

JAN 21 1926

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

1.  NAME **BATTLE, John M. *anning*** SERIAL No. **--**

RANK **1st Lt.** ORGANIZATION **Mch. Gn. Co. 23rd Inf.**

**& DIVISION**

GRAVE LOCATION **Amer. Cty., ANGERS (Maine et Loire)** **297**

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

**20**

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION **20** **ANGERS** **M. & L.**

**As shown on GRS Form 1-A dated 9/29/19** GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES **None given**

CONCENTRATED TO **Nothing of record**

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

**Nothing of record**

DATE OF DEATH **July 21, 1918**

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME **New York**

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED **over**

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS **Nothing of record**

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR ***Stanley J. Grogan***

**STANLEY J. GROGAN, Captain, Infantry.**

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION **August 4, 1922** **37** **25** **Block D**

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

**Oise-Aisne American Cemetery #608, Seringes-et-Nesles (Aisne)**

CEMETERY

AUDITED BY

191 23 1926

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.

2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.

3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.

4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form 16, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.

*Cited: 9088-20 New. Rec 31, 1918 as follows:*  
"For his magnificent courage and unselfishness when mortally wounded on the night of July 19, 1918, near Vierzy France. He refused to accept medical aid until the 16 men who had been injured by the shell which wounded him had been cared for. (Silver Star Citation)"  
Off New - Rec Sec 442  
- Jenson per B  
1-30-26.

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Batte*

(Surname.)

(Number.)

*John M*

(First Name and Initials.)

*Lt.*

(Rank.)

*23 Inf. M. G. Co.*

(Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL

*July 22nd, 1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL

*St. Leonards*

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

*St. Leonards, Angers*

*Maine et Loire*

*France*

GRAVE NUMBER

*# 20*

HOW MARKED : Name Peg?

*Yes*

Cross?

*Reg*

Headboard?

Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS :

Was one buried with body?

*Yes*

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

*Yes*

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

REPORTED BY :

*Ernest C. Chapman*

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Co. M.G. 23rd Infantry  
2nd Div

BA TLE, John M. - 1st Lt.

Died of wounds on way to Hospital at Angers. Buried near  
Hospital.

No informant given.

SH

1st INF:

In answer refer to file No. 293.2) Battle, John Manning)-Cometarial  
Office, Quartermaster General, June 11th, 1919-- To Lieutenant Colonel  
Charles C. Pierce, Chief of the Graves Registration Service, American  
Post Office, 717, France.

Forwarded for your consideration and action relative to a  
photograph of the grave of the above named ~~member~~.  
By authority of the Quartermaster General;

H. R. Lenly,  
Major, Quartermaster Corps.

FEL

MAILED  
JUN 11 1919

293.2 Battle, John Manning

JAMES A. O'GORMAN  
GEO. GORDON BATTLE  
ALMUTH C. VANDIVER  
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ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELLORS AT LAW

37 WALL STREET, NEW YORK

TELEPHONE 6936 HANOVER  
CABLE ADDRESS "COUNSELLOR"

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June 2, 1919.

Re Grave of 1st Lt. John Manning Battle,  
M.G.Co., 23 Inf., Cemetery 297, Grave 20,  
New American Ouest Angers

Graves Registration Service,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

In the above matter, my information is that the following is the location of the grave of Lieut. Battle, my nephew and a son of my brother Gaston Battle, of Rocky Mount, N.C.:

"John Manning Battle, 1st Lt., M.G.Co., 23 Inf.,  
July 31, 1918, Cemetery 297, Grave 20, New American  
Ouest Angers (Maine et Loire Department), Base 27."

From this information will you be able to send me two photographs of the grave? If so, it will be greatly appreciated and I should be glad to remit any charge therefor.

Faithfully yours,

*Geo Gordon Battle*

GGB-M

O. Q. M. C.  
CEM. BR.  
Rec'd

*293.2 Battle, John Manning*

June 11th, 1919.

293.29 Battle, John Manning)-Cometerial

Office, Quartermaster General of the Army,

Mr. W. Gordon Battle, c/o O'Gorman, Battle and Vandiver, 37 Wall St.,  
New York, N. Y.

Photograph of the grave of 1st Lieutenant John Manning Battle.

1. This office is in receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant requesting a photograph of the grave of 1st Lieutenant John Manning Battle, Machine Gun Company, 23rd Infantry, who died in France.

2. In reply you are informed that your letter has been forwarded this date to Lieutenant Colonel Charles C. Pierce, Chief of the Graves Registration Service, American Expeditionary Forces, France, for his consideration and action relative to a photograph of the grave of this officer.

H. L. Rogers,  
Quartermaster General of the Army,

By:

H. R. Lanly,  
Major, Quartermaster Corps.

FEL.

MAILED  
JUN 11 1919



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TELEPHONE 6936 HANOVER  
CABLE ADDRESS "COUNSELLOR"

J. PER.

June 14, 1919.

H. R. Lemly, Esq.,  
Major, Quartermaster Corps,  
War Department,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Major: Lemly:

Please accept my thanks for your letter of June 11, 1919, in regard to the photograph of the grave of 1st Lieutenant John Manning Battle. I thank you for what you have done to obtain a photograph of the grave, and I trust your efforts will be successful.

With best wishes and kindest regards, I am

Faithfully yours,

*Geo Gordon Battle*

O. Q. M. C.  
CEM. BR.  
Rec'd

JUN 16 1919

293.2 Battle, John Manning

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	BATTLE	3	210
BURIED Enl 8-15-19 Born 10-24-91	CEMETERY	1	2
	GRAVE	2	37
	ROW	2	25
	BLOCK	1	4
STATE	ny	2	37
RANK	1st Lt	1	1
DIVISION	2	2	02
ORGANIZATION	23	3	023
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARTIAL	no	1	2
NAME	BATTLE	3	210
Mrs Gaston	STATE	2	10
% Sinclair Refining Co. Box 1710	COUNTY	2	45
mother dead	CITY	3	004
RELATION	mother	1	3
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	bad	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	no	1	2

AUDITED

MAR 1 1932

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Battle, John Manning (OA) s

Sept. 8, 1932

Mrs. Gaston Battle  
c/o Sinclair Refining Co.  
Box 1710  
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

In order that your desires may be of record, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")

2. Please state your age and condition of health:

Age:  
Health:

3. Do you speak English?

4. What other language do you speak?

*My wife's health prevents her from making the trip -*  
*Gaston Battle*

Sign here

NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE

PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

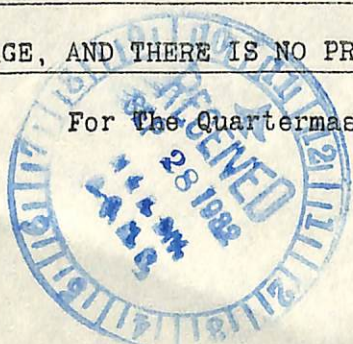
For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours



CHAS. W. DIETZ,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Encl:  
Env.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Battle, John Manning (OA) s

July 18, 1932.

Mrs. Gaston Battle,  
c/o Sinclair Refining Co.,  
Box 1710,  
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries of Europe during the years 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933 for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces who were lost or buried at sea or whose remains are interred in Europe.

Your attention is particularly invited to the fact that this is the last opportunity you will have to make the pilgrimage under the provisions of the above mentioned Act. Unless you take advantage of this LAST chance to make a trip in 1933 you will receive no benefit from the Act. There is no provision of law which will permit the Government to make a money allowance to any mother or widow who does not choose to make the pilgrimage.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU GIVE THE MATTER YOUR MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BEFORE REACHING A DECISION, BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE TRIP AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

In order to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations for the mothers and widows making the journey in 1933, reservations for steamship transportation must be made by this office several months in advance. It is requested that you answer the questions below by writing "Yes" or "No" or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question. When you have answered the question, sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. PLEASE DO NOT DELAY, as it is essential that the information be in this office promptly.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make the pilgrimage during the years 1930, 1931 or 1932. There is enclosed a circular of information WHICH YOU SHOULD READ VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING YOUR DECISION.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

CHAS. W. DIETZ,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

2 Encls.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Write answer here)

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

608

August 27, 1931

Battle, John Manning 1st Lt. (~~SM~~) SM

Mrs. Gaston Battle,  
c/o Sinclair Refining Co.,  
Box 1710,  
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter forwarded you under recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, wherein you advise that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

Competent personnel will be provided to care for the mothers and widows from the time of their arrival in New York until their return thereto. Medical attendants and all other necessities will be arranged for and in the event you decide to make a pilgrimage, you are assured everything possible will be done for your care and welfare. During the summers of 1930 and 1931 many mothers of advanced age and in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited therefrom.

Your name is being placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make a pilgrimage in 1933. However, should you change your mind in view of the above, and desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, it is requested you advise this office in order that arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM <sup>608</sup>  
Battle, John Manning 1st Lt (~~SM~~) SM

July 11, 1931

Mrs. Gaston Battle,  
c/o Sinclair Refining Co.  
Box 1710,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Madam:

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

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question.

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



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

Write answer here

*Mrs Battle is physically unable to  
make the trip -*

*Gaston Battle*

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Battle, John Manning, 608SM

June 19, 1930

Mrs. Gaston Battle,  
C/o Sinclair Refining Company, Box 1710  
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank space following the question.

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope, which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all mothers and widows who are not making the pilgrimage in 1930, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Write answer here)

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



# SINCLAIR REFINING COMPANY

REFINERS OF PETROLEUM

173 WALTON STREET, N. W.  
ATLANTA, GA.

Dec. 8th 1929

The Quartermaster General  
Washington, D. C.

Cemetaryial Division.

Your reference: QM 293 A - C  
Battle, John Manning  
608

Dear Sir:-

I am replying to your letter addressed to Mrs. Battle, 509 Aycock Street, Raleigh, N. C.

I have been transferred to Atlanta since this letter and Mrs. Battle's present address is

c/o Sinclair Refining Company  
Box 1710  
Atlanta, Georgia.

Replying to the information you wish:

*JMM  
OK  
KPS*

- (1) Mrs. Battle and I were married on Nov. 2nd 1897
- (2) Mrs. Battle was married to me at the time my son entered the military service
- (3) Mrs. Battle was married to me at the time of my son's death
- (4) We are not separated and both of us are living.



Very truly yours

*Gaston Battle*

Gaston Battle

America

8-27-30

608

Battle, John Manning

I decline, with regret, the invitation extended  
(Accept or decline)

me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of the Government of the United States under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Gaston Battle

(Name)

c/o Sinclair Refining Co., Box 1710, Atlanta,

(Town or City)

De Kalb Co., Ga.

(State)

QM 293 A-C  
Battle, John Manning  
608

November 6, 1929.

Mrs. Gaston Battle,  
509 Aycock Avenue,  
Raleigh, North Carolina.  
Raleigh,

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, enabling the mothers and widows of the members of the military and naval forces of the United States now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries.

The records of this office indicate that you were the step-mother of the late Lieutenant John Manning Battle, and in order to determine your eligibility under the Act to make the pilgrimage to his grave it will be appreciated if you will furnish the following information:

- (1) Date of your marriage to the father of Lieutenant Battle.
- (2) Were you married to Mr. Battle at the time his son entered the military service?
- (3) Were you married to Mr. Battle at the time of his son's death?
- (4) If not, give date of your separation from him, or of his death.

For the Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

2 Incls.  
Act.  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7 , 1929.

**Battle, John Manning 608 Sm**

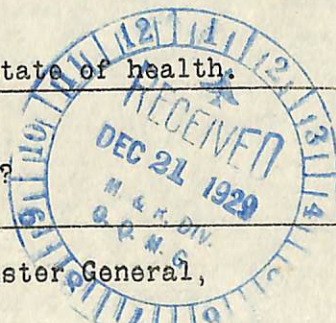
**Mrs. Gaston Battle,  
c/o Sinclair Refining Co., Box 1710,  
Atlanta, Georgia.**

Dear Madam:

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

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

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



For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

BATTLE, MILLER, LEVY & VAN TINE

GEORGE GORDON BATTLE  
JULIUS MILLER  
ISAAC H. LEVY  
ADDISON A. VAN TINE  
LUDLOW S. FOWLER

37 WALL STREET  
NEW YORK CITY

TEL. HANOVER 6936  
CABLE ADDRESS  
"COUNSELLOR"

P.

September 21, 1929.

In re  
John Manning Battle.  
608

QM 293 A-C

Major John T. Harris,  
Q. M. Corps,  
Office of the Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Answering your letter of September 13th,  
I beg to say that my deceased nephew, John Manning Battle,  
who was 1st Lieutenant in the Machine Gun Battalion of  
the 23rd Regiment, and who was killed near Soissons on  
July 18-21, 1918, left surviving no mother. His step-  
mother is Mrs. Gaston Battle, of 509 Aycock Street, Raleigh,  
North Carolina. Please communicate with her.

Believe me to be

Faithfully yours,

*Geo Gordon Battle*

GGB-D.  
Enclosure.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Battle, John Maming  
608

Sept. 13, 1929

Mr. George Gordon Battle,  
850 Park Ave.,  
N. Y. City.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated Aug. 16, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

No -

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

His stepmother  
Mrs Jackson  
Battle,

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

SEP 24 1929 The Quartermaster General,  
M. & N. DIV.  
O. Q. M. G.

2 Incls. 4 19  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Battle, John Manning

Aug. 16, 1929.

Mr. George Gordon Battle,  
850 Park Ave.,  
N. Y. City.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the uncle of the late 1st Lt. John Manning Battle, M.G.Co., 23rd Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

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

No

2. If so, give her complete address.

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

His stepmother is  
Mrs. Gaston Battle

109 Aycock Street

Raleigh  
N.C.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*John T. Harris*

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

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Act of Congress  
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*Geo Gordon Battle*

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WORLD WAR DIVISION  
PERSONNEL RECORDS SECTION

.....1929

TO

Old Files Reports

Emerg. address in 1917

George Gordon Battle  
uncle

850 Park ave, N.Y.

~~Returned to theatre~~  
Personal effects sent to  
Gaston Battle, father  
address in 1920

MM # 53

340 S. Pearl St

Rocky Mount N.C.

*Old Files*

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WORLD WAR DIVISION  
PERSONNEL RECORDS SECTION

*8-12.....1929*

TO

*Ms. Kitch:*

*No bonus application.  
Records also show -  
George Gordon Battle (uncle)  
850 Park Ave.,  
N. Y. C.*

*J. O. L.*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

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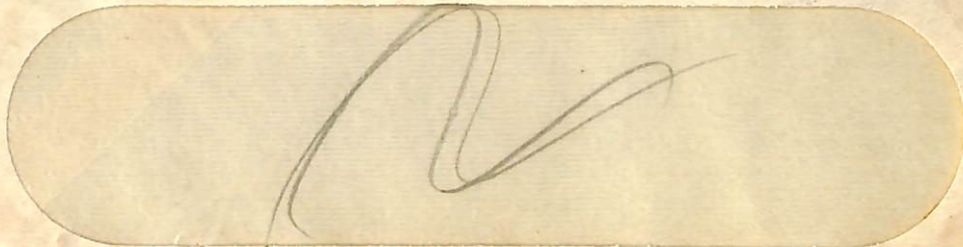
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Battle, John Manning.

June 20, 1929.

Mr. Gaston Battle,  
340 S. Pearl St.,  
Rocky Mount, N.C.

C 36-881

7/11  
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Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late First Lieutenant John Manning Battle, M.G.Co., 23rd Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*John T. Harris*

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Sept. 8, 1932

Battle, John Manning (OA) s

Mrs. Gaston Battle  
c/o Sinclair Refining Co.  
Box 1710  
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

In order that your desires may be of record, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

CHAS. W. DIETZ,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Encl:  
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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Battle, John Manning (OA) s

July 13, 1932.

Mrs. Gaston Battle,  
c/o Sinclair Refining Co.,  
Box 1710,  
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries Of Europe during the years 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933 for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces who were lost or buried at sea or whose remains are interred in Europe.

Your attention is particularly invited to the fact that this is the last opportunity you will have to make the pilgrimage under the provisions of the above mentioned Act. Unless you take advantage of this LAST chance to make a trip in 1933 you will receive no benefit from the Act. There is no provision of law which will permit the Government to make a money allowance to any mother or widow who does not choose to make the pilgrimage.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU GIVE THE MATTER YOUR MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BEFORE REACHING A DECISION, BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE TRIP AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

In order to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations for the mothers and widows making the journey in 1933, reservations for steamship transportation must be made by this office several months in advance. It is requested that you answer the questions below by writing "Yes" or "No" or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question. When you have answered the question, sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. PLEASE DO NOT DELAY, as it is essential that the information be in this office promptly.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make the pilgrimage during the years 1930, 1931 or 1932. There is enclosed a circular of information WHICH YOU SHOULD READ VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING YOUR DECISION.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

CHAS. W. DIETZ,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933?

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Write answer here)

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

August 27, 1931

Battle, John Manning 1st Lt. (STM) SM

Mrs. Gaston Battle,  
c/o Sinclair Refining Co.,  
Box 1710,  
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter forwarded you under recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, wherein you advise that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

Competent personnel will be provided to care for the mothers and widows from the time of their arrival in New York until their return thereto. Medical attendants and all other necessities will be arranged for and in the event you decide to make a pilgrimage, you are assured everything possible will be done for your care and welfare. During the summers of 1930 and 1931 many mothers of advanced age and in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited therefrom.

Your name is being placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make a pilgrimage in 1933. However, should you change your mind in view of the above, and desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, it is requested you advise this office in order that arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

~~Encls. 2~~ ~~Form~~ QM-293-AM 1st Lt (STM) SM

July 11, 1931

Mrs. Gaston Battle,  
c/o Sinclair Refining Co.  
Box 1710,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

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Dear Madam:

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

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question.

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May 15, 1931

Battle, John Manning 1st Lt.(OA) SM

Mrs. Gaston Battle,  
c/o Sinclair Refining Co.,  
Box 1710,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Age  
Condition of Health

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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SM 293 A-M

Battle, John Manning  
1st Lt. 608 SM

February 14, 1931

Mrs. Gaston Battle,  
c/o Sinclair Refining Co.,  
Box 1710,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Battle, John Manning, 608SM

June 19, 1930

Mrs. Gaston Battle,  
C/o Sinclair Refining Company, Box 1710  
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank space following the question.

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope, which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all mothers and widows who are not making the pilgrimage in 1930, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? \_\_\_\_\_

(Write answer here)

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

April 30, 1930.

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

Battle, John Manning -608 M

Mrs. Gaston Battle,  
c/o Sinclair Refining Company,  
Box 1710,  
Atlanta, Georgia.  
Dear Madam:

This letter, which contains general information regarding the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, is being sent to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during the calendar year 1930. The general plan for the conduct of the pilgrimage is shown in the Pilgrimage Regulations, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. In addition to the information shown in the regulations, the following explains in detail some of the most important things connected with the pilgrimage.

Formal invitations are being extended to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during 1930. In so far as practicable, these invitations are being extended with a view to keeping the women from each state together and the order in which the invitations to the women from the several states are issued is based on a drawing by lot which was held about one month ago. Inclosed with each invitation is a card for acknowledgment and it is quite important that you accept or decline this invitation promptly in order that the necessary railroad, steamship and hotel reservations may be arranged. The government will defray all the necessary expenses of the pilgrimage, including railroad fare, hotel accommodations, steamship fare and all other incidental expenses. It will not provide anything other than the necessary expenses so that you should bring with you such funds as you may desire to use for making small purchases and for other uses distinctly of a personal nature.

Arrangements have been made with the American Railroad Association which assures us the united support and cooperation of all of the railroads in the United States in handling the movement to and from New York City. The local ticket agent will secure your railroad and sleeper ticket and will make the necessary pullman reservations. Before your departure from your home we will mail you a check, sufficient to pay for your meals and other travelling expenses while enroute to New York. Your railroad ticket will provide for a round trip from your home to New York and upon arrival in New York the army officer in charge of the New York office will collect the return trip stub and hold it until your return to New York from Europe.

Upon arrival in New York, you will be met by an army officer

and escorted to a first class hotel where reservations have been made. The duration of your stay in New York will be from 24 to 48 hours. At the proper time, you will be escorted to the steamship upon which passage has been engaged for Europe. All of the women making this trip will be provided with cabin class accommodations aboard steamers which means that from two to four will be quartered in the same stateroom. If you have any friend that you would like to be quartered with we will endeavor to arrange it if you will communicate with this office.

The ocean voyage will last about 8 days and when the ship docks at Cherbourg, France, each party will be met by officers especially detailed for the purpose and taken in a special train to Paris where first class hotel accommodations have been reserved. The first day in Paris will be a day of rest. On the 2d day, the women of each party will place a wreath on the tomb of the French unknown soldier. In the afternoon there will be a reception in which the French war mothers, government officials, and prominent civilians will participate. The following morning the groups going to the different cemeteries will leave Paris, travelling in motor busses, and proceed to the cemeteries where they will remain for about 7 days. Twenty-five women will be assigned to each bus and an army officer will have charge of the bus. The itineraries to and from the cemeteries and the daily itineraries while at the cemeteries have been varied so as to take in points of historical interest as well as some parts of the battlefields where American troops were engaged. Upon return to Paris, each party will remain for about 5 days and during this time an opportunity will be given to see the points of historical interest in Paris and vicinity. The entire duration of your stay in Europe will be 14 days, and the itineraries have been so arranged that each day will be provided for. Except in case of illness or other unavoidable cause it will not be possible for any woman making the pilgrimage to remain in Europe for a longer period than 14 days nor to leave the party with which she is travelling unless she is prepared to pay all of her expenses after leaving the party since the Act of Congress authorizing the pilgrimage specifically states that the government shall not pay the expenses of any woman who willfully leaves her party.

Upon return to the United States each ship will be met in New York City by army officers who will escort the mothers and widows to the trains which will take them home. Before leaving New York each woman will be provided with her return railroad ticket, a sleeping car ticket and funds to cover the cost of meals and other travelling expenses.

Army officers are being used as guides and escorts throughout this entire movement and care has been taken to select officers who will see that proper care is taken of the women who are entrusted to their charge. Arrangements have been made for taking care of women who may be taken sick during the pilgrimage and also to care for the remains of any who may die and provision has been made for returning the remains of any who may die to their homes. It is essential that each woman making the pilgrimage furnish The Quartermaster General with an emergency address of some relative or friend to be notified in the event of an emergency. Medical care will be provided by civilian agencies. If such care is needed in New York City it will be furnished by the hotel physicians or

by local hospitals. Aboard ship, medical care will be provided by the ship's doctors and in Paris arrangements have been made with the American Hospital for the hospitalization and treatment of any women who may need it. In addition to this, six doctors of the regular army will be on duty throughout the pilgrimage.

Baggage will be limited to not to exceed two pieces of hand baggage and the articles taken should be such as will be required for a trip of about one month. Laundry service can be obtained in New York and Paris. Since the climate of Europe is much colder than that of the United States, each woman should provide herself with sufficient warm clothing to stand the motor bus trip and the visit to the cemeteries.

Since it is necessary for this office to make all reservations for your accommodations throughout this pilgrimage, it will be greatly appreciated if you will make prompt reply to any communications received from this office.

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.  
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**WAR DEPARTMENT**  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

October 7 , 1929.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Battle, John Manning 608 Sm

Mrs. Gaston Battle,  
c/o Sinclair Refining Co., Box 1710,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C  
Battle, John Manning  
608

November 6, 1929.

Mrs. Gaston Battle,  
509 Aycock Avenue,  
Raleigh, North Carolina.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, enabling the mothers and widows of the members of the military and naval forces of the United States now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries.

The records of this office indicate that you were the step-mother of the late Lieutenant John Manning Battle, and in order to determine your eligibility under the Act to make the pilgrimage to his grave it will be appreciated if you will furnish the following information:

- (1) Date of your marriage to the father of Lieutenant Battle.
- (2) Were you married to Mr. Battle at the time his son entered the military service?
- (3) Were you married to Mr. Battle at the time of his son's death?
- (4) If not, give date of your separation from him, or of his death.

For the Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Battle, John Marming  
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Sept. 13, 1929

Mr. George Gordon Battle,  
850 Park Ave.,  
N. Y. City.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated Aug. 16, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Battle, John Manning

Aug. 16, 1929.

Mr. George Gordon Battle,  
850 Park Ave.,  
N. Y. City.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the **uncle of the late** 1st Lt. John Manning Battle, M.G.Co., 23rd Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

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

2. If so, give her complete address.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Battle, John Manning.

June 20 1929.

Mr. Gaston Battle,  
340 S. Pearl St.,  
Rocky Mount, N.C.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late **First Lieutenant John Manning Battle, M.G.Co., 23rd Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.**

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Battle,

John M.

(Surname)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

1st Lt

MG Co 23rd Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased. *father*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? *no*

(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery? *no*

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

*Gaston Battle*  
*340 S. Peace Rocky Mount NC*

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Amer. City # 297

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QM 293 A-C

April 25, 1924

BATTLE, John Manning 1st Lt.

Mr. Gaston Battle,  
340 South Pearl St.,  
Rocky Mount, N. C.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires to invite your attention to the inclosed card which gives the permanent cemetery location of the soldier's grave in which you are interested.

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

Please be assured that in effecting removal of the dead, the utmost reverential care was exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed this sacred duty. For the future, these graves will be perpetually maintained by the Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

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Record card.

Q.M.G. R. P. HARBOLD  
Assistant.

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COMPILATION N/R REQUESTS

I. DATA COMPILATION

A. Location Index Card:-

*(2-10-22) MKM*

(1) Name BATTLE, John Manning Ser. No. \_\_\_\_\_ )

(2) Rank 1st Lt. Organization M.G. Co., 23rd Inf. ) TYP. JS

(3) Date of death 7/21/18 ) CKR. MCH

B. Registration Card:- (Check Reg. Card Inf. against Loc. Ind. Inf.)

(4) Cause of death DWRIA ) TYP. JS

(5) Grave No. 20 Row \_\_\_\_\_ Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Sect. \_\_\_\_\_ ) CKR. JK

II. FILES EXAMINATION

A. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; no card

B. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD Date of receipt None

(6) Relationship Father

(7) Name John Battle

(8) Address 340 S. Peace, Rocky Summit, N.C.

(9) Desires remains brought to U. S.? No

(10) Desires remains brought to U. S. and interred in National Cemetery at \_\_\_\_\_ ✓

(11) If brought back, what shipping instructions? \_\_\_\_\_

*CKR 4/22/20*

C. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE Date of communication 3-22-19

(12) Does correspondence Change or qualify request as made on A.G.O. card? no.  
If so, specify such information. Uncle Gordon Battle (uncle) writing

*for soldier's father Gordon Battle hit Point No. 1 of Point Club, requests to know the locality in which his son is buried. Body to remain in France*

(13) A. G. O. Files EXAMINED by J.B. (Date) 4-23-20 ✓

D (14) G R. S Files - Correspondence. (Has reference been made to File No. Cancellation memos.? yes). Does such correspondence, if containing request for disposition, reconcile with that of A. G. O.? no  
(Specify "Yes or "No".) If "No", give date of communication, the name, address, and relationship and substance of request.

*Uncle (Gordon Battle, 37 Hall St New York, N.Y. Requests two photos of grave (Brother) Sgt. Joseph D. Battle, 289th Co, M.P.C. A.P. # 907. Requests location of grave.*

(15) G. R. S. Files EXAMINED by MCH (Date) 4-24-20

*297-200 rechecked*

III. FINAL ACTION

A. MEMORANDUM to D. M. O. in E. made (Date) .....

(16) Removal of Remains (within custody of G.R.S.) to .....

(17) Instructions that remains be left undisturbed .....

(18) Typed by ..... Checked by/ ..... (Date) .....

B. G. R. S. FORM NO.114 made (Date) .....

(19) Typed by ..... Checked by ..... (Date) .....

C. SUSPENSION REMARKS: *120 Form - 8/15 - Father, Gaston Battie, nearest of kin, confirms shipping instructions as was given previously. Form 20 5/2/20. Father does not want body disturbed.*

D. Dispatched (Date) ..... (Let. Trans. No. APR 27 1920) .....

Approved by .....

(Date) .....

*Let. 6/29/21 - Eng. advise Father body is interred in temp. Amer. Cty. so cannot remain undisturbed. Body may be transferred to a per. Amer. Cty. or upon execution of release it may be moved to a per. French Cty. 24X7/2/21*  
*7/20/21 Geo J. Battie uncle writing at request of father states that father wishes son's body removed to a per. Amer. Cty in France and that both be notified when change is made. att 8-3-21*  
*7/26/21 Eng. advises Geo J. Battie that father's wish expressed through him will be complied with. att 8-3-21*

gr.

G.R.S. FORM #114-A.

STATION Angers #279

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Dec. 3, 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BATTLE, John M. *anning*

10. Name Lt. Battle 23rd Inf."

2. No. --

11. No. (On wrist tag.)

3. Rank 1st Lt.

12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_

4. Org. Mch Gn Co 23rd Inf.

13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_

5. D.D. 7.21.18

14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_

6. C.D. DOW

(b) D.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 20 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_

8. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_

16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_

9. \_\_\_\_\_

17. No discp

18. Cemetery Amer.

19. Commune or town Angers

20. Dept. or County Maine et Loire

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 297

23. Disinterred (Date) 12-3-21

By B.A. Bradford

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name John M. Battle

Serial No. -----

Rank 1st Lieut.

Organization M.G. Co. 23rd Inf.

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

E.S. Parker  
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).  
Wrist tag only.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed features unrecognizable

28. Nature of burial Uniform and pine box.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? see item 10.

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date 12-3-21 By B.A. Bradford

31. Casket sealed by B.A. Bradford

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) Ben A Bradford

AUDITED BY 122 1-7-24

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) \* Box No. C-22701

32. Designation of body: \_\_\_\_\_

Name John M. BATTLE Serial No. --

Rank 1st Lt. Organization Mch Gn Co 23rd Inf.

33. Consigned to: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne Amer.Cty.608,  
Seringes-et-Nesles (Aisne).

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) 12-3-21 By B.A. Bradford

35. I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector *E. J. Riordan*  
E. J. Riordan, Capt. Q.M.C.

36. Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

To point of Concentration \_\_\_\_\_

(Name)

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_

By G.R.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_

To Permanent Cemetery Oise Aisne, Am.Cty 608 Seringes et Nesles, Aisne

(Name)

Convoyer *E. J. Riordan* Signature Shipping Officer *S. D. Campbell*

S. D. CAMPBELL, Capt. Q.M.C.

40. Received: Date 12 DEC 1921

G.R.S. Representative G. F. WAUGH

41. Reinterred Aug. 4, 1922, Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes-et-Nesles, (Aisne)

(Date)

42. Grave No. 37. Blk. D. R Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row 25

G.R.S. Representative *C. J. Blake*

C. J. Blake  
Capt. Q.M.C.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place Angers, Com. 297

Date Dec. 3rd, 1921

1. REMAINS OF BATTLE, John H. SERIAL NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

RANK 1st Lt. ORGANIZATION Mch. Gn. Co. 23rd Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : Dec. 3rd, 1921 From (give complete location) : Gr. 20, Com. 297,

By : Group 1 Unit Sec. 7

3. Reburied (date) Gr. 37, Blk. D. Row 25 In (give complete location) :

Aug. 4, 1922, Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes-et-Nesles, (Aisne)

By : Group \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial Blanket and metallic casket

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

Pine box and uniform. Body decomposed, features not recognizable.

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

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

Wrist tag on body read: "Lt. Battle, 23rd Inf."

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to estimate

(c) Hair—Color None

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

Characteristics \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Hair on face—Color None

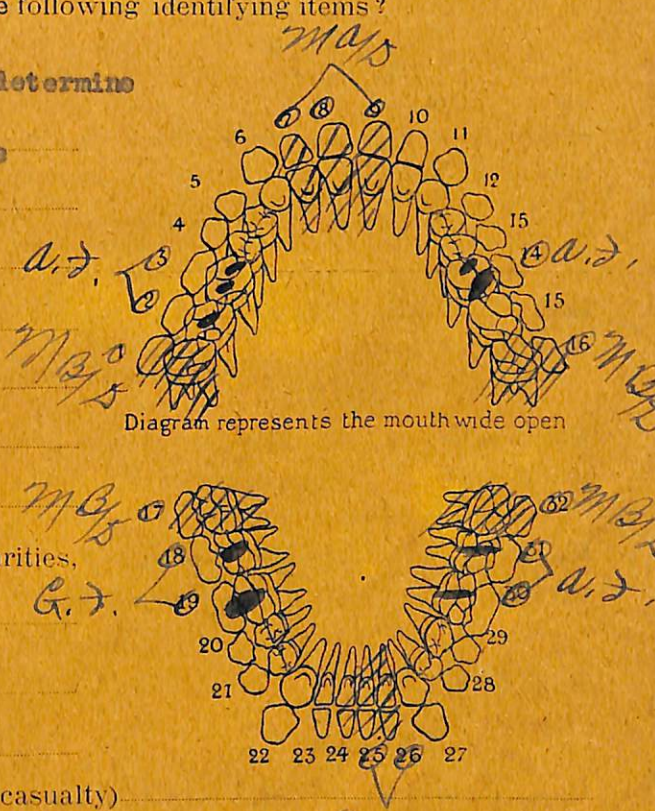
Location \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) None

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

None



E. S. Barker, checker.

7. Disinterment supervised by Gen A Bradford Approved : E. J. Gordon, Capt., QMC.  
Bon A. Bradford, Sup. Emb.

8. Reburial supervised by L.D. Hays Approved : C. J. Blake  
Capt. QMC

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July 26, 1921.

293.8 Cem. File #95751 (Battle, John M., 1st Lt.)

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

Mr. George Gordon Battle, 37 Wall St., New York City.

Permanent Burial in France.

1. In reply to your letter of July 20, 1921, written on behalf of Mr. Gaston Battle, 340 S. Pearl Street, Rocky Mount, N. C., directing that the body of the late 1st Lieutenant John M. Battle, Machine Gun Company, 23rd Infantry, be interred in a permanent American Cemetery in France upon the abandonment of the American cemetery at Angers, Department of Maine-et-Loire, wherein the body of the deceased is now interred, you are advised that instructions will be issued that his wishes be complied with.

2. Notation will be made upon the records of this office that you as well as the father of the deceased be advised of the new grave location when the transfer of these remains have been effected.

3. This office assures you that the grave of the deceased will be perpetually maintained by this Government in the most careful and reverent manner.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES J. WYNNIE,  
Captain, U. S. Army

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JUL 27 1921

Cemeterial Division  
Overseas Project Sub-Section

Noted on Form No. 115

Date att 8-3-21

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June 29, 1921.

295.8 Com. #95761 (Battle, John M., 1st Lieutenant)

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

Mr. Gaston Battle, 540 S. Pearl Street, Rocky Mount, N.C.

Disposition of remains.

1. The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of your son, 1st Lieutenant John M. Battle, Machine Gun Company, 23rd Infantry, remain permanently interred in the American cemetery at Angers, Department of Maine-et-Loire. This cemetery is temporary and must be abandoned at some future date. At that time the body of your son will be transferred to the nearest permanent French cemetery provided you execute and return the enclosed Release, relieving this Government of the future maintenance of the grave. If you prefer that this Government maintain the grave of this officer, his body will ultimately be transferred to one of the permanent American cemeteries in France. In this connection your attention is invited to paragraph #9 of the enclosed Cemeterial Division Bulletin No. 10-G-W.

2. It is requested that you immediately advise this office as to your final wishes in the matter of the disposition of this body. If no request to the contrary is received within a reasonable length of time, the body must necessarily be transferred to a permanent American cemetery.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES J. WYNN,  
Captain, U. S. A. Jew

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JUL 1 1921

Noted on Form No. 115

Date MK 7/2/21

Cemeterial Division  
Overseas Project Sub-Section

JUL 26 1920

G.R.S. Form #120  
Shipping Inquiry.  
(Revised)

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON

*Rush Answer.*

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.

TO: <sup>a</sup> Gaston Battle, 340 S. Pecoe, Rocky Mount, N. C.  
Gaston Battle, 340 S. Pearl St., Rocky Mount, N. C.

SUBJECT: Remains of 1st. Lieut. John M. Battle.

*2nd 120 F.*

*no change yet.*

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body

NOT returned to U.S.

If these are not the correct instructions, please correct them. Make corrections on reverse side of this sheet.

The nearest relative may choose between, (1) return of the body to any address in the United States; (2) interment in Arlington, Va., or any other National Cemetery; or (3) remain in Europe.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

If all blank spaces below are not filled out, it will necessitate a return of this paper and a SERIOUS DELAY in the shipment of this body. State in each case WHETHER these relatives are STILL LIVING.

*The Soldier married*

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow	Unmarried		
Soldier's Children (Name oldest first)	1. No children 2. 3.		
Father			
Mother			
Brothers (Name oldest first)	1. 2. 3.		
Sisters (Name oldest first)	1. 2. 3.		

*Noted on 115-700*

Date

Signature *Gaston Battle*

Address Relationship *Father*

IMPORTANT: CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper. (OVER)

August 3rd 1920.

I, the undersigned, am the father and nearest living relative of the within  
(Relationship)  
named soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:  
(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired).

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

~~2. To be returned to the U.S. and shipped to~~ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(R.R. Station) \_\_\_\_\_ (State)

~~3. To be returned to the U.S. and buried in~~ \_\_\_\_\_ National Cemetery.

~~4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.~~

Signature Guinea Davis

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT

1. If definite instruction as to the disposition of a body are not received from the nearest relative within 2 weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.

2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.

3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT of kin IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.

4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.

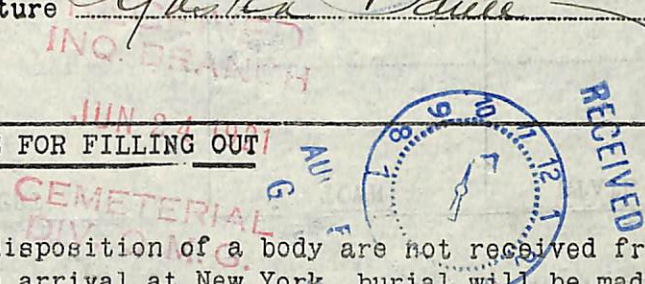
5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.

6. If YOU are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.

7. If YOU are not the nearest living relative and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.

8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.

9. Use the enclosed envelope - pay no postage.



APR 30 1920

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON

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FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.G.  
TO: Gosten Battle, 340 S. Peoce, Rocky Mount, N.C.  
SUBJECT: Disposition of remains of First Lieut. John M. Battle,

Records of this office show your request to be as follows:

Remains to be ~~not returned to United States~~ *no charge*

~~xxxxxx~~

If any modifications of the foregoing are desired please write same fully on the other side of this sheet.

The nearest living relative may choose between, (1) return of remains to home for burial; (2) interment in Arlington, Va., National Cemetery; or (3) remain in France.

You are requested to fill out the following without delay and return in enclosed penalty envelope, which does not require postage.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE  
Colonel, U.S. Army.

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Widow			
Children (Name oldest first)			
Father			
Mother			
Brothers			
Sisters			

Date *May 7 - 1920*

Signature *Gosten Battle*

Address *Rocky Mount, N.C.*

Relationship *Father*

The transfer of bodies will be made entirely at government expense.

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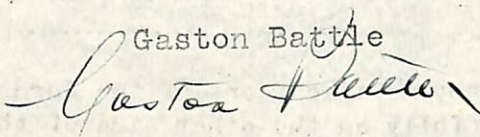
To: The Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C.  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I do not desire the remains of my boy to be disturbed  
and wish it to remain where it lies in France.

Respectfully

Gaston Battle



*May 2/20.*

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INC. BRANCH  
JUN 24 1921  
CEMETERIAL  
DIV. Q. M. C.



OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.  
TO: Gosten Battle, 340 S. Peace, Rocky Mount, N. C.  
SUBJECT: Remains of 1st. Lieut. John M. Battle.

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NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow			
Soldier's Children (Name oldest first)	1. 2. 3.		
Father			
Mother			
Brothers (Name oldest first)	1. 2. 3.		
Sisters (Name oldest first)	1. 2. 3.		

Date.....

Signature.....

Address..... Relationship.....

**IMPORTANT:** CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper.

(OVER)

1920.

I, the undersigned, am the \_\_\_\_\_ and nearest living relative of the within  
(Relationship)  
named soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:  
(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired).

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

2. To be returned to the U.S. and shipped to \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(R.R. Station)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(State)

3. To be returned to the U.S. and buried in \_\_\_\_\_ National Cemetery.

4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON

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TO: **Gosten Battle, 340 S. Peace, Rocky Mount, N.C.**  
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APR 30 1920

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Colonel, U.S. Army.

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Widow			
Children (Name oldest first)			
Father			
Mother			
Brothers			
Sisters			

Date.....

Signature.....

Address.....

Relationship.....

95757

From

108703

69693

11214

GRAVE LOCATION INK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Battle, John Manning  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)  
Lt. 13th Inf. M.G. Co.  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL July 22nd 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL St. Leonards

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

St. Leonards

Angers France

Maine et Loire

GRAVE NUMBER #20

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Yes Cross? Peg

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes

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

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

REVIEWED  
OSP (SS)

Team  
23 B

REPORTED BY: James H. Cox Captain  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

This portion to be sent to Chief of Graves Registration Service

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**FILE**

CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
REGISTRATION SECTION

February 9, 1922. 192    

MEMO FOR: Cards Department.

1. CASE OF:

M.G. Co., 23rd Infantry  
ORGANIZATION (Old)

BATTLE, John M.            1st Lt.  
(Name)



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

ORGANIZATION (New)

	Date	Place	F-1A No.
FILE NO.			
SURNAME	Orig.		D-
SERIAL NUMBER	1st Reb.		D-
FIRST NAME AND INITIALS <b>John Manning</b>	2nd Reb.		D-
RANK	3rd Reb.		D-
DATE OF DEATH			
CAUSE OF DEATH			

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

BY: M. K. McCarthy

Investigation and Adjustment  
(Department)

5 x 8 card was sent to file.

Corrections made  
on Organization  
File Card:

By *K.B.*

Disinterred

Bartle John M.

95757

1st Lieut MG 23rd Inf.

DD 7/23/18

Disinterred 9/14/18 from St Leonard  
CEMETERY TO A.E.F. CEMETERY # 297

Grave 20

REVIEWED  
OSP SS.

(Buttle)  
Buttle J.M.

95751

1st Lieut. MG 23rd Inf.

DD 7/23/18

Buried American Cemetery at Angers

grave 20

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REVIEWED  
OSP SS. 527

95751

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DISINTERRED

File No:.....

BARTLE, John M

1st Lt MG Co 23 Inf

Date of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

File No:.....

Date Buried: 9/14/18

Cemetery: A. E. F. 297

*angers*

Grave No: 20 Sect: \_\_\_\_\_

Company (No:.....)

Reg't: \_\_\_\_\_ Map: \_\_\_\_\_

Coordinates: \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

Sketch No: \_\_\_\_\_

NP CROSS HD BD BTTL

Ident. Tag on Gr. Mkr: b.w.b.

Authority: \_\_\_\_\_

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ADJUSTMENT MADE

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

WASHINGTON

FEB 16 1922

SPECIAL

FILE 95751

Date 1/18/22

File No. ~~100703~~ Registration.

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

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

Subject: Information required for G. R. S.

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

a. Surname. Battle  
Manning,

f. Date of death. July 21, 1911  
W. R. I. A.

b. Christian name. John Manning

g. Cause of death.

c. Serial number.

h. Authority (C. C. No.) 249

d. Organization. Machine Gun Co.  
23rd Inf.

i. Emergency address. Gaston Battle  
City Point Base of Depont Club, Va.

e. Rank. Lieut. 1st.

j. Relationship. Father

BODY DESCRIPTION.

DENTAL CHARTS.

(See page 2 of the Service Record.)

(See physical report of examination prior to enlistment.)

a. Age at enlistment.

a. Strike out teeth missing:

b. Color of eyes.

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
Upper right. Upper left.

c. Color of hair.

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
Lower right. Lower left.

d. Height.

e. Weight.

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

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

By

H. J. Conner  
H. J. CONNER,  
Captain, Q. M. C.

R. & R  
JAN 23 1922

REC'D MAIL ROOM

Archives Branch, A. G. O  
4 JAN 20 1922

R. O. L.  
1-20-22

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

2442

PLEASE

EXPEDITE

S-3448/MB

File O. S. P.  
att 8-3-21

July 26, 1921.

293.8 Gen. File #95751 (Battle, John M., 1st Lt.)  
The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)  
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Permanent Burial in France.

FILE

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CHARLES C. WYNNE,  
Captain, U. S. A.

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HW

MAILED

Noted on Form No. 115

Date att 8-3-21

JUL 27 1921

Copy filed ASP. G.R.S.

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JUL 27 1921

Cemeterial Division  
Overseas Project Sub-Section

O'GORMAN, BATTLE & VANDIVER

JAMES A. O'GORMAN  
GEORGE GORDON BATTLE  
ALMUTH C. VANDIVER  
ISAAC H. LEVY

LEON N. FUTTER  
ADDISON A. VANTINE  
LANMAN F. CROSBY  
FLORENCE G. HAAG  
GEORGE C. DE LACY

37 WALL STREET  
NEW YORK CITY

July 20, 1921.

No. 293.8 Cem. #95751 (Battle, John M., 1st Lieutenant)

From: George Gordon Battle, 37 Wall Street, N.Y. City (Uncle of the deceased), writing at the request of the father of the deceased, Gaston Battle, 340 S. Pearl St., Rocky Mount, N.C.

To: Captain Charles J. Wynne, Q.M.C., Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington, D. C.

Subject: Disposition of remains.

Sir:

1. My brother, Gaston Battle of 340 S. Pearl St., Rocky Mount, N. C., has referred to me your letter addressed to him of June 29, 1921, copy of which I enclose to refresh your recollection.

2. He has requested me to advise you that it is his wish that the body of his son, 1st Lieutenant John Manning Battle, Machine Gun Company, 23rd Infantry, remain interred in the American cemetery at Angers, Department of Maine-et-Loire as long as that cemetery is in use. If and when that cemetery is abandoned, it is the wish of the father of Lieutenant Battle that his body be transferred to one of the permanent American cemeteries in France, and that both he and I be advised as to the cemetery to which the body will be removed.

3. Please acknowledge receipt of this letter to me, George Gordon Battle, 37 Wall Street, New York City.

Very respectfully,

  
George Gordon Battle

GGB/JR  
Encl.

Noted on Form No. 115  
Date att 8-3-21

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File 293.8  
#95751

Battle, John M.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,  
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington.

June 29, 1921.

No: 293.8 Cem. #95751 (Battle, John M., 1st Lieutenant)  
From: The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army (Cemeterial Division)  
To: Mr. Gaston Battle, 340 S. Pearl Street, Rocky Mount, N.C.  
Subject: Disposition of remains.

1. The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of your son, 1st Lieutenant John M. Battle, Machine Gun Company, 23rd Infantry, remain permanently interred in the American cemetery at Angers, Department of Maine-et-Loire. This cemetery is temporary and must be abandoned at some future date. At that time the body of your son will be transferred to the nearest permanent French cemetery provided you execute and return the enclosed Release, relieving this Government of the future maintenance of the grave. If you prefer that this Government maintain the grave of this officer, his body will ultimately be transferred to one of the permanent American cemeteries in France. In this connection your attention is invited to paragraph #9 of the enclosed Cemeterial Division Bulletin No. 10-G-W.

2. It is requested that you immediately advise this office as to your final wishes in the matter of the disposition of this body. If no request to the contrary is received within a reasonable length of time, the body must necessarily be transferred to a permanent American cemetery.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

(Signed) Charles J. Wynne,

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

encl.

Noted on Form No. 115

Date .....

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June 29, 1921.

293.8 Cem. #95751 (Battle, John H., 1st Lieutenant)

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

Mr. Gaston Battle, 540 S. Pearl Street, Rocky Mount, N.C.

Disposition of remains.

FILE

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By authority of the Quartermaster General:

encl.

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CHARLES J. WINGS,  
Captain, U. S. A.  
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Cemeterial Division  
Overseas Project Sub-Section

A.R.S.

Noted on Form No. 115

Date MH 7/2/21

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FORWARD TO OCSF

G.R.S. #106  
DISPOSITION OF BODY

War Department  
Office of the Quartermaster General.  
Graves Registration Service  
Washington, D.C.

November 6, 1919.

For information of:

- (a) The Adjutant General of the Army
- (b) G.R.S., Paris, France.
- ✓ (c) Office Files.
- ✓ (d) Photographic Section.

Case of:

1st Lt. John Manning Battle,  
M. G. Co. 23rd. Inf.

Grave Location:

American Cemetery, L'Quest, Angers,  
Department of Maine-et-Loire, Grave 20.

Request for action checked below:

- (a) Return of Body to the U.S.
- (b) Permanent Burial in France.
- (c) Cancellation of former requests.
- (d) Change of address.
- ✓ (e) Photograph of grave.

has been made by:

Mr. Gaston Battle, (Dashed)  
Rocky Mount, N. C.

By authority of the Quartermaster General

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Colonel, Q.M.G., U.S.A.  
Chief, Graves Registration Service.  
NS-2992/L



REGISTRATION BRANCH

Case - 1st Lt. John Manning Battle, Mach. G. Co., 23rd Inf.

(Father) - Mr. Gaston Battle, Rocky Mount, N. C.

From correspondence - 6-2-1919.

(11-6-1919)

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G. R. S. Form No. 113  
Reply to G. L. Inquiry.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

November 6, 1919.

Mr. Gaston Battle,  
Rocky Mount, N. C.

1. In reply to your inquiry we beg to say that the records of the Graves Registration Service contain the following information as to grave location:

Case of: **1st Lieutenant John Manning Battle,  
Machine Gun Co., 23rd Infantry,**

Place of burial: **Buried - American Cemetery, D'Arrest,  
Angers, Department of Maine-et-Loire,  
Grave 20.**

2. The grave has been registered and suitably marked for present purposes, pending the adoption of a more permanent monument by the National Fine Arts Commission, which now has the matter under consideration.

3. While it is a sad duty on our part to convey information concerning the burial of men who were our valient comrades, it is a satisfaction to answer the queries of those who suffer so grievously by the casualties of War.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Colonel, Q. M. Corps,  
Chief, Graves Registration Service.



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

Date 11-6-19.

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME Battle, John Manning

Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_

RANK 1st Supt.

ORGANIZATION M. G. Co. 23<sup>rd</sup> Inf.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	1. Yes.
2.	Date of Death.	
3.	Cause and place of death.	
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	
5.	Date buried.	
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	6. Original Burial Grave # 20 - St. Laurent City # 297 Amer City, Angus, Maine-et-Loire.
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	11. Not given
12.	Has above been notified? (Give date)	
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	
15.	Inquiry made by?	12. Not given

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VOORSANGER  
PARIS.

Retel June 27th period Further investigation shows Lieut John Manning Battle  
M G Co 23rd Inf died July 21st 1918 comma buried grave 20 New American  
Cemetery L'Oncet Commune of Angers department Maine et Loire period Grave  
marked by Cross.

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G.M.HOETZEL  
IST.M.F.O.MG.USA.  
ACL\*CM 2.10.p.m.

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SGT. DALY. REPLY TO T.

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# Signal Corps, United States Army.

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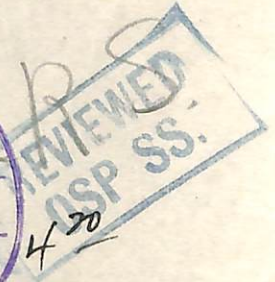
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RETEL JUNE 26 OUR INQUIRY CONCERNING LT. JOHN MANNING BATTLE  
MACHINE GUN COMPANY TWENTY THIRD INFY DIED JULY 21ST 1918 REPORTED  
DEAD BY HOSPITAL TRAIN FIFTY FOUR VERIFY AND NOTIFY

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TOURS JUNE 26.1919.

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Hotel June 24th period No record Lieut John Manning.

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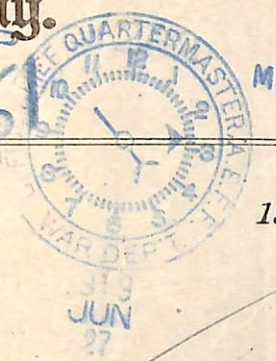
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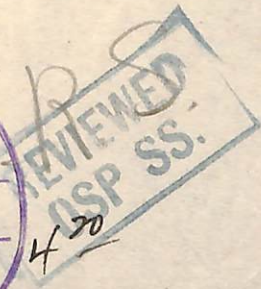
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GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

TOURS.

PLEASE WIRE GRAVE LOCATION OF LIEUT JOHN MANING BATT MACHINE GUN  
COMPANY TWENTY THIRD INFY REPORTED DIED OF WOUNDS BY HOSPITAL  
TRAIN FIFTY FOUR JULY TWENTY FIRST NINETEEN EIGHTEEN

VOORSANGER JWB 326 PM

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*9:15 AM*

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In answer refer to file No. 293.2) Battle, John Manning)-Cemeterial Office, Quartermaster General, June 11th, 1919-- To Lieutenant Colonel Charles C. Pierce, Chief of the Graves Registration Service, American Post Office, 717, France.

Forwarded for your consideration and action relative to photograph of the grave of the above named officer.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:



*H. R. Lemly*

H. R. Lemly,  
Major, Quartermaster Corps.

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*Photos*

O'GORMAN, BATTLE & VANDIVER  
ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELLORS AT LAW.  
37 WALL ST., NEW YORK.

June 2, 1918.

Re: Grave of 1st Lt. John Manning Battle,  
M. G. Co. 23 Inf. Cemetery 297 Grave 20,  
New American Ouest Angers.



Graves Registration Service,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

In the above matter my information is that the following is the location of the grave of Lieut. Battle my nephew and a son of my brother Gaston Battle of Rocky Mount, N. C.

"John Manning Battle, 1st Lt. M. G. Co. 23rd Inf. July 21, 1918. Cemetery 297, Grave 20, New American Ouest Angers (Main et Loire Department, Base 27.)

From this information will you be able to send me two photographs of the grave? If so, it will be greatly appreciated and I should be glad to remit any charge therefor.

Faithfully yours,

W. Gordon Battle.



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AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F.  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

Reference-95751

May 9th 1919.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.  
TO : Sgt. Joseph D. Battle, 289th Co. M.P.C. A.P.O. 907.  
SUBJECT: 1st Lieut. John M. Battle, M.G. Co. 23rd Infantry,  
American E.F.

In reply to your letter of inquiry, with reference to the  
regretted death of this soldier, according to the records at these  
headquarters he is buried in Grave No. 20, New American Cemetery  
l'Ouest, at ANGERS, Department of MAIN-et-LOIRE.

By direction:

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

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

Per

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

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289th COMPANY MILITARY POLICE CORPS.  
A. P. O. #907.

95751

April 17, 1919.

FROM : Sergeant Joseph D. Battle, 289th. Co. M.P.C.  
TO : Graves registration Bureau, Bourges.  
SUBJECT : Location of grave.

1. Request that you furnish me with information as to the location of my brother grave, Lieut. John M. Battle, Machine Gun Co., 23rd. Infantry.
2. Lieut. Battle was killed near Chateau Thierry on the night of July 19-20th. 1918.

*Joseph D. Battle*  
Seygt. 289th. Co. M.P.C.

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289th. COMPANY MILITARY POLICE CORPS.  
P. O. #907.

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April 17, 1919.

FROM : Sergeant Joseph D., Battle, 289th. Co. M.P.C.  
TO : Graves registration Bureau, Bourges.  
SUBJECT : Location of grave.

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*Joseph D. Battle*  
Sergt. 289th. Co. M.P.C.

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FROM: G. R. S. Officer, Paris.  
 TO: Chief, G. R. S., (Registration Branch), Tours,  
 SUBJECT: Location, grave of:

FILE NO. 95751  
 DATE March 28, 1919.

NAME **BATTLE, John M.** SERIAL NUMBER  
 RANK **1st. Lieut.** ORGANIZATION **20th. Inf.**

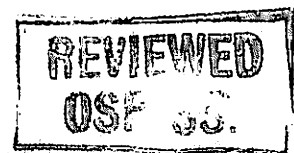
NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with records?	1. <b>BATTLE, John M.</b> <b>1st Lt., M.G.Co., 23rd Inf.</b>
2.	Date of death:	2. <b>July 21, 1918.</b>
3.	Grave location:	3. <b>Cemetery 297, Grave 20, Cemetery New American O'ouest Angers (Main-et-Loire)</b>
4.	Who reported burial?	4. <b>Base Hospital #27</b>
5.	Confirmed by G. R. S.?	5. <b>No.</b>
6.	How is grave marked?	6. <b>Name peg and cross.</b>
7.	Identification tags:	7.
	(a) Buried with Body?	(a) <b>1 with body.</b>
	(b) Attached to grave Marker?	(b) <b>1 to grave marker.</b>
8.	Emergency address:	8. <b>None given.</b>
9.	Has above been notified? (Give Date)	9. <b>No.</b>

## REMARKS:

**Forwarded to Chief, G.R.S., March 28th. 1919.**

Requested by... **BLANCHFIELD, Sgt. Tom. A.**  
 European address... **Prov. Co. M. M.T.O., c/o G.R.S., A.P.O. 751.**  
 Relationship to deceased... **Friend.**

Checked by .....



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

FILE NUMBER

95751

FROM:-

DATE

3/28/19

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME

BATTLE, JOHN M.

NUMBER

RANK

1st Lt.

ORGANIZATION

20 INF.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	BATTLE, JOHN M. 1ST LT. MG. CO, 23 <sup>RD</sup> INF.
2.	Date of Death.	② - 7/21/18
3.	Cause and place of death.	③ - W/A
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	④ - 249
5.	Date buried.	⑤ - 7/22/18
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.	⑥ - CTX 297, GRAVE 20, CTY. NEW AMER. L'OUEST ANGERS (MAIN-ET-LOIRE)
7.	Who reported burial.	⑦ - BASE HOSP. 27.
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	⑧ - No
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	⑨ - N.P. & CROSS
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	⑩ - One buried with body one attached to grave marker
11.	Who is nearest relative?	⑪ - no address
12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	
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TO:- REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S.

FILE NUMBER 95751

FROM:-

DATE 3/28/19

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME BATTLE, JOHN M.

NUMBER

RANK 1st Lt.

ORGANIZATION

20 INF.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
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2.	Date of Death.	1st Lt. MG, Co, 23 <sup>rd</sup> INF.
3.	Cause and place of death.	② - 7/21/18
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	③ - W/A
5.	Date buried.	④ - 349
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N.B. All Proper names to be printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.

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Drawn by Pm



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O'GORMAN, BATTLE & VANDIVER

ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELLORS AT LAW

37 WALL STREET, NEW YORK

JAMES A. O'GORMAN  
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ADDISON A. VANTINE  
CORNELIUS J. SMYTH  
BENJAMIN P. DEWITT

# 95-707  
TELEPHONE 6936 HANOVER  
CABLE ADDRESS "COUNSELLOR"

J. PER.

March 22, 1919.

IN THE MATTER OF FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN MANNING BATTLE, DECEASED,  
M. G. Company, 23d INFANTRY.

To the Adjutant General,  
War Department,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

My brother, Gaston Battle, of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, the father of the late Lieutenant John Manning Battle, has sent to me the circular letter dated March 15th last, which was sent to my brother at City Point, Virginia, in care of the du Pont Club. My brother has recently moved to his present address. My brother says that he prefers that the body of his son should remain in France, and hopes that he can be buried in one of the Fields of Honor which will be instituted there. He would like very much to know the locality in which his son is buried, if such information is available.

I enclose herewith the card which you sent to my brother, which he has signed, and which indicates that my brother does not desire to have the remains of his son brought to this country.

I have the honor to remain,

Faithfully yours,

Card enclosed.

*Geo Gordon Battle*

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A. G. 293.8 Battle, John Manning  
(Off. Div.)

March 25, 1919.

Mr. George Gordon Battle,  
37 Wall Street,  
New York, N. Y.

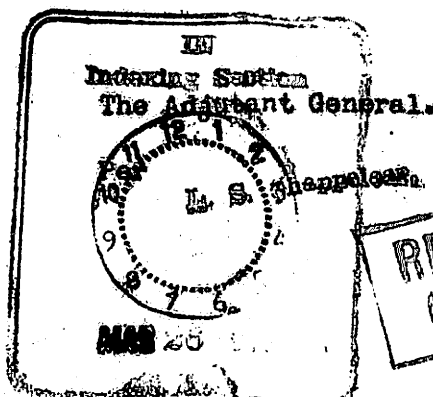
Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of March 22, 1919 concern-  
ing the exact locality of the grave of Lieutenant John Mann-  
ing Battle, I beg leave to invite your attention to the in-  
closed Memorandum of Information which sets forth, among other  
things, the policy of the Department.

I take this opportunity to express the deep sym-  
pathy of the Department.

Very sincerely,

1 incl.  
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JAMES A. OGORMAN  
GEO. GORDON BATTLE  
ALMUTH C. VANDIVER  
CHARLES J. LESLIE  
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ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELLORS AT LAW  
37 WALL STREET, NEW YORK

TELEPHONE 6936 HANOVER  
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March 26, 1919.

IN RE JOHN MANNING BATTLE  
A. G. 293.8 Off. Div.

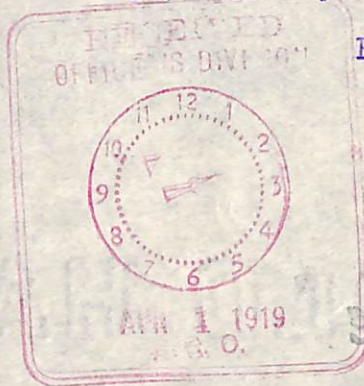
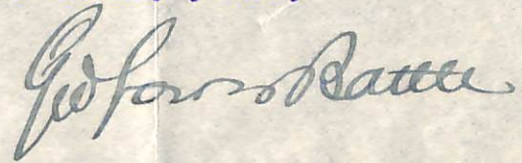
P. C. Harris, Esq.,  
The Adjutant General,  
War Department, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

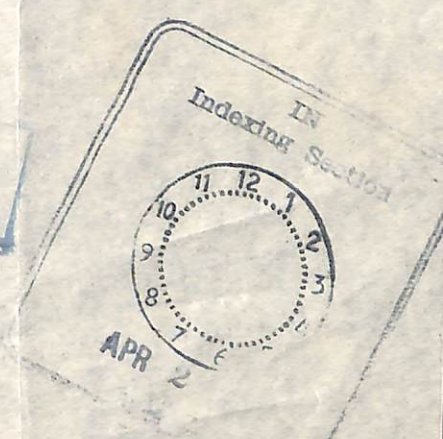
I beg to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of your letter of March 25, 1919, enclosing Memorandum of Information, which I have read with interest, and which I am to-day sending to my brother Mr. Gaston Battle, the father of Lieut. John Manning Battle, for his information.

Again thanking you for your kindness, I am

Faithfully yours,



Received G.O. MAR 31 1919



*File Manning 304  
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BACKING SHEET.

2938- Battle, John Manning