

Gen. Hurley, Surgeon, Dies At 73

Funeral services for Brig. Gen. Thomas D. Hurley, 73, who died Thursday in St. Joseph's Hospital, were pending with Harding-Orr and McDaniel Montana Avenue Funeral Home.

Gen. Hurley, who followed the late Gen. George S. Patton's 3rd Army across Europe with field hospitals and specialized surgical teams during World War II, served in the U.S. Army 29 years. He spent 15 months in France during World War I and was attached to the French general headquarters as inspector of the U.S. Army Ambulance Service with the French army.

From 1927 to 1929, he served as executive officer of the 12th Medical Regiment, Philippine division at Ft. William McKinley, near Manila. He also served as instructor with the 45th Division of the Oklahoma National Guard for five years at Oklahoma City.

A surgeon, Gen. Hurley served in that capacity in 1937 at Ft. Shafter, near Honolulu for two years and later was surgeon with the 2nd Division which was later transferred to the 3rd Corps.

In March, 1944, Gen. Hurley went overseas and landed on French soil a month after D-Day.

Gen. Hurley concluded his career as a surgeon with the 3rd Army, which was under the command of Gen. Patton.

He received four citations from the French government, the pre-Pearl Harbor ribbon, American

Theater ribbon, World War II Victory Medal, the World War I Victory Medal with three bronze stars, the European Theater ribbon with five bronze stars, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the French Legion of Honor, Croix de Guerre with palm, Medal of Honor in silver, French Commemorative Medal and the Tunisian Order of Iftikahr.

Gen. Hurley's body will be cremated and the ashes will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

He is survived by a brother, A. H. Hurley of Tulsa, Okla., and two sisters, Mrs. Chester A. Franklin of Ardmore, Okla., and Miss Kathryn Hurley of Vinita, Okla.

Gen. Hurley, who had been ill for several months, was a resident of El Paso about 25 years. He married the late Elizabeth W. Stevens of El Paso, who was the daughter of H. E. Stevens, a pioneer El Pasoan.