

G.R.S. Form #114-B CAUSE OF DEATH

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FULL NAME.....BRATTON, Walter.....

RANK.....Private.....SERIAL...550347.....

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION.....Co. D, 38th Infantry..... 3rd Div.

DATE OF DEATH.....7-18-18.....

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME..... VA.....

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED..... none.....

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION..... 27..... 5..... A.....

Date Grave Row Block

1764

Cemetery

387

MAY 9 1927
WORLD WAR DIV.

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✓ ADJUSTED BY
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5/12/27 ex

Co. D. 38th. Inf.
3rd. Division.

BRATTON, Walter.- Pvt. 550347

I saw Pvt. Walter Bratton in a First Aid Station at Launay, France, on the 15 July 1918. (near Crezancy France) He was lying in the cellar which was used by the 1st Aid Station and was in a very nervous condition. I do not know whether he was wounded or not. So far as I have been able to find out I was the last one to see Pvt. Bratton, before his being evacuated to the rear.

Wounded in action, line of duty July 15, 1918. Died of wounds and buried July 18. (Record at Statistical Section Hdqrs. 3d. Div.)

Informant: Roberts, James W.- Cpl. 550445
Co. D. 38th. Inf.

Home : Flatbridge, Virginia.

Signed : James W. Roberts.

Original

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place Crepancy, Aisne

Date May-19th 1921

1. REMAINS OF BRATTON, WALTER SERIAL NUMBER 550347

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. D. 38th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): 5-19-21 From (give complete location): Gr. 37 French Civ. Cem. 383

By: Group 1 Unit 1

3. Reburied (date): 5-19-21 In (give complete location): Gr. 37 French Civ. Cem. 383

By: Group 1 Unit 1 Nature of reburial in tarp in pine box

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: unrecognizable, body decomposed, in uniform

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body yes (corroded illegible) On grave marker? yes

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks: Fingering on collar, shows D. 38th Inf.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) unable to report

(b) Weight (estimated) unable to report

(c) Hair—Color None on skull

Quantity None

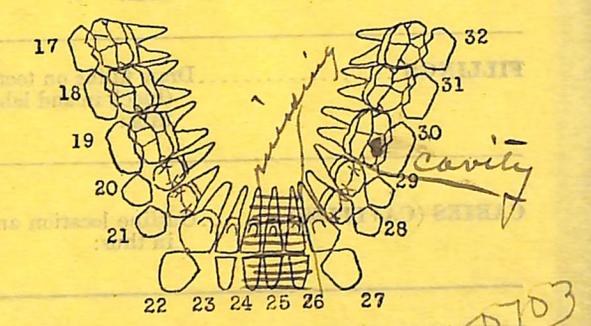
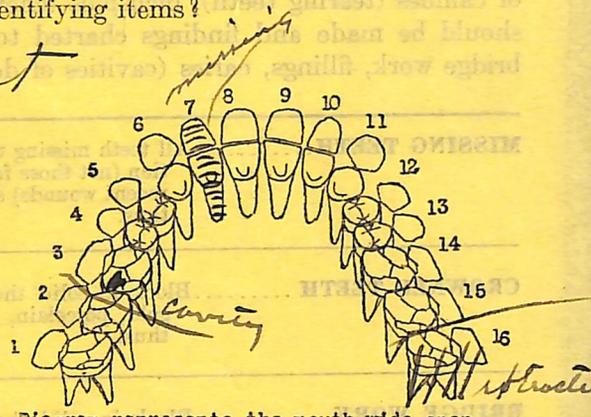
Characteristics None

(d) Hair on face—Color None

Location None

Quantity None

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) unable to report



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

7. Disinterment supervised by Ben A. Bradford (Sup. mb.) Approved: G.D. Gamble (Title) 1st Lt. QMC., Inspector.

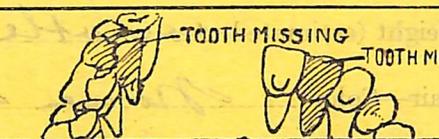
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPER COMPLETION OF G. R. S. FORM NO. 16-A

Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Question 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No."
 (b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No. 6.
6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

MISSING TEETHAll teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus:	 <p>TOOTH MISSING TOOTH MISSING</p>
CROWNED TEETHBlock in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:	 <p>GOLD CROWN PORCELAIN CROWN GOLD CROWN</p>
BRIDGE WORKBlock in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus:	 <p>GOLD AND PORCELAIN BRIDGE GOLD BRIDGE</p>
FILLINGSDraw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:	 <p>SILVER FILLING GOLD FILLING GOLD FILLING GOLD FILLING</p>
CARIES (CAVITIES)Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:	 <p>CAVITY DECAYED DECAYED</p>
DENTURES (PLATES)Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate, block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp."	

7. Show name of person supervising the disinterment and the name and title of the person approving same.
8. Show name of person supervising the reburial and the name and title of the person approving same.



NR 12/10
GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bratton ✓ *Walter*
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Private *D Company 38 Infantry*
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL *July 18, 1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL *St. Eugene, France*

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

North part of St. Eugene half way between creek and principal road through village

GRAVE NUMBER

HOW MARKED: Name 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 mark should be given here:

REPORTED BY:

John B. Peters Chaplain (ret'd)
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Bratton, Walter

550,347

Rt. Co. D, 38th Inf.

France

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bratton, Walter AM SM

April 24, 1933

Mrs. Lizzie Jones,
Box 117,
Wytheville, Virginia

Dear Madam:

With reference to previous correspondence
on this subject, you are informed that your passport
has been received and will be delivered to you aboard
ship.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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CHAS. W. DIETZ,
~~BY~~ SHANNON,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

Received

*of rec
6/14/33
C.K.*

Walter Britton

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM

May 6, 1933

To All Concerned:

Please make the following changes in passenger

list for:

WASHINGTON - June 7, 1933

CHANGE	#15	PARTY	B	PAGE
DELETE	Mrs. Hattie Andrews	MARSAONUSBYTS		Page B - 5
DELETE	Mrs. Lizzie Jones	VIRGINIA		Page B - 24

For The Quartermaster General,

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

BRATTON WALTER

Pvt.

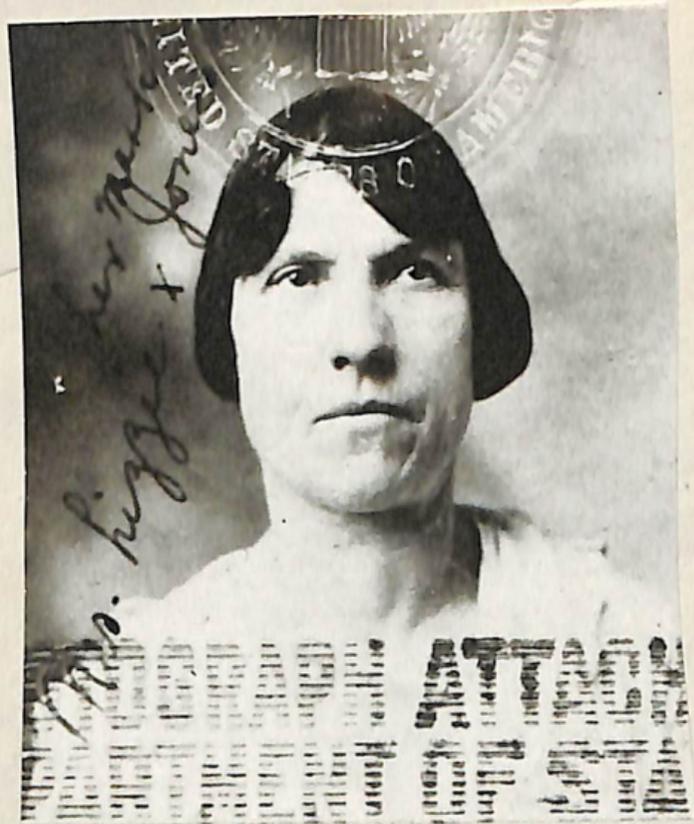
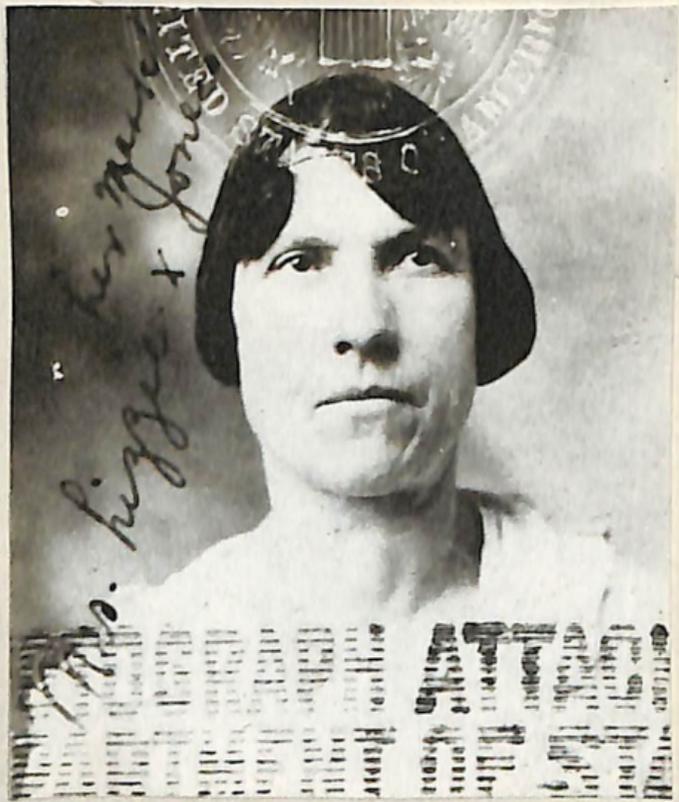
Jones, Mrs. Lizzie
Box #117,
Wytheville, Va.

SS WASHINGTON - June 7, 1933

Cancelled 5-6-33

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Washington

Pvt. Walter Bratton

6-7-33

AM

Declines by letter 5-4-33

I ~~accept~~ 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. Lizzie Jones

(Name)

Box 117, Wytheville, Wythe Co., Va.

(Town or City)

(State)



RECEIVED
JAN 12 1933

M & R BR.
O. O. M. G.

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Bratton</i>	<i>BRA</i>	3	<i>2 8 1</i>
<i>Walter</i>	CEMETERY <i>1764</i>	1	<i>4</i>
BURIED <i>Ind 9-21-17</i>	GRAVE <i>27</i>	2	<i>27</i>
<i>28 1/2 yrs</i>	ROW <i>5</i>	2	<i>05</i>
	BLOCK <i>A</i>	1	<i>1</i>
STATE	<i>Va</i>	2	<i>54</i>
RANK	<i>Pvt</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>3</i>	2	<i>03</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>38</i>	3	<i>038</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARITAL	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Jones</i>	<i>Jon</i>	3	<i>0 3-4</i>
<i>Mrs Sizzie</i>	STATE <i>Va</i>	2	<i>54</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Wythe</i>	2	<i>99</i>
<i>Mother Dead</i>	CITY <i>Wytheville</i>	3	<i>039</i>
RELATION	<i>Stepmother</i>	1	<i>3</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Bad</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
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ACCEPTANCE	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
<i>29/514/</i>	<i>age 49</i>		<i>49</i>

Revised Dec. 6-1-33

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QM 295 A-M
Bratton, Walter (AM)

May 6, 1933

Mrs. Lizzie Jones,
Box 117,
Wytheville, Va.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 4th together with communication from Dr. Caldwell, advising that your health will not permit your making a pilgrimage to the grave of your stepson, the late Private Walter Bratton.

It is regretted you are not able to make the pilgrimage. The reservation made for you on the Washington, sailing June 7th, has accordingly been cancelled.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JAS. H. LAUBACH,
Lt. Col., Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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M. B. CALDWELL, M. D.
WYTHEVILLE, VA.

May 4, 1933.

Quartermaster General,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

*changed from
accept to decline
Wash. June 7-*

Dear Sir:

Notification of acceptance of an invitation to make a pilgrimage to Europe, leaving New York on June 7, 1933, has been returned to you. Since this notice has been filed my physical condition has become such that it will be impossible for me to make this pilgrimage. You may, therefore, cancel my reservations.



Yours very truly,

her mark
Mrs. Lizzie Jones *+*
Elizabeth Kenning

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M. B. CALDWELL, M. D.
WYTHEVILLE, VA.

May 4, 1933.

Quartermaster General,
War Depratment,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

This is to state that I have examined Mrs. Lizzie Jones of Wytheville, Va., and find that she is suffering with gall bladder disease, a chronic pelvic inflamation, and hypertension, and as a consequence is physically unfit, at the present time, for a trip to Europe.

Yours very truly,



M. B. Caldwell, M.D.

PLEASE FILL IN THE INFORMATION CALLED FOR BELOW,
AND MAIL THIS LETTER PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED
ENVELOPE WHICH REQUIRES NO POSTAGE.

Bratton, Walter (AM)
Jones, Mrs. Lizzie
Box 117,
Wytheville, Wythe Co. Virginia.
Washington June 7, 1933.

Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In the blank space below you will find the name,
address, and relationship to me, of the person in the United
States whom I desire to be notified in case I become
seriously ill or other emergency arises while I am making
the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress
approved March 2, 1929.

Charlie H. Jones
Name

Box 117 Wytheville, Virginia
Address

Husband
Relationship

Very truly yours,



Lizzie Jones
Your name

Wytheville, Va.
Your address

IF YOU DESIRE . . . STOPOVER ON YOUR RETURN FROM EUROPE PLEASE READ CAREFULLY THE PARAGRAPH, "STOPOVERS IN THE UNITED STATES", ON PAGE 3 OF THE ENCLOSED LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS, FILL IN THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN IT TO THIS OFFICE.

Bratton, Walter (AM)
Jones, Mrs. Lizzie
Box 117,
Wytheville, Wythe Co. Virginia.
Washington June 7, 1933.

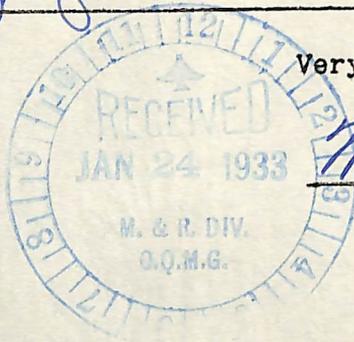
Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

On my return from the pilgrimage to American Cemeteries in Europe, I desire to stop over at the point, or points, listed below, for the number of days shown after the name of the town. If these stopovers will cause me any expense I am to be advised of the amount and may then withdraw this request if I so desire.

<u>Cities where I desire to stopover:</u>	<u>No. of days</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
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_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

do not desire to make any stops



Very truly yours,

Mrs Lizzie Jones

(Your name)

(Your address)

W. J. H. Co.

Nytherville, Va.
Feb. 10 1932

Ref. 27M. 293 A-M.

War Department
Office of the Quartermaster Gen.

Dear Sirs:

Replying to your letter of
Feb. 8 1932 regarding my making
the pilgrimage to my stepson's grave
in France. I appreciate your information
and wish to advise that I find it
impossible to go this summer, but I
have hopes of being in position to make
the trip in the summer of 1933

Yours very truly

Mrs. Lizzie Jones 144 marks

By J. J. Landon



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QM 293 A-M
Bratton, Walter (AM) SM

February 8, 1932.

Mrs. Lizzie Jones,
Box 117,
Wytheville, Va.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your stepson, the late Private Walter Bratton, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

It is noted that you stated your health was not good and that you did not desire to make a pilgrimage during 1932. However, it is believed that if you were acquainted with the excellent care and attention you would receive, you would not hesitate to make the journey.

In the event you decide to make a pilgrimage, an identification badge will be forwarded you to wear while on the journey. The wearing of this badge assures you every attention while on the trip, the railroad personnel rendering special care to the wearers of this emblem. Your local ticket agent will deliver your Pullman and railroad tickets and you will be furnished a detailed schedule of your trip to New York. A check to cover the cost of your meals and incidental expenses to New York will be forwarded to you about two weeks before you are scheduled to leave your home. Upon arrival in New York, you will be met at the station by an officer of the United States Army who will escort you to the hotel at which reservation has been made for you. It is probable that a number of other mothers and widows from Virginia will make the journey at the same time and you would find congenial companionship. Medical attendants, nurses, and all other necessities will be provided. The journey will be made without cost to you except for the purchase of any small articles of a personal nature which you might desire to obtain as souvenirs.

The pilgrimage was authorized by Congress in an endeavor to bring a measure of peace and comfort to the hearts of the mothers and widows whose loved ones gave their lives in their Country's cause, and it is evident from the number of letters received from women who have made the journey that this effort has not been in vain. A number of women have also advised that they returned in better health than they had enjoyed in years.

In view of the foregoing, it is possible that you may change your mind and decide to make the journey during the coming summer, and if so, it is requested you so notify this office in order that the necessary arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bratton, Walter Pvt. (AM) SM

December 17, 1931.

Mrs. Lizzie Jones,
Box 117,
Wytheville, Va.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested that you advise whether the late Private Walter Bratton is survived by his natural mother, and if so, kindly furnish her full name and address. A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,


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

Enclosure:
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Gentlemen:-
His natural mother died when he
was about 12, and I married his
father Mike Bratton and raised
this boy and four others - two
sisters & two brothers.
Respectfully,
Mrs. Lizzie Jones

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bratton, Walter (A-M) SM

Nov. 17, 1931

Mrs. Lizzie Jones,
Box 117,
Wytheville, Va.

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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 A-M

Bratton, Walter AM SM

November 2, 1931

Mrs. Lizzie Jones
Box 117
Wytheville, Va.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. In your reply to the recent inquiry as to whether or not you desired to make a pilgrimage in 1932, you advised you were undecided.

In view of the fact that steamship reservations must be made several months in advance, it is essential that this office know how many mothers and widows must be arranged for. It is possible that you may have made your decision by this time. It is therefore requested that 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. In the event you state you desire to make the journey in 1932 and circumstances prevent your making the pilgrimage, it is requested you notify this office as promptly as possible.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	<i>No.</i>
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: <i>49</i> Health: <i>poor</i>
3. Do you speak English?	<i>Yes</i>
4. What other language do you speak?	<i>None</i>

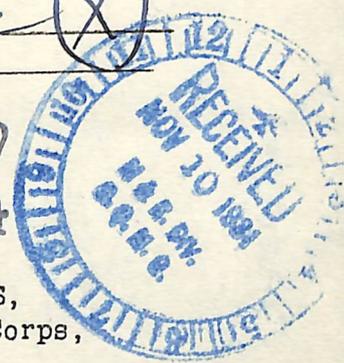
Mrs Lizzie Jones (X)
Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes

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



Encl:
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

July 1, 1931.

Bratton, Walter Pvt. (A-M) SM

Mrs. Lizzie Jones,
Box 117,
Wytheville, Virginia.

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?

Undecided
~~No~~ = ~~Not able to make the~~
Write answer here *trip.*

Mrs. Lizzie Jones

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bratton, Walter 1764-SM

July 23, 1930.

Mrs. Lizzie Jones,
Box 117,
Wytheville Va.

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



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

(Write answer here)

I am in bad health now and will not be able to go next year, but would like to go some time later on.

Mrs. Lizzie Jones
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bratton, Walter - 1764

July 14, 1930

Mrs. Lizzie Jones,
Box 117,
Wytheville, Virginia.

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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 stepmother of the late Private Walter Bratton 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 Private Bratton. **Dec. 1904**
- (2) Were you married to Mr. Bratton at the time his son entered the military service? **Yes.**
- (3) Were you married to Mr. Bratton at the time of his son's death? **Yes.**
- (4) If not, give date of your separation from him.
- (5) If Mr. Bratton is deceased, give date of his death.

Died Nov. 21 1920
For The Quartermaster General.

Signed Mrs Lizzie Jones

Very truly yours,



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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bratton, Walter 1764 SM

July 8, 1930

Mrs. Lizzie Jones
Wytheville, Virginia

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.

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

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

Step Mother

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

If so, give her name and address:

No

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

If so, give her name and address:

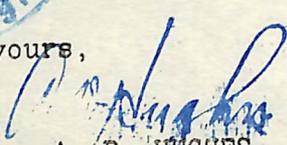
Yes Step Mother for fifteen years

Mrs. Lizzie Jones,
Box 117 Wytheville, Va

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

DATE February 8, 1930.

NAME	RANK	SERIAL	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
BRATTON, Walter	Pvt.	550347	Co. D 38th Inf.	7/18/18.

STATE	Virginia	CTY. NO.	1764	GRAVE	27	ROW	5	BLOCK	A
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	<u>Check relationship</u>	<u>Living - Deceased</u>	
NAME	MOTHER	:	:
AND	STEPMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:
ADDRESS	MOTHER THRU ADOPTION (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:
	MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:
	WIDOW (Who has not remarried)	:	:

Single man

*Rem - SM -
Mrs Siggie Jones
Wytheville
Va*

Veterans Bureau Claim Number 29/156

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 12 1929.

Bratton, Walter.

Mr. Mike Bratton,
Pulaski, Va.

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 **Private Walter Bratton, Co. D, 36th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, 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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Act of Congress.
Envelope.

QM 293 A-M
Bratton, Walter (AM)

May 6, 1933

Mrs. Lizzie Jones,
Box 117,
Wytheville, Va.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 4th together with communication from Dr. Caldwell, advising that your health will not permit your making a pilgrimage to the grave of your stepson, the late Private Walter Bratton.

It is regretted you are not able to make the pilgrimage. The reservation made for you on the Washington, sailing June 7th, has accordingly been cancelled.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JAS. H. LAUBACH,
Lt. Col., Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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QM 295 A-M
Bratton, Walter (AM) SM

February 8, 1932.

Mrs. Lizzie Jones,
Box 117,
Wytheville, Va.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your stepson, the late Private Walter Bratton, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

It is noted that you stated your health was not good and that you did not desire to make a pilgrimage during 1932. However, it is believed that if you were acquainted with the excellent care and attention you would receive, you would not hesitate to make the journey.

In the event you decide to make a pilgrimage, an identification badge will be forwarded you to wear while on the journey. The wearing of this badge assures you every attention while on the trip, the railroad personnel rendering special care to the wearers of this emblem. Your local ticket agent will deliver your Pullman and railroad tickets and you will be furnished a detailed schedule of your trip to New York. A check to cover the cost of your meals and incidental expenses to New York will be forwarded to you about two weeks before you are scheduled to leave your home. Upon arrival in New York, you will be met at the station by an officer of the United States Army who will escort you to the hotel at which reservation has been made for you. It is probable that a number of other mothers and widows from Virginia will make the journey at the same time and you would find congenial companionship. Medical attendants, nurses, and all other necessities will be provided. The journey will be made without cost to you except for the purchase of any small articles of a personal nature which you might desire to obtain as souvenirs.

The pilgrimage was authorized by Congress in an endeavor to bring a measure of peace and comfort to the hearts of the mothers and widows whose loved ones gave their lives in their Country's cause, and it is evident from the number of letters received from women who have made the journey that this effort has not been in vain. A number of women have also advised that they returned in better health than they had enjoyed in years.

In view of the foregoing, it is possible that you may change your mind and decide to make the journey during the coming summer, and if so, it is requested you so notify this office in order that the necessary arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M

Bratton, Walter Pvt. (AM) SM

December 17, 1931.

Mrs. Lizzie Jones,
Box 117,
Wytheville, Va.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested that you advise whether the late Private Walter Bratton is survived by his natural mother, and if so, kindly furnish her full name and address. A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bratton, Walter (A-M) SM

Nov. 17, 1931

Mrs. Lizzie Jones,
Box 117,
Wytheville, Va.

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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.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bratton, Walter AM SM

November 2, 1931

Mrs. Lizzie Jones
Box 117
Wytheville, Va.

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Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. In your reply to the recent inquiry as to whether or not you desired to make a pilgrimage in 1932, you advised you were undecided.

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In view of the fact that steamship reservations must be made several months in advance, it is essential that this office know how many mothers and widows must be arranged for. It is possible that you may have made your decision by this time. It is therefore requested that 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. In the event you state you desire to make the journey in 1932 and circumstances prevent your making the pilgrimage, it is requested you notify this office as promptly as possible.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	
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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

July 1, 1931.

Bratton, Walter Pvt. (A-M) SM

Mrs. Lissie Jones,
Box 117,
Wytheville, Virginia.

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bratton, Walter 1764-SM

July 23, 1930.

Mrs. Lizzie Jones,
Box 117,
Wytheville Va.

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)

QM 293 A-M
Bratton, Walter - 1764

July 14, 1930

Mrs. Lizzie Jones,
Box 117,
Wytheville, Virginia.

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 stepmother of the late Private Walter Bratton 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 Private Bratton.
- (2) Were you married to Mr. Bratton at the time his son entered the military service?
- (3) Were you married to Mr. Bratton at the time of his son's death?
- (4) If not, give date of your separation from him.
- (5) If Mr. Bratton is deceased, give date of his death.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bratton, Walter 1764 SM

July 8, 1930

Mrs. Lizzie Jones
Wytheville, Virginia

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.

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

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

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

If so, give her name and address:

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

If so, give her name and address:

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bratton, Walter
1764

Aug. 22, 1929.

Mr. Mike Bratton,
Pulaski, Va.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated **June 12, 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

June 12 1929.

Bratton, Walter.

Mr. Mike Bratton,
Pulaski, Va.

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 Private Walter Bratton, Co. D, 36th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, 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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DATE _____

1. NAME BRATTON, Walter, SERIAL No. 550347

RANK Pvt, ORGANIZATION Co.D. 38th Inf,

GRAVE LOCATION French Civil, Cty, CREZANCY (Aisne) #383
CTY. NAME NUMBER

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GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 37 Fr.Civ.Cem.#383. Crezancy, (Aisne).

GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES 49 N.E. E191.4 N-259.3

CONCENTRATED TO _____

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.

(Information in paragraph 2 taken from Form 1).

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS _____

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR G.F. WAUGH, Major, Inf., Supervisor, Area #2.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Oct. 23, 1922 27 5 Block A

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Aisne-Marne American No. 1764

CEMETERY

Duplicate

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.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Dec. 7th 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 BRATTON, Walter

10. Name

2. No. 550347

11. No.

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank

4. Org. Co D 38th Inf,

13. Org.

5. D.D. July 18th 1918

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. DOW

(b) D.B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 37 Sec.

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. None.

18. Cemetery French Civil.

19. Commune or town CREZANCY

20. Dept. or County Aisne

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. #383

23. Disinterred (Date) Dec. 7th 1921

By W.J. Logan

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Walter BRATTON

Serial No.

Rank Pvt.

Organization Co. D 38th Inf.

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

Wilbur H. Woodward
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)
Bottle record found on body reads : Pvt. Walter BRATTON 550347 Co.D.38th Inf. reburied May 19 1921 by Sec. 1. Bottle record contains collar insignia 38 cross guns and one small leaf one gold signet ring no initials.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed recognition impossible.

28. Nature of burial Burlap box found under cross.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None.

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Dec. 7th 1921 By W.J. Logan

31. Casket sealed by W.J. Logan

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) W.J. Logan

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SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-17039

32. Designation of body:

Name Walter, BRATTON Serial No. 550347

Rank Pvt, Organization Co D 38th Inf,

33. Consigned to: Officer in Charge

Name of Permanent Cemetery Aisne-Marne, Amer. Cty #1764, BELLEAU (Aisne)

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Dec. 7th 1921 By W. J. Logan

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 W. J. Logan 1st Lt. MC.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Dec. 7th 1921

To point of Concentration Aisne-Marne Am. Cty 1764 Belleau Aisne

Convoyer Moses Pellerin (Name) W. J. Logan
Signature Shipping Officer 1st Lt. MC.

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 _____

Convoyer _____ (Name) _____
Signature Shipping Officer _____

40. Received: Date Dec. 7. 21
G.R.S. Representative Adolph G. Kaess, Superintendent, Aisne-Marne Morgue.

41. Reinterred Oct. 23, 1922, Aisne-Marne Cem. 1764, Belleau (Aisne)

42. Grave No. 27 (Date) _____ Section _____

43. ~~Plot~~ BLOCK A Row 5

G.R.S. Representative W. D. Cleary
W. D. Cleary
Lt., Chaplain, USA.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Dec 7th 1921

1. REMAINS OF BRATTON, Walter SERIAL NUMBER 550347

RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Co.D. 38th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : Dec 7th 1921 From (give complete location) : Grave 37, cem 383.

By : Group 4 Unit Sec 3

3. Reburied (date) : Oct. 23, 1922 In (give complete location) : Gr. 27, Block A, Row 5, Aisne-marne cem. 1764, Belleau (Aisne)

By : Group re-burial group Unit _____ Nature of reburial Lined casket

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

Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable. Burlap and box.

Found under cross.

5. (a) Identification tags : Buried with body ? no On grave marker ? yes

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

B.R. found on body reads, "Pvt. Walter Bratton, 550347, Co.D. 38th Inf."

Reburied May 19. 1921 by Sec 1. "Bottle contains collar insignia No. 38 cross guns One small leaf, one gold signet ring. No initials, Strip on body and cross cheeks with form 104-21" regards the following identifying items

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MAD 7-24-25-26-
MBD 16

(a) Height (actual measurement) Imp to det.

(b) Weigh, (estimated) Imp to det.

(c) Hair—Color none

Quantity none

Characteristics none

(d) Hair on face—Color none

Location none

Quantity none

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

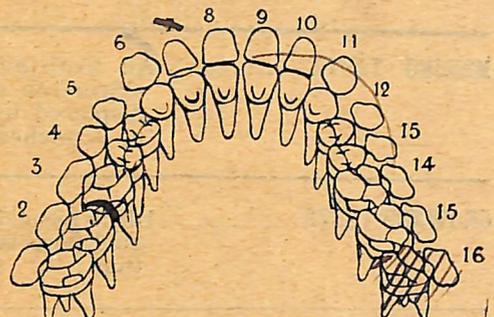
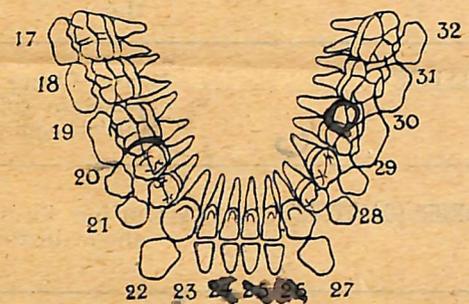


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



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

right femur fractured upper third.

7. Disinterment supervised by W.J. Logan

Approved: S.H. Hunsicker
S.H. Hunsicker, 1st. Lt. OMC
(Title)

8. Reburial Supervised by L.D. Hays

Approved: W.D. Cleary
W.D. Cleary
(Title) Lt., Chaplain, USA.

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

Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Questions 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".
(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No 6.
6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

MISSING TEETH.....

All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus:



CROWNED TEETH.....

Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:



BRIDGE WORK.....

Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus:



FILLINGS.....

Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:



CARIES (CAVITIES).....

Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:



DENTURES (PLATES).....

Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate, block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp"

7. Show name of person supervising the disinterment and the name and title of the person approving same.

8. Show name of person supervising the reburial and the name and title of the person approving same.

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Bratton

Walter

550347

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number)

Pvt

Co. D. 38th Infantry.

(Rank and organization.)

Father

State your relationship to the deceased

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:

Michael Bratton

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

Wesley

Virginia

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Michael Bratton.

R.F.D. #3

Wesley, Va.

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by SM

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File No. 72265

*3/16/62 Examined
for Concentration
Par. - Marne # 1764
att 4/3/22*

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BRATTON, Walter Ser. No. 550347
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. D, 38th Inf.
(c) Date of death 7/18/18 (9-27) (d) Cause of death Died of Wounds (9-27)

TYP. JR
CKR. W/B

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

(a) Grave No. 37 Row --- Plot --- Sec. --- TYP. JR
(b) Emerg. Address Mike Bratton, (Father) Pulaski, Va.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases --- CKR. W/B

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt None

(a) Name Michael Bratton (b) Relationship Father
(c) Address RFD #3, Pulaski, Va.
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? no
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at ---
(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. ---
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. ---

*O. CH
ok job*

Examiner's Initials Jm Date 9-21, 1920.

V. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from Father, Mike Bratton,
Pulaski, Va., dated 7-11-19
confirming request in Par. IV., item yes, above, or requesting that ---

Examiner's Initials Jm Date 9-21, 1920.

VI. G. R. S. FILES, CORRESPONDENCE—shows as follows:

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes

Examiner's Initials Jm Date 9-28, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE

CEMETERY No. 383

SHEET No. 6

FORM 115 - OK - COMPLETED
9-29-20

*Checked by
POC. 10/14/20*

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made 1920.
Typed by, Checked by, 1920.



VIII. FINAL ACTION:

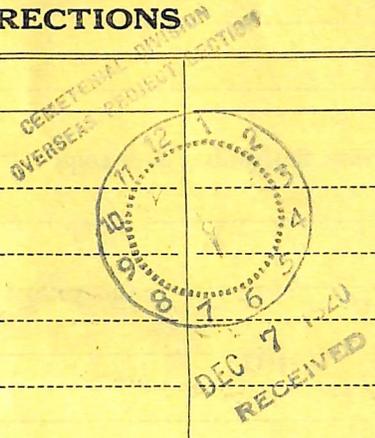
Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on, 1920
letter on 10-26, 1920

Par. # 2, not to be returned. HS

IX.

CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE.	ACTION TAKEN.
Desires body be	
Body to be shipped to	



X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: *11-12-20 Form #120 Father in k wishes body left in Europe 11-18-20 E.C.*

DEC 4 1920 FORM 115 RETURNED BY EUROPEAN BODY TO REMAIN IN EUROPE. /K

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

NOV 5 1920

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C.
To: Mr. Michael Bratton, Pulaski, Va., R.F.D. #3
SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Walter Bratton, Serial No. 550347
Co. D. 38th Infantry,

No change

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body remain in Europe.

I do not want my son Walter Bratton to remain in Europe

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.

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Was soldier married ? Soldier's widow	<i>No</i>		
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2 <i>None</i>		
	3		
Father			
Mother			
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2 <i>Winston Bratton</i>	<i>Living</i>	<i>Return</i>
	3 <i>James Bratton</i>	<i>Ym. Navy</i>	<i>va</i>
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2 <i>Susan Nelson</i>	<i>Marionville</i>	<i>va</i>
	3		

Date *11/12/20* Signature *Michael Bratton*
Address *Pulaski Va* Relationship *Father*

IMPORTANT.—CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper.

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DEC 7 1920
G. H. S.

1920.

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

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. yes

Signature Michael Bratton

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

1. If definite instruction as to the disposition of a body are not received from the nearest relative within two 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 inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

I am sick and will not be able to attend to the service if the remains was to come to U.S.

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COMBINATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

See Form 115
Att 4/2/20

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File No. 72265

(a) Name..... **BRATTON, Walter** Ser. No. **550847**
 (b) Rank..... **Pvt.** Organization..... **Co. D. 38th Inf.**
 (c) Date of death..... **7-18-17** Cause of death..... **Wid of Wounds (9-27)**

TYP
 JR
 NB

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

(a) Grave No. **37** Row Plot Sect.
 (b) Emerg. Address..... **Mike Bratton, (Father) Pulaski, Va.**

TYP. *J.B.*

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases.....

OKR *N.B.*

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

*P.O. card Michael Bratton (Father)
 RFD # 3 Pulaski, Va. requests copy not returned.
 R.C. 10-28-20*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by - (cable on..... 192
 (letter of transmittal on *10/26/1920*)

Par # 2, not to be returned (H.S.)

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. **OCT 30 1920** 192.....

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken

VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. **DEC 7 1920** 192.....

COUNTRY
 G.R.S. FORM 115-A
 August , 1920
 S-666/MB **FRANCE**

CEMETERY NO. **383**

SHEET NO. **6**

HD 10-29-20

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bratton 550347 Walter

(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt. Co D 38th Inf

(Rank.) (Organization.)

Disinterred and reburied

DATE OF BURIAL 10/10/18

PLACE OF BURIAL French Cemetery at Brayancy

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

? See our Field Sketch #3

GRAVE NUMBER 37

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

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

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

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REPORTED BY:

GROUP N° 2

Unit 303. G. R. S

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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



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GRAVE LOCATION BOOK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Branton Walter
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Private P Company, 38th Infantry
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL July 18, 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL St. Eugene, France

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

North part of St. Eugene, half way between ~~break~~ and principal road through village.

GRAVE NUMBER

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

Come St. Eugene ~~(zone)~~ C-91
49N.E. E193-N255.6

REPORTED BY:
John B. Peters Chaplain (1st Lt.)
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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Command List No. 91-1324
Daily Report No.

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Name appears on



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Mike Bratton (father)
Pulaski, Va

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CEMETERIAL DIVISION
Conditions Building
Room 1128
PLEASE EXPEDITE

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

Special

Date Sept. 21, 1920

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

File No. 72265 Registration.

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)
To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N. W., Washington, D. C.
Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

- a. Surname Bratton *ok*
- b. Christian name Walter *ok*
- c. Serial Number 550347 *ok*
- d. Organization Co. D. 38th Inf. *ok*
- e. Rank Pvt. *ok*
- f. Date of death July 18/18 *as determined 1/18*
- g. Cause of death Died of wounds
- h. Authority (C.C.#) 559-132
- i. Emergency address Mr Mike Bratton (father) *6/5/19*
- j. Relationship Pulaski Va *father*

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- a. Age of enlistment
- b. Color of eyes
- c. Color of hair
- d. Height
- e. Weight
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)

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

a. Strike out teeth missing

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
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								upper left								
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*Donnelly / LHM
Enl. Pers. Sec
Aug 8 9/24/20*

CIMETERY NO: 383

SHEET NO: 6
TYPED BY: PFD

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

BY: *H J Conner*
H. J. CONNER,
~~Quartermaster General~~
1st Lieut. Q. M. G.

Rec'd World War Div.
Date 3 23 20

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

Special

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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 **Bratton** *ok*
- b. Christian name **Walter** *ok*
- c. Serial Number **550347** *ok*
- d. Organization **Co. D. 38th Inf.** *ok* (~~Co. D. 381st Inf.~~)
- e. Rank **Pvt.** *ok*
- f. Date of death *July 18/18 as determined*
- g. Cause of death - *Died of wounds*
- h. Authority (C.C.#) **559-132**
- i. Emergency address *6/5/19 Mr Mike Bratton (father) Pulaski Va.*
- j. Relationship *father*

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

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FILE

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

BY: *H J Conner*

H. J. CONNER,
~~Sergeant Major~~
1st Lieut. Q. M. C.

*Donnelly / LHM
Enl. Pers. Sec
Aug 8 9/29/20*

CEMETERY NO: **383**
SHEET NO: **6**
TYPED BY: **FFD**

Rec'd World War Div.
Date *23 20*

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

FILE NUMBER

72265

FROM:- A.R.C.

DATE:

3/6/19

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME BRATTON, WALTER, NUMBER

RANK ORGANIZATION Co D. 38th INF.

NO	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	① Bratton 550347 Walter Pvt Co D. 38th INF.
2.	Date of Death.	② 0
3.	Cause and place of death.	③ 0
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	④ Blue Card.
5.	Date buried.	⑤ Disinterred and Reburied 10/10/18
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.	⑥ Grave No 37 Cemetery #383 (French city) - Grevancy (Aisne)
7.	Who reported burial?	⑦ G.R.S. officers
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S?	⑧ yes
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	⑨ Cross
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	⑩ - 0 0
11.	Who is nearest relative?	⑪ No.
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?	

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

Cablegram 17
Casualty cablegram 47 - J.P. 133
Nearest relative Mr. Bratton (father)
Pulaski, Va

10 & 12 are not shown
of Card 5 x 8. Hump

CC #
M/R

AMERICAN RED CROSS.

Paris, Feb. 20, 1919....

Name of Soldier: Walter Bratton

Rank: ~~Private~~ 3rd Lt.

Company: Co. D

Regiment: 38th Inf.

Forward Burial Report to Wash.
"Bureau of Communication" for

Lizzie Bratton, P.O. Box No. 111
Pulaski, VA.

Burial report required for Paris.

Reference: #72265

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

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April 11, 1919.

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.
TO: Home Communication Section, American Red Cross, Paris-France.
SUBJECT: Private Walter Bratton (550347) Co. D., 38th Infantry.

(1) In reply to your inquiry, relative to the location of the grave of the above named soldier, beg to advise you that the records at these headquarters show that Private Bratton's body was interred in grave #37, in the French Cemetery, at CREZANCY, in the Department of the AISNE.

(2) According to the records at these headquarters, the death of this soldier has not as yet been reported by the Adjutant General's office.

By direction CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Lieut.-Colonel, Q.M.C., A.E.F.

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

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Dec 21, 1918.

Central Records Office
Bourges

Retel Croix 5869 period Burial Officer case Pvt Walter Branton is
1st Lt John B Peters Chaplain Hq 11th Bn 20th Engrs.

C. B.

ROGERS.

C. M. HOETZEL
2nd Lieut., QMC.
ACL/ WK
3:55 PM

Copy to;
T & C
C R S
Sgt Daly Original

[Handwritten signature]
DEC 21 1918

Signal Corps, United States Army Telegram.

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Wagner

Received at,

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CR BOURGES DEC 20 1918

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE,

TOURS.

CRO KS FIVE FIVE SIX NINE WIRE NAME AND ORGANIZATION BURIAL OFFICER.

PRIVATE WALTER BRANTON YOUR COMMUNAL LIST THREE SHEET SEVEN

cf 3 - 7
DAVIS 621PM

Burial officer

1st Lt John B. Peters
chaplain

11th Div, 20th Eng.



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Graves Registration Service.

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SSO KS 4850 Fire grave location date of burial Walter Branton, Co. B, 38 Inf.
reported to have been buried by Chaplain John B. Peters.

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Tours, May 2, 1919.

Central Records Office,
Bourges.

Retel CRO ES 4850 period Unconfirmed information shows Pvt Walter Branton Co D
38th Inf buried July 18th 1918 in Commune of St Eugene (Aisne) map 49 NE
coordinates E 193 point N 255 point 6 period

OFFICIAL:

KNIGHT

G. C. HUXHISON
2nd Lt., GRC, USA.
FVH/wja
4.56 pm

Copy to: T & C
G R S
Sgt Daly

In reply to "T-

SIGNAL CORPS, UNITED STATES ARMY

TELEGRAM

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RECEIVED AT: HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY. A. E. F.

B 208 CR HK 37 0B

CR BOURGES APRIL 30 19

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

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CRO KS 4850 WIRE GRAVE LOCATION DATE OF BURIAL WALTER BRANTON CO D
38 INFANTRY REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN BURIED BY CHAPLAIN JOHN D PETERS

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F. W. MORTON
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
PULASKI, VA.

#17785

July 11, 1919.

FILE

The Adjutant General of the Army, P. O. Address: Mr. Mike Bratton
Washington, R. F. D. #3, Pulaski, Va.
Va. C.

Dear Sir:- Subject: Removal of ~~X~~ Body of Pvt. Walter Bratton, Co. D.,
38th Infy., French Cemetery, Crevancy, Aisne, France.

I am the father of said deceased soldier. Some time since I wrote you (or the authority whom I was directed to address in this regard) to the effect that I wished the body of my said son to be brought ~~back~~ back to the United States to his home here in Virginia, whenever the ^{bringing} ~~bringing~~ back of the bodies of deceased soldiers should be undertaken by the United States Government.

Since then I have been thinking over the matter and I have reached the conclusion that, under all the circumstances, I do not wish the body of my son to be exhumed and brought back here.

I now see that it is especially appropriate that his body should rest in the soil where he gave his life fighting for the rights and liberties of mankind. I am assured that his grave will be duly cared for, and that on that field of honor he will rest with almost countless heroes who gladly offered up their young lives that "government of the people, by the people, and for the people should not perish from the earth."

Therefore, I write to request that you will take appropriate action to revoke my former request that the body of my said son should be returned to this country.

Respectfully yours,
Mike Bratton,
Pulaski, Va.

Witness:
F. W. Morton,
Pulaski, Va.

JUL 14 1919

Received

JUL 12 1919

Received Enlisted Division
JUL 15 1919

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293.8 (Bratton, Walter) Enl.
Burial Records Section.

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July 15, 1919.

Mr. Mike Bratton,
R. F. D. #3,
Pulaski, Virginia.

Dear Sir:

In response to your communication of the 11th instant, relative to your desires concerning the final disposition of the remains of your son, the late Private Walter Bratton, I beg leave to advise that a new card, together with the old card is herewith inclosed, for an expression of your present wishes in this matter. Kindly fill out the new card and return it to this office and it will be placed in the files for reference when the work of the transfer of the bodies to this country is begun.

It is desired to express to you the deep sympathy of the Department on account of the great loss you have sustained in the death of this soldier.

Very respectfully,

The Adjutant General.

Per

W. V. Carter



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*File
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