable \$

ADJUSTED SERVICE CERTIFICATE PAYEE

Amount, \$

Name
Address

FILE NO. XC 111-325-
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INSURANCE AND ADJUSTED SERVICE CERTIFICATE

BRIEF FACE

Certificate No. 2648254- Eff 6-20-18 Amount of Ins. 1000.00
Engine M. Mc Grath Port C. C. 308 Inf
(Name of veteran) (Rank) (Organization) (Age)
Date of discharge _____, 19____ Date of {disability} 10-6, 1918
death

RELATIONSHIP OF PAYEE OR PAYEES TO VETERAN

Payee No. 1 admx lts. Estate Payee No. 2 _____
Payee No. 3 11/2/31 Payee No. 4 _____

	Monthly payment	Commencing date	Ending date
Payee No. 1 <u>Dora Cunningham</u>	<u>Payable under Sect. 303</u>		
Address <u>as Admx of the Estate</u>			
Payee No. 2 <u>of Engine M. Mc Grath</u>	<u>4253.00</u>	<u>Lump Sum.</u>	
Address <u>Armour</u>			
Payee No. 3 <u>South Dakota</u>			
Address _____			
Payee No. 4 _____	<u>Sect. 305 not involved</u>		
Address _____			
Payee No. 5 _____			
Address _____			
Payee No. 6 _____			
Address _____			
Payee No. 7 _____			
Address _____			

Face value of Certificate _____ \$ _____
Amount of loan _____ \$ _____
Interest on loan _____
Other deductions _____
Total deductions _____ \$ _____
Amount payable _____ \$ _____

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LIFE INS. CLAIMS DIV.

ADJUSTED SERVICE CERTIFICATE PAYEE

Name _____
Address _____

Amount, \$ _____

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VETERANS ADMINISTRATION=

US VETERANS BUREAU WASHINGTON DC=

MINUTES IN TRANSIT	
FULL-RATE	DAY LETTER

WHAT DATE WILL WE RECEIVE THE CHECK OF EUGENE M MCGRATH
ESTATE FILE NUMBER F C A A X C -ONE ONE ONE THREE TWO FIVE
BADLY IN NEED WIRE ANSWER=

MRS DORA CUNNINGHAM.

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Miss Adams 3/11/32

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Schedule 2333 4:15

Lump Sum 3-10-32

MAIL SUBDIVISION

Item 9288

\$4.25 3.00

THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

will be paid today 3/14/32

April 3, 1936

Mr. Gerald McGrath,
Armour, South Dakota.

PCB
XC 111 325
McGRATH, Eugene M.

Dear Sir:


Response is made to your letter of recent date concerning adjusted compensation benefits in the case of the above mentioned veteran.

This veteran died before filing application for an adjusted service certificate. In such cases a certificate is not issued, but the adjusted service credit is payable to the following dependents in the order named: widow, children, dependent mother, dependent father.

An award covering the amount of the adjusted service credit has been approved in favor of Mrs. Ellen McGrath, mother.

The Adjusted Compensation Payment Act of January 27, 1936, is not applicable in those cases where the veteran died prior to January 27, 1936. As this veteran died prior to that date there are no additional adjusted compensation benefits payable in this case.

Respectfully,


ETR:ck

H. L. McCOY,
Director of Insurance.

Arnold Hah
Mar 23 - 1936
V & Veterans Bureau
Washington D.C.

Hear of it
PC 111 325

Just a few lines to
see if the Brothers and
Sisters of Mr. Gnath Eugene
(deceased) A-3, 915, 942 TAB
Are not entitled to
his Bonus being his
Father and Mother are
dead and we are the
nearest dependents.
They tell me a soldier
dying since there was
his Brothers and Sisters
are in line for his bonus.
I don't see why we
are not as eligible as the
above My Brother was
killed in action.

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in the Battle of the
Argonne Forest / lost
Battalion I everest
fighting in the entire
war I will appreciate
it very much if you
will tell me what
procedure to go thru
if we are in line
to get his Bonus
Please give me the
information on
this and a prompt
reply Yours Truly

Gerald M. Grath
Armour & Soap

April 30, 1919.

Mr. John W. Addie,
Attorney at Law,
Armour, S. D.

In re: C-111325
Eugene M. McGrath

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your letter of April 2nd, which has just come to hand, owing to the fact that you did not refer to our file number as previously requested.

In reply you are advised that an award of insurance benefits in the sum of \$10,000 was made to Mrs. Helen McGrath, and the initial payment checks pursuant thereto will be dispatched at the earliest possible moment.

Regarding claim for compensation mentioned in your letter we are enclosing herewith blank application to be executed by the parents, if they would be dependent upon him were he now living, as provided by Congress in the Act. It is also essential when submitting this claim that you forward the additional proof called for in Paragraph C, of instructions, that is, a certified copy of the public or baptismal record of birth, or if these are not obtainable, affidavits setting forth the relationship.

All future communications should bear the full name of the deceased, his former rank and Organization, and the file number C-111325.

By authority of the Director:

JOSEPH CONNOLLY

Acting Chief,
Compensation and Claims

Per _____

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DECISION OF QUESTIONS OF FACT AND LAW

McGRATH, Eugene M.

XC 111 325

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February 19, 1932.

The undersigned, officers of the United States Veterans' Administration, duly authorized under Section 5 of the World War Veterans' Act, 1924, as amended, to make findings of fact, determinations of existing law, regulations and precedents thereunder, as applicable to cases, and to make final decisions as to the rights of claimants to benefits and final awards under Titles II, III or IV of the World War Veterans' Act, 1924, as amended, pursuant to such authority hereby make the following findings of fact in the claim of Dora Cunningham as administratrix of the estate of Eugene M. McGrath, for insurance.

Eugene M. McGrath was born February 4, 1890. He enlisted in the military service June 15, 1918 and effective June 20, 1918, he applied for and was granted \$10,000.00 government insurance, designating as beneficiary of his insurance his mother, Helen McGrath. The veteran died intestate October 6, 1918, at which time his insurance was in force and insurance payments at the rate of \$57.50 per month were awarded to the mother of the veteran from October 7, 1918 to November 6, 1931. The award to the mother terminated on the latter date by reason of her death which occurred November 2, 1931. The mother received during her lifetime 157 of the 240 installments of insurance due under the terms of the veteran's policy. The veteran did not designate an alternate beneficiary for his insurance. He is shown to be survived by heirs capable of inheriting the amount of insurance payable by this office. His last legal residence is shown to be the State of South Dakota and evidence filed in this office shows that Dora Cunningham was duly appointed administratrix in the County ^{court} of Douglas, ^{Co.} State of South Dakota, January 26, 1932, and such letters of administration are still in full force and effect.

And pursuant to the findings of fact above set forth, the undersigned hereby determine that the said Dora Cunningham, as the administratrix of the estate of Eugene M. McGrath, the claimant mentioned herein, is entitled under Section 303 of the World War Veterans' Act, 1924, as amended, to the following award of insurance;

\$4,253.00 - Lump Sum Payment.

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TERM, INS. SUB-DIV.
LIFE INS. CLAIMS DIV.

CLAIMS REVIEW BOARD

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Member.

[Signature]

Member.

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2-26-32



Amour & Hah
Feb 4 - 1932

Administration
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir I am writing
you a few lines to see
if we will receive our
checks on the Eugene M. Grath
file no. X 6111325 by March, 1932
as we are badly in need
of it. for feed and seed
for this spring we had a
total failure here this
year on a account of
drouth and grasshoppers
we will appreciate it
very much if you can get
it right away. We are
hear from you soon
Yours Truly
Gerald M. Grath Amour & Hah

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Life Ins. Claims Div.
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Which is the proper
place for this check to
be distributed in the bank
or Post Office The Banks
are all ~~the~~ uncertain
Would it be alright to make
distribution in the Post Office

February 19, 1932.

FCAD

McGRATH, Eugene M. XC 111 325

Mr. Gerald McGrath,
Armour South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated
February 4, 1932.

In reply, you are advised that letters of administration
appointing Dora Cunningham as administratrix of the estate of Eugene M.
McGrath, have been received in this office.

The claim of the administratrix for the payment of the
insurance due in this office, is receiving consideration.

All future communications relative to this case should
bear the veteran's name and refer to the number XC 111 325.

Respectfully,

H. L. McCOY,
Director of Insurance.

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February 19, 1932.

FCAD

Mrs. Dora Cunningham,
Armour South Dakota.

McGRATH, Eugene M. XC 111 325

Dear Madam:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of
January 23, 1932.

In reply you are advised that letters of administration
appointing you as administratrix of the veteran's estate have been
received in this office. Your claim for payment of the amount due
is receiving consideration and you will be advised further in this
regard at an early date.

All future communications relative to this case should bear
the veteran's name and refer to the number XC 111 325.

Respectfully,

H. L. McCOY,
Director of Insurance.

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February 19, 1932.

McGRATH, Eugene M. XC 111 325

FOAD

Mr. A. J. Cassidy,
Lawyer,
Lake Andes, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated
January 28, 1932, with enclosures.

In reply, you are advised that the claim of the administra-
trix of the veteran's estate for payment of insurance due is receiving
consideration.

The administratrix will be advised further in this regard
at a later date.

All future communications relative to this case should bear
the veteran's name and refer to the number XC 111 325.

Respectfully,

H. L. McCOY,
Director of Insurance.

WJK

STATES ATTORNEY
OF CHARLES MIX COUNTY

Ins 1-17-32

H. J. Cassidy

LAWYER

Lake Andes, S.D.

January 28, 1932

Your File: FCAA,
McGrath, Eugene M, XC-111,325

Veterans Administration,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of January 20, 1932, as above brief, addressed to Hon. C. A. Christopherson, and in compliance therewith, I am enclosing herewith the following papers, to-wit:

- (a) Veterans' Administration Compensation Form 682, in duplicate, executed by the Fiduciary, Dora Cunningham.
- (b) A certified copy of the Official Bond of Administratrix, together with the approval of the same by the County Judge indorsed thereon.
- (c) A certified copy of the Letters of Administration issued to Dora Cunningham, together with her oath of office, which said Certificate shows that the Letters of Administration are in full force and effect.
- (d) A Certificate from the Clerk of Courts of Douglas County, South Dakota, showing that the Court was apprised of the amount due from the Veterans Administration to the said estate, namely, \$4253.00, at the time the amount of the bond was fixed.

As you will note from these records Dora Cunningham of Armour, South Dakota, is the duly appointed, qualified and acting administratrix of said estate, and you will transmit the check for this sum direct to her at Armour, South Dakota.

I believe that these papers are all that are required by you and I would greatly appreciate it if you would make this matter special as the heirs in this case are in need of this money for seed and feed.

I appreciate very much the prompt manner in which you have furnished me with the information in this case.

It has always been my practice to handle matters for the veterans of the World War for practically nothing or a nominal sum, and I like to close these matters up as soon as possible.

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Very truly yours,

H. J. Cassidy

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ENCLS. 4.

CLAIM OF FIDUCIARY FOR BENEFITS DUE UNDER THE WAR RISK
INSURANCE ACT, AS AMENDED, OR THE WORLD WAR VETERANS' ACT, AS AMENDED

I, Dora Cunningham residing at
(Name of fiduciary)

Armour South Dakota
(Street) (City) (State)

~~Guardian~~

~~Executor~~

Administrator

~~Custodian~~

of the estate of Eugene M. McGrath,
(Name of Ward or Deceased Payee)

hereby make claim this 26th day of January, 1932, for

~~**Disability Compensation // Death Compensation // Disability Allowance~~ - Term Insurance,
due under the provision of the War Risk Insurance Act, as amended, or the World War
Veterans' Act, as amended, by reason of the death or disability of _____

Eugene M. McGrath

(Name of Veteran)

Dora Cunningham
(Signature of Fiduciary)

* Strike out word not applicable

** Draw line through words not applicable

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

ss.

County of Douglas.

I, Janet R. Morris, Clerk of the County Court within and for the County of Douglas and State of South Dakota, do hereby certify that the paper hereto attached is a true and literal copy of the original,

Bond of Administratrix in the estate of Eugene M. Mc Grath,
deceased.

now on file and of record in my office.

Given under my hand and the Seal of said Court this 27th day of January 19 32

Janet R. Morris

Clerk of County Court.

By _____ Deputy.

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,

IN COUNTY COURT

County of Douglas.

ss.

January 26,

A. D. 1932.

Know all Men by these Presents:

That we Dora Cunningham, of Armour (P. O.) in Douglas County,
South Dakota,

as principal, and Western Surety Company, a corporation,

as sureties, all of the County of Minnehaha and State of South Dakota,
are held and firmly bound unto the State of South Dakota in the penal sum of Six Thousand Five
Hundred, (\$6500.00), ----- DOLLARS,
for the payment of which, well and truly to be made, we hereby jointly and severally bind ourselves, our
heirs, executors and administrators, firmly by these presents.

The condition of the above obligation is such, that if the above bounden -----
Dora Cunningham, ----- who has been appointed administratrix of the
estate of Eugene M. McGrath, ----- deceased, by the County Court of
Douglas County, South Dakota, in accordance with a decree of said County Court,
dated the 19th day of January, A. D., 1932, shall faithfully discharge
the office and duty of such administratrix as required by law, and shall render a fair and just account
of such administration to said Court whenever required so to do by law, or by order of said Court, of all
moneys and property that may come into her hands, or into the hands of anyone for her
belong to the estate of said deceased, and pay out the same under the sanction or direction of said Court,
or to any administrator hereafter to be appointed by a Court of competent jurisdiction, should such ap-
pointment be made, then this obligation to be null and void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands and seals this 26th day
of January, A. D. 1932.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in Presence of

W. J. Cassidy,
Helen Jerman,

Dora Cunningham, (SEAL)

Witnesses WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, (SEAL)

By John J. Exon, (SEAL)

Its Attorney in Fact. (SEAL)

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,

County of -----

We -----

and ----- being duly sworn, depose and say that we
are each residents of and freeholders within the State of South Dakota, and that we are each worth the
sum of ----- DOLLARS,
over and above all our just debts and liabilities, exclusive of property exempt from execution.

Subscribed in my presence by -----

and by them sworn to before me

this ----- day of ----- A. D. 19 -----

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA, } ss.
County of Douglas.
I, Dora Cunningham, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitu-
tion of the United States and the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, and that I will discharge all
and singular the duties of administratrix of the estate of Eugene M. McGrath,
late of Douglas County, South Dakota, deceased,
according to the tenor and effect of the foregoing bond and according to law, to the best of my ability.
(Seal) Dora Cunningham
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 26th day of January, A. D. 1932.
My Commission Expires: February 4, 1933, and is on file with the Clerk of Courts of Charles Mix County, at Lake Andes, South Dakota. R. J. Cassidy
Notary Public, South Dakota.

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA, } ss.
County of Douglas.
The foregoing bond was approved and filed in the office of the County Court in and for said County,
this 26th day of January, A. D. 1932.
(Seal) Stewart Sharps
Judge of the County Court.

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STATE OF South Dakota, } ss.
COUNTY OF Charles Mix,
On this 26th day of January, A. D., 1932, before me, a notary public in and for said
County, personally appeared John J. Exon, to me personally known and being by
me duly sworn, did say, that he is the Attorney-in-Fact of the WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a corporation of Sioux
Falls, South Dakota, created, organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of South Dakota, that
the said instrument was executed on behalf of the said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors and that the
said John J. Exon acknowledges said instrument to be the free act and
deed of said corporation and that he has authority to sign said instrument without affixing the corporation seal of said
corporation.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my official seal at Lake Andes, S. D.,
the day and year last above written.
My Commission expires (NOTARIAL SEAL) November 16, 1933.
W. E. Exon,
Notary Public.

No. _____
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,
In County Court.
County of Douglas.
In the Matter of the Estate of
Eugene M. McGrath, Deceased.
BOND OF
Dora Cunningham,
Administratrix.
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA, } ss.
County of Douglas
IN COUNTY COURT
Filed in the office of the Clerk of the
County Court in and for said County on
the 26th day of January
A. D. 1932 and recorded in Book 17
of Probate records of said
Court, on page 437
Clerk of the County Court.
By Deputy.
A. J. Cassidy,
Attorney for Administratrix.
101223—BROWN & SAENGER, PRINTERS, SIOUX FALLS, S. D.

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA, }
County of Douglas. } ss.

I, Janet R. Morris, Clerk of the County Court in and for said County, the same being a Court of Record, do hereby certify that I have carefully compared the within and foregoing copy of Letters of Administration and official oath of Administratrix in the matter of the Estate of Eugene M. McGrath, deceased, with the original now on file and of record in this office, and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole thereof, and that said Letters of Administration have not been revoked, and are in full force and effect.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of said County Court, at Armour, South Dakota, this 26th day of January, in the year 19 32.

Janet R. Morris
Clerk of the County Court

(L. S.)

By _____ Deputy



No. _____

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

County of Douglas.

IN COUNTY COURT

In the Matter of the Estate of

Eugene M. McGrath,

Deceased

Letters of Administration

Issued to

Dora Cunningham,

on the 26th day of

January, 19 32.

Filed Jan. 26 19 32.

and recorded in Letters of Administration,

Vol. 17 on page 439.

Janet R. Morris,

Clerk

By _____

Deputy

NEWS Ptg. Co., ABERDEEN, S. D.

A. J. Cassidy,
Attorney for Administratrix,
Lake Andes, So. Dak.

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA, }
 County of Douglas. } ss.

IN COUNTY COURT

In the Matter of the Estate of Eugene M. McGrath, Deceased

Letters of Administration on the Estate of Eugene M. McGrath,

deceased, are hereby granted to Dora Cunningham, who has
 duly qualified and given bond approved by the Court as such Administrator^{rix}, and is authorized to administer
 said Estate.

Witness my hand this 26th day of January, 1932.

Attest:

Stewart Sharpe,

Judge of the County Court

Janet R. Morris,

Clerk

(SEAL)

By _____ Deputy

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA, }
 County of Douglas. } ss.

I, Dora Cunningham, do solemnly swear that I will support the
 Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, and that I will faith-
 fully perform, according to law, the duties of Administrator^{rix} of the Estate of _____

Eugene M. McGrath, deceased.

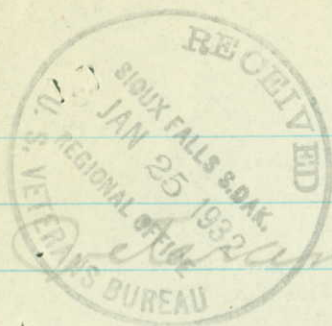
Dora Cunningham,

Subscribed and sworn to before me the 26th day of January, 1932.

(SEAL OF THE COURT)

Stewart Sharpe,

Judge of the County Court



Armour, S.D.
Jan. 23, 1931
Veterans Bureau,
Sioux Falls
S.D.

Dear Sir: I am
writing you in regard
to Eugene M. Mc. Grath's XC
111,325- serial number
insurance. His mother
Mrs. Helen Mc. Grath
was his beneficiary
and rec'd \$7.50 monthly
until her death Nov. 2
1931. Her heirs are to
receive the remainder
which is due her. We
have a Lawyer looking
after it but he hasn't
got the amount yet.

We are badly in need
 of money here and are
 anxious to have this
 put over as soon as
 possible. We wondered
 if you could help us
 in any way. Could you
 figure out the amt.
 due us and let us
 know. We are having
 it probated and have
 to know what the
 amt ~~is~~ for the hearing.
 The hearing has had to
 be postponed twice on
 account of not knowing
 the amt. If you can
 help us in any way we
 will sure appreciate it.
 Respectfully
 Mrs. L. D. Cunningham
 Winona, S. D.

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,)
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS,) ss.

IN COUNTY COURT.

In the Matter of the Estate of)
Eugene M. McGrath, Deceased.) CERTIFICATE.

I, Janet R. Morris, the duly elected, qualified and acting Clerk of Courts of Douglas County, South Dakota, hereby certify that the inventory of the property belonging to the estate of Eugene M. McGrath, deceased, now on file in my Office shows that the only property belonging to said estate is the sum of \$4253.00 due from the Veterans Administration, and that the Court was apprised of this amount at the time it fixed the amount of the Administratrix's Bond in said matter.

Dated at Armour, South Dakota, this 27th day of January, 1932.

Janet R. Morris
Clerk of Courts of Douglas
County, South Dakota.

Sioux Falls, South Dakota
January 28, 1932

Mrs. Dora Cunningham
Armour, South Dakota

ADJUDICATION UNIT
RECEIVED 8.17
McKATH, Eugene
FEB 3 1932

Term Ins. Sub-Division
Life Ins. Claims Div.
Groups 1 & 2

Dear Madam:

This will acknowledge receipt in this office of your letter of January 23, 1931, with reference to the payment of government insurance in the case of the above named deceased veteran.

Since this subject is handled entirely at our Central Office at Washington, D. C., your letter is being sent forward to that office at this time for appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,

D. A. BANNISTER
Manager
Sioux Falls, S. Dak.



January 20, 1932.

FOAA

MC GRATH, Eugene W. KC-111,325

Honorable C. A. Christopherson,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Christopherson:

Supplementing letter of January 5, 1932, addressed to you, please be advised that the commuted value of the remaining unpaid installments of insurance has been determined to be \$4253.00 and administration on the estate of the veteran in the state of his last legal residence is now in order. This office should be provided with a certified copy of the letters of administration and the administrator's bond.

The Veterans' Administration requires evidence showing that the court has been apprised of the amount of money to be paid. It is preferable that this evidence be in the form of a statement from the clerk or other official of the court specifying the amount payable by the Veterans' Administration and showing that the court has been apprised of that fact or, by a certified copy of the petition or inventory presented to the court which sets forth the amount of money to be paid. If, for any reason, evidence of this kind cannot be procured, kindly transmit the best evidence obtainable in order that you may be informed whether such evidence will meet the requirements of the Veterans' Administration.

The enclosed Forms 682 should be executed by the administrator and returned with the evidence of the appointment.

Respectfully,

HAROLD W. BRIDGES,
Assistant Administrator.

Enc. (2) Forms 682
1 c.c.

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VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

January 5, 1932

From: Adjudicator Life Ins. Cls. Div., Adj. Serv. Unit, Room 929.
 To: Converted Insurance Subdivision
 Subject: Present Value of Insurance under Section 303, W.W.V.A., as amended.

Name of Insured Eugene M. McGrath XC- 111,325 T- 2648254 K-
 Date of P. T. Dis. of insured
 Amount of Insurance, \$ 10,000.00 Date of Death of Insured 10-6-1918

1. Monthly installments of insurance were paid during permanent and total disability in the amount of \$ _____ from _____ 19____, to _____ 19____
2. Beneficiaries received monthly installments in the amount of \$ _____ from _____ 19____ to _____, 19____.
3. Mother received monthly installments in the amount of \$ 57.50 from 10-7 19 18 to 11-6, 19 31
4. Payments were discontinued at the latter date, on account of the death of the payee, which occurred on Nov. 2,, 19 31.
5. Please furnish the undersigned with a report showing the present value of the remaining unpaid installments of insurance, to which the estate of the insured is entitled as of date of last payment.

 Adjudicator

From: Converted Insurance Subdivision
 To: Adjudicator
 Subject: Report requested above.

1. Number of installments paid 157
2. Number of remaining unpaid installments 83
3. Commuted value of remaining unpaid installments \$ 4253.00

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 Chief, Converted Insurance Subdivision

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

January 5, 1932

From: Adjudicator _____
 To: Converted Insurance Subdivision
 Subject: Present Value of Insurance under Section 303, W.W.V.A., as amended.

Name of Insured Engineer M M Lutz AC- 111325 T- 2648254 K- _____
 Date of P. T. Dis. of insured _____
 Amount of Insurance, \$ 10,000 Date of Death of Insured 10-6-1918

1. Monthly installments of insurance were paid during permanent and total disability in the amount of \$ _____ from _____ 19____, to _____ 19____
2. Beneficiaries received monthly installments in the amount of \$ _____ from _____ 19____ to _____, 19____.
3. Mother received monthly installments in the amount of 57⁵⁰ from 10-7- 1918 to 11-6-, 1931
4. Payments were discontinued at the latter date, on account of the death of the payee, which occurred on Nov. 2, 1931.
5. Please furnish the undersigned with a report showing the present value of the remaining unpaid installments of insurance, to which the estate of the insured is entitled as of date of last payment.

Woodward
 Adjudicator

From: Converted Insurance Subdivision
 To: Adjudicator _____
 Subject: Report requested above.

1. Number of installments paid _____
2. Number of remaining unpaid installments _____
3. Commuted value of remaining unpaid installments \$ _____

_____, 19____

 Chief, Converted Insurance Subdivision

January 20, 1932.

MC GRATH, Eugene M. FCAA
XC-111,325

Mr. A. J. Cassidy,
Attorney at Law,
Lake Andes, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to a communication from you relative to the insurance involved in the above captioned case.

Please be advised that the commuted value of the remaining unpaid installments of insurance has been determined to be \$4253.00, and administration on the estate of the veteran in the state of his last legal residence is now in order. This office should be provided with a certified copy of the letters of administration and the administrator's bond.

The Veterans' Administration requires evidence showing that the court has been apprised of the amount of money to be paid. It is preferable that this evidence be in the form of a statement from the clerk or other official of the court specifying the amount payable by the Veterans' Administration and showing that the court has been apprised of that fact or, by a certified copy of the petition or inventory presented to the court which sets forth the amount of money to be paid. If, for any reason, evidence of this kind cannot be procured, kindly transmit the best evidence obtainable in order that you may be informed whether such evidence will meet the requirements of the Veterans' Administration.

The necessary forms to be executed by the administrator are being forwarded in a communication addressed this day to the Honorable G. A. Christopherson.

Respectfully,

H. L. MC GRATH,
Director of Insurance.

January 5, 1932

Mr. A. J. Cassidy,
Lake Andes, S. Dak.

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MC GRATH, Eugene M.
XC-111 325

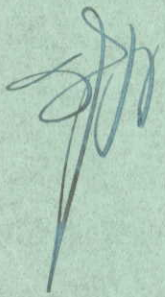
Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your communication
of recent date.

The matter is receiving attention and you are assured
you will receive a full answer as promptly as possible.

By direction,

W. C. BLACK,
Chief Clerk.



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A. J. Cassidy

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Lake Andes, S.D.

STATES ATTORNEY
OF CHARLES MIX COUNTY

Your File:

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McGRATH, Eugene M.
XC-111,325.

Veterans Administration,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

In compliance with your letter of December 15th as above briefed,
I am enclosing herewith Form 541 properly executed.

I have already furnished the Office with proofs showing the death
of the sole beneficiary, Helen McGrath, who was also known as Ellen
McGrath.

Kindly advise me as to the amount of the remaining sum of said
War Risk Insurance, and also the way in which you desire it handled.

In a number of cases you have instructed me for furnish certified
copies of Letters of Administration, Bond of Administrator, and a
Certificate showing that the Judge was advised as to the amount at the
time he fixed the bond; and that to distribute the same under the laws
of the State, which I presume is still the course followed.

Kindly give this matter your prompt attention.

Very truly yours,

A. J. Cassidy

ADJUDICATION UNIT
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Term Ins. Sub-Division
Life Ins. Claims Div.
Groups 1 & 2

ADJUDICATION SUB-DIVISION
Group One
JAN 7 1932
EX-111

Name of deceased veteran Eugene M. McGrath

AFFIDAVIT SHOWING RESIDENCE AND HEIRS OF DECEASED VETERAN

(To be fully executed by two persons, one of whom is disinterested)

On this 21st day of December, 1931, personally appeared

E. E. Dubes, residing at Armour, South Dakota,
(City or town) (State)

and Jessie Norton (Postmistress), residing at Armour,
(City or town)

South Dakota, who, being sworn according to law, depose and say as follows:
(State)

Relationship of each affiant to the veteran none whatever;

Interest of each affiant in the estate of deceased veteran none whatever;

During the five years (exclusive of military service) preceding his death, the veteran lived at the following places for period stated:

Armour, South Dakota, from 1906 or 1907 to 1918
(Town or city) (State) (Year) (Year)

, from to
(Town or city) (State) (Year) (Year)

, from to
(Town or city) (State) (Year) (Year)

That to the best of our knowledge and belief the veteran Eugene M. McGrath
at the time of his death regarded Armour, South Dakota, as
(City or town) (State)

his home, and we base our belief on the following facts:

That the said veteran was a single person, and always made his home
with his parents, John McGrath, and Helen McGrath, also known as Ellen
McGrath, who lived at Armour, South Dakota, that is, these parents and
the deceased veteran lived a few miles southwest of Armour, South
Dakota, ever since the year of 1906 or 1907, and Armour was their post
office. That Helen McGrath who died on November 2, 1931, was the mother
of the decedent, and was also known by the name of Ellen McGrath; and
that the said Helen McGrath, and Ellen McGrath was one and the same
person.

ADJUDICATION UNIT
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Term. Ins. Sec. Division
Groups 1-2

RELATIONSHIP TO VETERAN	NAME OF RELATIVE	AGE	ADDRESS OF RELATIVE	DATE OF DEATH OF RELATIVE IF DECEASED	PARENTAGE OF RELATIVE. GIVE NAMES OF NATURAL FATHER AND MOTHER OF EACH RELATIVE NAMED, IF KNOWN
Uncles and aunts by blood	None capable of inheriting.				
All other heirs who are capable of inheriting from estate of deceased veteran.	None.				

Did Eugene M. McGrath
(Name of veteran)

leave a last will and testament? No.
(Yes or no)

E. McGrath
(Signature)

John Norton P. M.
(Signature)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of December, 19 31.

Notary Public
(Notary Public)

[IMPRESSION OF SEAL HERE]

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Notary Public, South Dakota.

My Commission Expires: Jan 1st 1932

RELATIONSHIP TO VETERAN	NAME OF RELATIVE	AGE	ADDRESS OF RELATIVE	DATE OF DEATH OF RELATIVE IF DECEASED	PARENTAGE OF RELATIVE. GIVE NAMES OF NATURAL FATHER AND MOTHER OF EACH RELATIVE NAMED, IF KNOWN
Brothers and sisters of deceased veteran, including blood, step-brothers and adoptive sisters and step-brothers and adoptive sisters. State whether full, half, step, or adoptive.	Half-Sister. Mayme Egan.	60	New London, Wis.	LIVING	John McGrath, Mthr. Anna McGrath, Mthr. John McGrath, Mthr. Anna McGrath, Mthr. John McGrath, Mthr. John McGrath, Mthr. Helen of Ellen McGrath, Mthr.
	Half-Brother: Edward J. McGrath,	58	Milwaukee, Wis.	LIVING	
	Full-Brother: William McGrath,	50	Longview, Wash.	LIVING	
	Full-Sister: Margaret O'Brien,	48	Stoux City, Ia.	LIVING	do
	Full-Brother: Gerald McGrath,	46	Armour, S. D.	LIVING	do
	Full-Brother: George McGrath,	45	Belvidere, S. D.	LIVING	do
	Full-Brother: Walter McGrath,	44	Belvidere, S. D.	LIVING	do
	Full-Sister: Dora Cunningham,	42	Armour, S. D.	LIVING	do

That to the best of our knowledge and belief, the following are the only relatives of the veteran,

Eugene M. McGrath
(Name of veteran)

, either living or dead, of the degrees of relationship below stated:

NOTE.—The word "none" must be written in the space provided where there is no relative of that class. If any of the information called for is unknown to the affiant, the word "unknown" should be written in space provided for that item.

RELATIONSHIP TO VETERAN	NAME OF RELATIVE	AGE	ADDRESS OF RELATIVE	DATE OF DEATH OF RELATIVE IF DECEASED	PARENTAGE OF RELATIVE. GIVE NAMES OF NATURAL FATHER AND MOTHER OF EACH RELATIVE NAMED, IF KNOWN
Children of deceased veteran, including illegitimate children, stepchildren, adopted children, grandchildren, and unborn children. If any person is an illegitimate child, the fact must be stated immediately below the name. The probable date of birth of a child not yet born should be given.	None.				
	None.				
Wife or husband	None.				
Father	John McGrath,		(Died at Armour, S.D.)	Mar. 5, 1923	Simon McGrath, Fthr. Mary Desmond, Mthr.
	Helen or		(Died at	Nov. 2,	Pat O'Brien, Fthr.
Mother	Ellen McGrath,		Armour, S.D.)	1931	Margaret O'Leary, Mr.
Father by legal adoption	None.				
Mother by legal adoption	None.				
Stepfather	None.				
Stepmother	None.				
Grandfathers	Simon McGrath,			Unknown.	
	Pat O'Brien,			Unknown.	
Grandmothers	Mary Desmond,			Unknown.	
	Margaret O'Leary,			Unknown.	

DO NOT FILL IN.

January 20, 1932.

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MC GRATH, Eugene W. XC-111,325

Mr. Gerald McGrath,
Armour, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

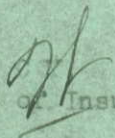
Reference is made to your letter of December 14, 1931, relative to the insurance involved in the above captioned case.

Please be advised that the commuted value of the remaining unpaid installments of insurance has been determined to be \$4253.00 and administration on the estate of the veteran in the state of his last legal residence is now in order. This office should be provided with a certified copy of the letters of administration and the administrator's bond.

The Veterans' Administration requires evidence showing that the court has been apprised of the amount of money to be paid. It is preferable that this evidence be in the form of a statement from the clerk or other official of the court specifying the amount payable by the Veterans' Administration and showing that the court has been apprised of that fact or, by a certified copy of the petition or inventory presented to the court which sets forth the amount of money to be paid. If, for any reason, evidence of this kind cannot be procured, kindly transmit the best evidence obtainable in order that you may be informed whether such evidence will meet the requirements of the Veterans' Administration.

A letter is being addressed this day to the Honorable C. A. Christopherson and also Mr. A. J. Cassidy in which the necessary evidence is outlined as indicated above. The forms necessary for the administrator to execute were enclosed in the letter addressed to the Honorable C. A. Christopherson.

Respectfully,

H. L. MC 
Director of Insurance.

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January 5, 1932

Mr. Gerald McGrath

BA-E

Armour, S. Dak.

MC GRATH, Eugene
XC-111 325


Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your communication
of December 14, 1931.

The matter is receiving attention and you are assured
you will receive a full answer as promptly as possible.

By direction,

W. C. BLACK,
Chief Clerk.



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Armour & Co

Dec 14th 1931

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Veterans Bureau

Washington H C

Dear Sir

We have employed
a lawyer locally of the order
to probate the estate of the
deceased soldier Eugene M. Grath
His mother who was named
Beneficiary of War Risk Insurance
died Nov 21 1931 The remainder
to be distributed among
~~the~~ us heirs we would be
glad to get as soon as we can
get it as we met with a
total failure here this year
farming on account of
drouth and grass hoppers
We are badly in need
of it for feed to run our
stock thru the winter

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We will appreciate it
very much if you will
kindly push this along
Attorney Cassidy has sent
you all the names of the
heirs and Horace Cunningham
of Armour & Co. has been
appointed administrator
So I hope you will look
into this matter and we
will be very thankful

Yours Truly
Gerald M. Grady
Armour & Co.



January 5, 1932.

FCAA

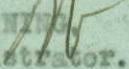
Honorable C. A. Christopherson,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

McGRATH, Eugene M.
XC-111,325

My dear Mr. Christopherson:

Supplementing letter of December 22, 1931, addressed to you, please be advised that the commuted value of the remaining unpaid installments of insurance is being computed and when this computation has been completed you will be immediately advised as to the amount payable.

Respectfully,

HAROLD W. BREINING 
Assistant Administrator.

C. A. CHRISTOPHERSON
1ST DIST. SOUTH DAKOTA

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COMMITTEE: JUDICIARY

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dec. 14, 1931.

U. S. Veterans Bureau,
Washington, D.C.



In re: Eugene M. McGrath, Deceased.
File No. C-111325
I-101709

Gentlemen:

Herewith fine letter from Mr. Cassidy of
Lake Andes, South Dakota which sets forth the informa-
tion he wishes. Will you kindly advise me as to the
amount due this estate so that the court may fix a
bond accordingly.

Thanking you for areply, I am

Yours truly,

C. A. Christopherson

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A. J. Cassidy

LAWYER

Lake Andes, S.D.

STATES ATTORNEY
OF CHARLES MIX COUNTY

December 12, 1931.



Hon. C. A. Christopherson,
House Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Christopherson:

On November 10, 1931, I wrote the Veterans Bureau advising it that Helen McGrath, also known as Ellen McGrath, who was the sole beneficiary under the War Risk Insurance Policy of Eugene M. McGrath, deceased, had died on November 2, 1931, and asked it to advise me as to the exact amount due the heirs of the said deceased veteran. At the time I wrote the Bureau, I did not have the file number of his case, and on or about December 1st, I again wrote the Bureau and enclosed a certified copy of the Death Certificate of Helen McGrath, and also four affidavits showing that Helen McGrath and Ellen McGrath was one and the same person, and gave the file number of the case and requested it to advise me as to the amount of the commuted value of the remaining sum under the War Risk Insurance, but I have not received any reply to either of my letters. I have a hearing set for December 17, 1931, for hearing petition for appointment of Administrator of the estate of Eugene M. McGrath, deceased, and I do not know the amount of the bond that the Court should fix on account of not having been advised by the Bureau as to the amount of the War Risk Insurance due the heirs of said estate. It appears now that I will probably have to continue the hearing until a later date, but I wish that you would go over to the Veterans Bureau and look this matter up for me and get action as soon as possible. The file number is C-111325; I-101709. I am enclosing herewith a copy of my two letters to the Bureau for your information.

Very truly yours,

A. J. Cassidy

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January 5, 1932.

FCAA

Mrs. Dora Cunningham,
Armour, South Dakota.

McGRATH, Eugene M.
XC-111,325

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to your letter of December 13, 1931, relative to the insurance involved in the above captioned case.

Please be advised that the commuted value of the remaining unpaid installments of insurance is being computed and when this computation has been completed you will be immediately advised as to the amount payable.

All future communications relative to this case should bear the veteran's name and refer to the number XC-111,325.

Respectfully,

H. L. McGRATH
Director of Insurance.



Chicago, Ill.

Dec. 13, 1931.

Veterans Bureau

12-210 Washington,
Xc-111325 D. C.

Dear Sir:- Am writing
you in regard to
Eugene M. Mc. Grath's
War Risk Insurance
which was made out
to his mother and
since her death the
remainder should be
paid the heirs. I am
Mrs Helen Mc. Grath's
daughter and am to be
the Administrator
over the estate. I would

like very much if you
could hurry this
business along. Lawyer
Cassidy has it in
his hands and is as
anxious as we are to
get this settled up.

We are all hard up,
no crops and no feed
for stock and nearly
impossible to get along.

Please take care of this
as soon as possible, as
we are all all badly
in need of it to get
through the winter.

Hoping to hear from you
soon. Respectfully

Mrs. Fort Cunningham
Anniston, Ala.

December 15, 1931

FCAD

A. J. Cassidy,
Lawyer,
Lake Andes, South Dakota.

McGRATH, Eugene M.
XC-111,325

Dear Sir:

Acknowledgment is made of your letters of recent date with enclosures.

Enclosed you will find Form 541 which should be executed by two persons, one of whom at least is not financially interested in the distribution of the remaining insurance. This form should be returned promptly in order that the insurance feature may be given the necessary attention.

You will be advised of the amount payable upon the return of Administration's Form 541.

All future communications relative to this case should show the veteran's name and refer to the number XC-111,325.

Respectfully,

H. L. McCOY,
Director of Insurance.

Enc:
Form 541

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
Compensation Form 521
Rev. July 1931.

STOP PAYMENT NOTICE

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X I 111,325.....
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Date.....
December 30 1931

From:
Insurance Division, Central Office,
(Designate Division of Central Office or Regional Office preparing form)

To:
(Indicate Award Account Subdivision, Direct Office and Payment Division, or Regional Accountant)

Subject: Stop payment on
(Designate kind of award, whether Term, Converted or National Insurance, Disability, Death or Adjusted Compensation)

1. Full name of payee
Helen McGrath
2. Effective date of action
November 6, 1931
3. Reason for action
Death of Payee
4. Name of veteran
Eugene M. McGrath (Army)

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BUDGET & STATISTICS
VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

Submitted by *M. F. Sheehan* Approved by *Sheehan*
(Signature and title) (Signature and title)

STATES ATTORNEY
OF CHARLES MIX COUNTY



H. J. Cassidy

LAWYER

Lake Andes, S.D.

November 10, 1931.

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(m) 7-2-101709
Death
C-111325 ✓

United States Veterans Bureau,
Washington D. C.

Gentlemen:

✓ In Re: Eugene M. McGrath

You are advised that Helen McGrath of Armour, South Dakota, who was the sole beneficiary under the War Risk Insurance of Eugene M. McGrath, died on November 2, 1931, at Armour, South Dakota.

The heirs of Helen McGrath and the heirs of Eugene M. McGrath have consulted me regarding the payment of the balance due under the policy of this deceased veteran, and I have advised them that the remaining sum will be paid to the administrator of the estate of said deceased veteran upon proper proof of death of the beneficiary, and the appointment and qualification of the administrator. This is in accordance with instructions I have received from your office in other cases.

These heirs have been unable to get me the file number of this case, and I am giving you the following information: Eugene M. McGrath was a member of Co. "C", 308th Infantry, and was killed in action on October 6, 1918. I wish that you would kindly check up this case and advise me as to the remaining sum to be paid to the heirs of said deceased veteran, and also whether or not I am proceeding right in appointing an administrator for his estate.

I am advised that the Postmaster at Armour, South Dakota, has returned a check to your office since the death of the beneficiary. Kindly give this matter your usual prompt attention.

Very truly yours,

H. J. Cassidy

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H. J. Cassidy

LAWYER

Lake Andes, S.D.

STATES ATTORNEY --
OF CHARLES MIX COUNTY --

Your File:

C-111325;
I-101709.



adv #1-11-23-31

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United States Veterans Bureau,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

In Re: Eugene M. McGrath, Deceased.

On November 28th I wrote you that the sole beneficiary, Helen McGrath, to the War Risk Insurance of Eugene M. McGrath died on November 2, 1931, and requested you to advise me as to the amount that was due the heirs of the deceased veteran, and also how the same was to be handled, but I did not have your file number at the time, which has probably delayed a reply.

I am enclosing **herewith** a certified copy of the Certificate of Death of the sole beneficiary, Helen McGrath, who was also known by the name of Ellen McGrath.

Very truly yours,

*enclosed
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H. J. Cassidy



STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,)
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS,) ss. AFFIDAVIT AS TO DEATH OF SOLE
BENEFICIARY UNDER THE WAR RISK INSURANCE
OF EUGENE MICHAEL McGRATH, DECEASED,
Certificate No. 2648254.

Gerald McGrath being first duly sworn on his oath, deposes and says, that he is a full brother of the deceased veteran, Eugene Michael McGrath, to whom was issued Certificate No. 2648254 for War Risk Insurance in the sum of \$10,000.00, and that his postoffice address is Armour, South Dakota.

Affiant further says that the said Eugene Michael McGrath at the time of his death was a member of Company "C," 308th Infantry, 77th Division; that the said Eugene Michael McGrath was killed in action in the Argonne drive on October 6, 1918, at the age of about 28 years.

Affiant further says that on April 22nd, 1919, the Bureau of War Risk Insurance awarded to Mrs. Helen McGrath, of Armour, South Dakota, as the person named as beneficiary by said veteran to whom said insurance in the amount of \$10,000.00 was issued by the United States under the Act of Congress of October 6, 1917, and the amendments thereto, to receive said insurance in payments of \$57.50 per month from the 7th day of October, 1918, to the 7th day of October, 1938, (File No. C-111325; I-101709).

Affiant further says that the said beneficiary, Helen McGrath, died at Armour, South Dakota, on November 2, 1931; and that the last check transmitted to her was returned to the United States Veterans Bureau by the Postmaster at Armour, South Dakota.

Affiant further says that the following is a true and correct statement of the family history of the said Eugene Michael McGrath, to-wit:

That the father of the said deceased veteran was John McGrath, who died on March 5, 1923.

That the said John McGrath was married two times, to-wit:

1. Anna McGrath, who died about 50 years ago.
2. Helen McGrath, also known as Ellen McGrath, who died on November 2, 1931, at Armour, South Dakota, and who was the sole beneficiary to said War Risk Insurance.

That there were born to the said John McGrath, and his first wife, Anna McGrath, four children, namely:

1. A child which died in infancy, unmarried and without issue and prior to the death of said deceased veteran.
2. A child which died in infancy, unmarried and without issue and prior to the death of said deceased veteran.
3. Mayme Egan, a daughter, aged about 60 years, living at New London, Wisconsin.
4. Edward J. McGrath, a son, aged about 58 years, living at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

That there were born to the said John McGrath, and his second wife, Helen McGrath, who was also known as Ellen McGrath, seven children including the deceased veteran, namely:

1. William McGrath, son, aged about 50 years, living at Longview, Washington.
2. Margaret O'Brien, daughter, aged 48 years, living at Sioux City, Iowa.
3. Gerald McGrath, son, aged 46 years, living at Armour, S.D.
4. George McGrath, son, aged 45 years, living at Belvidere, S.D.
5. Walter McGrath, son, aged 44 years, living at Belvidere, S.D.
6. Dora Cunningham, daughter, aged 42 years, living at Armour, S.D.
7. Eugene Michael McGrath, son, the deceased veteran, who was killed in France on October 6, 1918, at the age of about 28½ years, unmarried and without issue.

Affiant further says that the said Helen McGrath, mother of the decedent, was also known by the name of Ellen McGrath, and that the said Helen McGrath and the said Ellen McGrath was one and the same person; and that the person named in the annexed death certificate as Ellen McGrath is the same person as Helen McGrath, mother of the said deceased veteran, and the sole beneficiary under said War Risk Insurance.

Affiant further says that the said Helen McGrath also known as Ellen McGrath was married only the one time, and never had any children except those above named.

Affiant further says that the said deceased veteran, Eugene Michael McGrath, was never married or had any issue, and that when he died he left the following relatives, to-wit:

<u>Name of Relative.</u>	<u>Relationship.</u>	<u>Date of Death.</u>	<u>Parents.</u>
John McGrath,.....	Father.....	March 5, 1923,	-----
Helen McGrath (also known as Ellen McGrath) (Beneficiary)	Mother,.....	November 2, 1931,	-----
Mayme Egan,.....	Half-Sister,	LIVING,	John McGrath, and Anna McGrath.
Edward J. McGrath,....	Half-Brother,	LIVING,	do
William McGrath,.....	Brother,	LIVING,	John McGrath, and Helen McGrath also known as Ellen McGrath.
Margaret O'Brien,.....	Sister,.....	LIVING,	do
Gerald McGrath,.....	Brother,.....	LIVING,	do
George McGrath,.....	Brother,.....	LIVING,	do
Walter McGrath,.....	Brother,.....	LIVING,	do
Dora Cunningham,.....	Sister,.....	LIVING,	do.

Affiant further says that the insured veteran, Eugene Michael McGrath, did not designate any alternate beneficiary, and that the remaining payments should be paid to the persons entitled to receive his personal property under the laws of the State of South Dakota.

Gerald McGrath

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of November, 1931.

EE Duber

My Commission Expires:

Notary Public, South Dakota.

Oct 7-1934

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,)
) ss. AFFIDAVIT OF DORA CUNNINGHAM.
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS,)

Dora Cunningham of lawful age, being first duly sworn on her oath, deposes and says, that she is the daughter of John McGrath, of Armour, South Dakota, who died on March 5, 1923, and Helen McGrath also known as Ellen McGrath, of Armour, South Dakota, who died on November 2, 1931, and is a full sister to the deceased veteran, Eugene Michael McGrath, who was killed in France on October 6, 1918.

That the said Helen McGrath who was named as the sole beneficiary in the War Risk Insurance of the said Eugene Michael McGrath was also known by the name of Ellen McGrath; and that the person designated in the annexed Certificate of Death by the name of Ellen McGrath, who died on November 2, 1931, is the same and identical person as Helen McGrath who was designated as sole beneficiary in said War Risk Insurance, and was awarded said insurance in monthly payments of \$57.50 on April 22, 1919 (File No. C-111325. I-101709).

Affiant further says that she has read the above and foregoing affidavit made by Gerald McGrath, and is familiar with all of the facts

therein stated, and that the said affidavit is true to her own knowledge.

Dora Cunningham

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of November, 1931.

E. E. Dubes

Notary Public, South Dakota.

My Commission Expires:

Oct 7-1934

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,)
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS,) ss. AFFIDAVIT OF JANET R. MORRIS.

Janet R. Morris being of lawful age, and being first duly sworn on her oath, deposes and says, that she is the duly elected, qualified and acting Clerk of Courts of Douglas County, South Dakota.

That she was well acquainted with the person designated in the annexed certificate of death by the name of Ellen McGrath, who died on November 2, 1931, at Armour, South Dakota, and that the said Ellen McGrath is one and the same person as Helen McGrath, who was the mother of Eugene Michael McGrath, who was killed in action in France on October 6, 1918, and who was the sole beneficiary under the War Risk Insurance of the said deceased veteran, Eugene Michael McGrath.

Affiant further says that she is no relation to the said Eugene Michael McGrath, and is wholly disinterested in the remaining portion of his War Risk Insurance.

Janet R. Morris

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of November, 1931.

E. E. Dubes

Notary Public, South Dakota.

My Commission Expires:

Oct 7-1934

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,)
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS,) ss. AFFIDAVIT OF U. S. POSTMISTRESS.

Jessie Norton P.M. of lawful age, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that she is the duly appointed, qualified and acting United States Postmistress at Armour, South Dakota; that she knows of her own knowledge that the person designated in the annexed Certificate of Death as "Ellen McGrath" who died on November 2, 1931, is the same and identical person as "Helen McGrath," who was the mother of the deceased veteran, Eugene Michael McGrath, who was killed in France on October 6, 1918, and who was the sole beneficiary to his War Risk Insurance; and that the said Ellen McGrath, and the said Helen McGrath was one and the same person; and that the affiant has no interest in said matter whatsoever.

Jessie Norton P.M.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of November, 1931.

E. E. Dubes

Notary Public, South Dakota.

My Commission Expires:

Oct 7-1934

N. B.—WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD. Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact Statement of OCCUPATION is very important. See instructions on back of certificate.

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING

1 PLACE OF DEATH				SOUTH DAKOTA	
County <u>Douglas</u>				STATE BOARD OF HEALTH	
1 Township <u>Armour</u>				Division of Vital Statistics	
or Village <u>Armour</u>				CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
City <u>Armour</u>				Reg. District No. <u>I4</u> No. in Registration Book <u>I4</u>	
				(Above numbers to be filled in only by local registrar or his deputy.)	
				No. <u> </u> St. <u> </u> Ward <u> </u>	
				(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its Name instead of street and number)	
2 FULL NAME <u>Mrs Ellen McGrath</u>					
(2) Residence. No. <u> </u> St. <u> </u> Ward <u> </u>					
(Usual place of abode) (If nonresident give city or town and State)					
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred <u>78</u> yrs. <u>8</u> mos. <u>24</u> ds. How long in U. S., if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds.					
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS					
3 SEX	4 COLOR OR RACE	5 Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced (WRITE the word)			
<u>Female</u>	<u>white</u>	<u>widowed</u>			
5a If married, widowed, or divorced HUSBAND of (or) WIFE of <u>Feb- 2- 1853</u>					
6 DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year)					
7 AGE	Years	Months	Days	If LESS than 1 day, . . . hrs. or . . . min.	
<u>78</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>24</u>			
8 OCCUPATION OF DECEASED					
(a) Trade, Profession, or particular kind of work <u>Housewife</u>					
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)					
(c) Name of employer					
9 BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) <u>Boston- Mass</u>					
PARENTS	10 NAME OF FATHER <u>Patrick O'Brien</u>				
	11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (city or town) (State or country) <u>Ireland</u>				
	12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>Margaret O'Leary</u>				
	13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (city or town) (State or country) <u>Ireland</u>				
14 Informant <u>Mrs O'Brien</u> <u>Sioux City, Ia.</u>					
(Address) <u>Armour, S.D.</u>					
15 Filed <u>II/6/19 31</u> <u>Janet R. Morris</u> <u>Julius Rokke</u>					
Clerk of Courts.					
MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH					
16 DATE OF DEATH <u>Nov- 2-</u> <u>19 31</u>					
(Month) (Day) (Year)					
17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <u>July 1-</u> <u>19 31</u> to <u>Nov. 2-</u> <u>19 31</u>					
that I last saw her alive on <u>Oct- 30</u> <u>19 31</u>					
and that death occurred on the date stated above, at <u>7- A-</u> <u>m.</u>					
The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:					
<u>Chronic Nephritis</u>					
<u>(arteriosclerotic)</u>					
duration <u>1</u> yrs. <u>3</u> mos. <u> </u> days					
CONTRIBUTORY <u>arteriosclerosis</u>					
(Secondary) <u>anemia</u>					
(duration) <u> </u> yrs. <u> </u> mos. <u> </u> days					
18 Where was disease contracted					
if not at place of death?					
Did an operation precede death? <u>No</u> Date of <u> </u>					
Was there an autopsy? <u>No</u>					
What test confirmed diagnosis? <u>usual</u>					
(Signed) <u>F.F. Boyd Jr</u> <u>M. D.</u>					
, 19 <u> </u> (Address) <u>Armour, S.D.</u>					
*State the Disease Causing Death, or in deaths from Violent Causes, state (1) Means and Nature of Injury, and (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal, or Homicidal. (See reverse side for additional space.)					
19 Place of Burial, Cremation, or Removal <u>Armour, S.D.</u> Date of Burial <u>II-4- 31</u>					
20 UNDERTAKER <u>Julius Rokke</u> ADDRESS <u>Armour</u>					

Undertaker
burial permit issued Nov. 4. -1931
Geo. Palmer - Justice
Received
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July 8, 1931

Mr. John W. Addie,
Attorney at Law,
Armour, South Dakota.

FABF

McGRATH, Eugene M.
XC-111,325

Dear Sir:

Reply is made to your letter dated June 27, 1931. You are advised that in addition to the insurance and adjusted compensation previously mentioned, the mother if she can prove dependency to the satisfaction of this Office,, will be entitled to death compensation payments of \$20.00 per month to continue as long as she is dependent.

She should have no hesitancy, therefore, in executing Form 527. Additional Forms 527 and 527A are herewith enclosed in case prior ones have been misplaced. Should, however, additional information be desired, will you kindly so inform this Office?

All future communications relative to this case should bear the veteran's name and refer to the number XC-111,325.

Respectfully,

GEORGE F. BROWN
Director of Compensation

Enc. Forms 527 & 527A

JOHN W. ADDIE
ATTORNEY AT LAW
ARMOUR, S. D.

June 27, 1931.



Mr. H. H. Milks,
Chief, Awards Division,
Veterans Administration,
United States Veterans Bureau,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Re: FABF McGrath, Eugene M.
XC-111,325.

EX-114

Mrs. Ellen McGrath received a letter from you dated June 22, 1931, and I have been consulted in regard to the matter. Mrs. McGrath is the mother of the deceased veteran, Eugene M. McGrath.

She has been receiving the \$57.50 monthly on the insurance and also apparently received the ten quarterly installments of \$6.75 each on adjusted compensation, and undoubtedly also received the \$60.00 bonus which you mentioned.

Now, in addition to the foregoing, is she entitled to the claim for death compensation which should be applied for on form 527 and 527-A? Mrs. McGrath is very feeble and has been feeble for some years. A daughter of hers lives with her. The daughter is a widow and has several children. As I understand it, Mrs. Ellen McGrath does not pay regular amounts as monthly expense, but the \$57.50 insurance which she is receiving monthly is used in connection with keeping up the living expenses.

She could not state any definite amounts of monthly income, except the \$57.50 for she and her daughter have been living together and the \$57.50 has been used toward the household expenses, clothing, medical attention, etc. for Mrs. Ellen McGrath.

Under the circumstances as hereinbefore stated, is Mrs. McGrath entitled to death compensation? Mrs. McGrath is now old and feeble and really needs more attention than her widowed daughter can give her in addition to her other household duties.

I suppose that Mrs. McGrath would probably have to sign the application by a mark before witnesses, but I assume that signature by mark would probably be satisfactory.

Trusting that I will hear from you soon, I am,

JWALAP

Very truly yours,

John W. Addie

June 22, 1931

Quartermaster General's Office,
U. S. Army,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

FABF

McGRATH, Eugene M.
XC-111,325
Pvt. Co. C, 308 Inf.
Died in line of duty
October 6, 1918.
Serial No. 3,133,217

Dear Sir:

Kindly note letter from the mother requesting information concerning the "mothers' pilgrimage trip to France". She has been advised of this reference.

By direction,

H. H. MILKS,
Chief, Awards Division.

PCR:wlh

June 22, 1931

Mrs. Ellen McGrath,
Armour, South Dakota.

FABF

McGRATH, Eugene M.
XC-111,325

Dear Madam:

In reply to your letter of recent date kindly be informed that adjusted compensation was heretofore paid to you in ten quarterly installments of \$6.75 each, the first starting in 1927. At the same time, there was, also, approved in your behalf the \$60.00 bonus.

However, in addition to adjusted compensation and War Risk insurance you are informed in answer to your inquiry that death compensation benefits may also be made payable and if the father of the above named serviceman and yourself desire to file claim for such benefits you should jointly execute in your behalf the inclosed Forms 527-A and 527. Proof of the birth of your son must be furnished as is outlined in Paragraph B of Form 527.

The question concerning the mother's pilgrimage to France has been referred to the Office of the Quartermaster General, War Department, Washington, D. C.

All future communications relative to this case should bear the veteran's name and refer to the number XC-111,325.

By direction,

H. H. MILKS,
Chief, Awards Division.

Inc.-Form 527
" 527-A.

PCR:wlb

Armour, S. D.
June 10, 1931

U. S. Veterans' Bureau,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I am writing you a few lines concerning the Gold Star Pilgrimage. I have rec'd invitation to take the trip but as my health won't ever permit me to do so I would rather accept the money which should be allowed to me in preference to the trip and also any other bonus or compensation that are allowed to me as I am aged and badly in need of money. My son's grave is unidentified so the trip would be useless to me, but can't see why I can't receive some compensation as well as those that take the trip. Let me know about this at once, Please.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Ellen McGrath,
Armour, S. D.

Ps. My son's name
Eugene M. McGrath
Co C, 308 Infantry, 77 Division.

Is the bonus that they all are receiving allowed to the mothers that lost their sons in war. Please look this up and let me know if there is anything coming to me in a bonus. Please let me know about this just as soon as possible.

Mrs. E. McGrath.

(A TRUE COPY)



UNITED STATES VETERANS BUREAU

WASHINGTON

May 22, 1930.

THIS LETTER REFERS TO
YOUR FILE NUMBER:

IN REPLY REFER TO: DAF-F

Mrs. Ellen McGrath,
501 Division Street,
Sioux City, Iowa.

McGRATH, Eugene M.
A-3,915,942

XC111-325

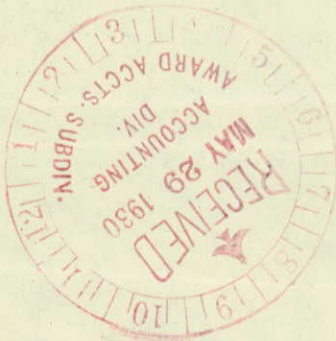
Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of May 13,
1930, requesting that your next check be sent to 501 Division
Street, Sioux City, Iowa.

This matter is receiving attention.

For the Director,

Harold W. Breining
HAROLD W. BREINING,
Assistant Director.



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READY FOR FILE
ACCOUNTING DIV.
MAY 29 1930
ANSW. REC. INITIALS.
No. ans. rec. INITIALS.

XC 111325
7/25/28
UNITED STATES VETERANS BUREAU

WASHINGTON

May 26, 1930

THIS LETTER REFERS TO
YOUR FILE NUMBER:Mrs. Ellen McGrath,
501 Division Street,
Sioux City, Iowa.

IN REPLY REFER TO: DDA-D

McGRATH, Eugene M.
A-3,915,942

Dear Madam:

Further reference is made to your letter dated May 13, 1930 in which you request the mailing of your next check to the address given above in connection with your claim for the benefits of the World War Adjusted Compensation Act as the dependant mother of the above captioned deceased veteran.

According to the records of this Bureau an award in the amount of \$67.50 was approved in your favor, which amount was paid in ten equal quarterly calendar installments. Checks each in the amount of \$6.75 were forwarded to you on the following dates:

Date	Amount	Date	Amount
Jan. 1, 1927	\$6.75	Apr. 1, 1928	\$6.75
Apr. 1, 1927	\$6.75	Jul. 1, 1928	\$6.75
Jul. 1, 1927	\$6.75	Oct. 1, 1928	\$6.75
Oct. 1, 1927	\$6.75	Jan. 1, 1929	\$6.75
Jan. 1, 1928	\$6.75	Apr. 1, 1929	\$6.75

The check dated April 1, 1929 represented the final installment of your award. In the event you have failed to receive any of the above mentioned checks, you should advise the Bureau to that effect immediately over your personal signature.

For the Director,

Harold W. Breining
HAROLD W. BREINING,
Assistant Director.RECEIVED
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DIST. AGENTS
ENVELOPE

May 26, 1930.

Mrs. Ellen McGrath,
501 Division Street,
Sioux City, Iowa.

DDA-D

McGRATH, Eugene M.
A-3,915,942



7C 111325
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For the Director,

HAROLD W. BREINING,
Assistant Director.

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UNITED STATES VETERANS BUREAU

MEMORANDUM

From Chief, Accounting Division.
To Chief, Certificate Accounts Division.
Subject McGRATH, Eugene M. A-3,915,942

Date May 22, 1930.
DAF-F

The attached communication from Mrs. Ellen McGrath dated May 13, 1930, is referred for attention and reply inasmuch as the records of this Division fail to show an award of compensation or insurance approved in favor of Mrs. McGrath.

Carbon copy of letter of acknowledgment as of even date is also attached hereto.

2 Enc.

Wm. H. Holmes
WM. H. HOLMES.



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