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G.R.S. Form #114-B

To The A. G. O.

FEB 9 - 1926

FULL NAME *✓* CAHOON, David L. *✓*

949

RANK *✓* Private, ~~First Class~~

SERIAL 1320151

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION *✓* Company D, 120th Infantry

*30th Div.*

DATE OF DEATH

*Sept 29/18*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

*W. V.*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

*None*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION

*13* ~~25~~ *24* B.

Date

Grave

Row

Block

636

Cemetery

Rec'd World War Div.  
5 MAR 24 1928

Robert O. Davis,  
Major General,  
The Adjutant General.  
By *MJ*

*Salt  
1/27/26*

24/292/EYS

AUDITED BY

*OR 3 MAR 25*

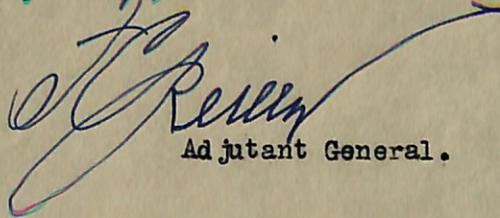
1st Ind.

WW ord 1-203

War Department, A.G.O., March 27, 1928. To: The Quartermaster General.

The records of this office show that David L. Cahoon, A.S.#1320151, held the grade of private at time of death.

By order of the Secretary of War:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. P. Reilly", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Adjutant General.

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Cahoon, 1320151, D. L.

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

Pvt. Co. D, 120th Inf.

(Rank.) (Organization.)

10/1/18

DATE OF BURIAL.....

Old Hickory No. 3.

PLACE OF BURIAL.....

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

Sh. 62b/G.15.c.8.8

GRAVE NUMBER..... No. 7, Row B.

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:

REPORTED BY:

J.M. Robeson, Sr. Chaplain, 30th Div.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Co. D. 120th Inf.

CAHOON, David L. Pvt. 1320151.

Home address: not given.

Killed September 29, 1918.

Informant was eye witness. Cahoon was killed at Hindenburg Line Sept. 29, 1918. Hit left side of face by shell. Killed instantly. Buried near Hindenburg Line at Canal.

Informant: Seibel, Herman F. Cpl. 1979778

Co. D. 120th Inf.

Home: Evansville, Ind.

Date - not given.

I am of the opinion that this information is correct,

A.M.Gant, Searcher.

1st Lt, Co. D. 120th Inf.

K.E.

Cahoon D.D. 1320151  
Old Hickey H<sup>o</sup> 3 Cemetery

Pvt Co. D. 120th Inf  
(3 626 6 15 6 22)

Date JUNE 8, 1919.REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

## Remains of:

Name: CAMOON, D.L.Number: 1320151Rank: PVT.Organization: CO D 120TH INF.Disinterment and Reburial made by Group #2 Unit 302Disinterred (Date) JUNE 6, 1919. From: (Give complete location)GRAVE 8, ROW B PLOT A, OLD HICKORY MILITARY CEMETERY, MAP RFS.CAMBRAI S.W. EAST 176.35, NORTH 359.65.Reburied (Date) JUNE 6, 1919. in: (Give complete location)GRAVE 203, ROW 8, PLOT H, BONY MILITARY CEMETERY, MAP RFS. 13 S.W.EAST 176.3, NORTH 363.8.

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

NO WRAPPING, CONDITION POOR,Was one identification tag found upon the body? NO.What other means of identification were found on the body? NONE.

## Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct as is required by G.O. 170, G.H. 2, 1918,, after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Paul J. Ripon O'Leary 2ND LT. QMCG.O. Group #2 Unit 302CONFIRMED N°D  
11232

SYNOPSIS OF COMMUNICATION RECEIVED AND INDORSED OUT.

DATED: April 16, 1919. DATE RECEIVED IN May 23, 1919.

FROM: A. L. Cahoon, Columbia, N.C.

TO: The Adjutant General, Washington, D.C.

Requests information in regard to David L. Cahoon, Pvt. 1cl.  
#1,320,151, Co. D, 120th Inf. Place of burial.

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293.3  
Cahoon, David L.

1st Ind.

1320151 (Cahoon, David L.) Enl.

HRC-BJ-63

War Department, A.G.O., May 26, 1919.  
Office (Cemeterial Branch).

To the Quartermaster General's

For the location of the burial place of David L. Cahoon, Pvt. 1cl.  
#1,320,151, Co. D, 120th Inf.

By order of the Secretary of War.

James N. Peale.

Adjutant General

Jan'y - 1919.  
Pvt 1st class, Co. D "120 Inf.  
1320151 - Died Sept. 29, 1918

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Synopsis made.



2nd Ind.

In answer refer to file No. 293.3(Cahoon, David L.)-Cemeterial.  
Office, Quartermaster General, June 3, 1919--To The Adjutant General of the  
Army, War Dept., (REFERENCE: 293.6-Cahoon, David L., Enl., S.G.O., May 26, 1919.)

1. The records of this office show that the remains of  
Private, First Class, David L. Cahoon, Company D, 120th Infantry, who  
died September 29, 1918, were interred in the Old Hickory #3, Cemetery,  
Commune of Pontru, 13SW; E175.35; N359.65; Department of Aisne.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

H. R. Lemly,  
Major, Quartermaster Corps.

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JUN 3 1919  
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CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Cahoon, David	CAH	318
	L.		
	CEMETERY	636	5
BURIED	GRAVE	13	13
	ROW	24	24
	BLOCK	B	2
STATE	N.C.		38
RANK	Pvt. 1st cl.		2
DIVISION	30		30
ORGANIZATION	120		120
ARM	Inf		1
MARTIAL	no		2
NAME	Cahoon, Mrs.	CAH	318
	Mary Eliza		
	STATE	NC	38
RESIDENCE	COUNTY	Tyrrel	89
	CITY	Columbia	XXX
RELATION	step mother		3
OTHER	Father		1
ELIGIBILITY	yes		1
NATIVITY			1
RACE			1
ENGLISH	yes		1
ATTENDANT			1
HEALTH	poor		2
NO. OF SONS			1
DATE OF TRIP	MO.		1
	YR.		1
ACCEPTANCE	No		1
	age		2

**AUDITED**  
 FEB 15 1932  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Cahoon, David L. (Som) s

Sept. 8, 1932

Mrs. Mary Eliza Cahoon  
Columbia, N. C.

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")	<i>no</i>
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: <i>69 yrs</i> Health: <i>health bad</i>
3. Do you speak English?	<i>yes</i>
4. What other language do you speak?	<i>not any</i>

*Mrs Mary Eliza Cahoon*  
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*  
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

Cahoon, David L. (SOM)

July 13, 1932

Mrs. Mary Eliza Cahoon,

Columbia, N. C.

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) \_\_\_\_\_

QM 293 A-M  
Cahoon, David L. Som SM

February 23, 1932.

Mrs. Mary Eliza Cahoon,  
Columbia,  
North Carolina.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your stepson, the late Private first class David L. Cahoon. In reply to a questionnaire you advised that you did not desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer of 1932.

It is noted you previously stated your health was poor, and in this connection you are advised that personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided, and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past two years a number of mothers in poor health and of advanced age made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

It is believed that you would experience no difficulty in making the journey, and should you later decide to visit your stepson's grave next summer, it is requested that you notify this office. You are assured that not only will the pilgrimage be made at the expense of the United States, but everything possible will be provided for your comfort and welfare.

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  
Cahoon, David L. (Som)

November 18, 1931

Mrs. Mary E. Cahoon,  
Columbia,  
North Carolina.

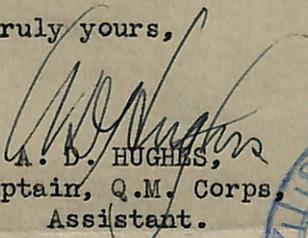
Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it will be appreciated if you will advise whether or not the late Private first class David L. Cahoon is survived by his natural mother, and if so, her 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.



Enclosure:  
Envelope.

*David L. Cahoon's mother  
is dead, he is survived by a  
step-mother.*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM  
Cahoon, David L. Pvt 1cl (SOM) SM

July 9, 1931

Mrs. Mary Eliza Cahoon,  
Columbia,  
North Carolina.

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? No

Write answer here

*Mary Eliza Cahoon*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 7, 1930.

Cahoon, David L. 636 S<sup>m</sup>

Mrs. Mary Eliza Cahoon,  
Columbia, N. C.

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, U. S. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? no

(Write answer here)

*Mary Eliza Cahoon*  
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Cahoon, David L.  
636

October 30, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Eliza Cahoon,  
Columbia, North Carolina.

*10-7 letter  
sent 11-19*

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.

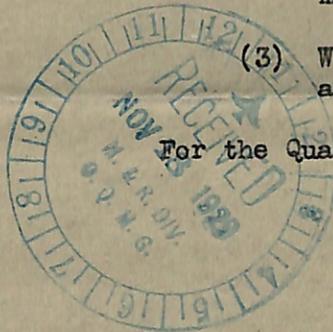
The records of this office indicate that you were the step-mother of the late first-class Private David L. Cahoon, and in order to determine your eligibility under the Act to make the pilgrimage to his grave it will be appreciated if you will furnish the following information:

- (1) Date of your marriage to the father of Private Cahoon.
- (2) Were you married to Mr. Cahoon at the time his son entered the military service?
- (3) Were you married to Mr. Cahoon at the time of his son's death?

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*yes*

*yes*



For the Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Cahoon, David L. 636 -SM

October 7, 1929.

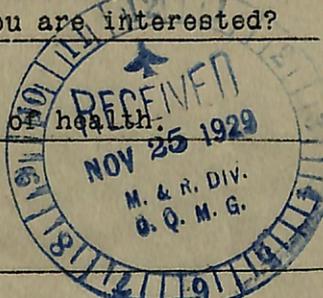
Mrs. Mary Eliza Cahoon,  
Columbia, N. C.

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) <i>no</i>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No) <i>no</i>
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) <i>no</i>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age (Years)	Health (Good) (Poor) <i>Bad</i>
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <i>yes</i> (No)	Other language (Specify language spoken)



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-C  
Cahoon, David L 636 -Sm

October 7, 1929.

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Columbia,  
North Carolina.

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1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	<del>(Yes)</del> (No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	<del>(Yes)</del> (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?	<del>(Yes)</del> (No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age      Health      65 (Years) <del>(Poor)</del> (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <del>(No)</del> Other language (Specify language spoken)

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-C

Cahoon, David L.  
636

August 27, 1929.

Mr. Alfred Cahoon,  
Route #1,  
Columbia, N. Car.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 15, 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.

*step mother*  
*Mary Eliza Cahoon*  
*Columbia, NC*

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

*No.*

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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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Cahoon, David L.

May 15, 1929.

Mr. Alfred Cahoon,  
Route #1,  
Columbia, N. Car.

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, first-class, David L. Cahoon, Company D, 120th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Bony, 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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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Sept. 8, 1932

Cahoon, David L. (Son) s

Mrs. Mary Eliza Cahoon  
Columbia, N. C.

Dear Madam:

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Sign here

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:  
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Cahoon, David L. (SOM)

July 13, 1932

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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) \_\_\_\_\_

QM 293 A-M  
Cahoon, David L. Som SM

February 23, 1932.

Mrs. Mary Eliza Cahoon,  
Columbis,  
North Carolina.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your stepson, the late Private first class David L. Cahoon. In reply to a questionnaire you advised that you did not desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer of 1932.

It is noted you previously stated your health was poor, and in this connection you are advised that personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided, and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past two years a number of mothers in poor health and of advanced age made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

It is believed that you would experience no difficulty in making the journey, and should you later decide to visit your stepson's grave next summer, it is requested that you notify this office. You are assured that not only will the pilgrimage be made at the expense of the United States, but everything possible will be provided for your comfort and welfare.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M  
Cahoon, David L. (Som)

November 18, 1931

Mrs. Mary E. Cahoon,  
Columbia,  
North Carolina.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it will be appreciated if you will advise whether or not the late Private first class David L. Cahoon is survived by his natural mother, and if so, her 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.

Enclosure:  
Envelope.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Cahoon, David L. Pvt 1cl (SOM) SM

July 9, 1931

Mrs. Mary Eliza Cahoon,  
Columbia,  
North Carolina.

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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FILE UNDER NO. 293. - Cahoon, David L.

June 11/30

## INDEX SHEET

### SYNOPSIS

1st Ind. -  
From - OOMG.,  
To - Off. in Charge, Pilgrimage, War M. & W., N.Y. City, N.Y.

Acknowledging three Westbound Contract (Party A) tickets for Mrs. G. Lehwald, Mrs. C.A. Hoffecker Cahoon and Mrs. Ada C. Yerges who left their party while in Europe and will return at their own expense.

DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO. 552.01 - Pilgrimage, Gold Star

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INSTRUCTIONS.—Under "Synopsis" make brief entry showing date of communication and from whom received and synopsis sufficient to identify the papers. When these index sheets become numerous under a subject they will be entered on the consolidated index sheet and then destroyed.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 7, 1930.

Cahoon, David L. 636 S<sup>th</sup>

Mrs. Mary Eliza Cahoon,  
Columbia, N. C.

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-C  
Cahoon, David L.  
636

October 30, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Eliza Cahoon,  
Columbia, 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 first-class Private David L. Cahoon, 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 Cahoon.
- (2) Were you married to Mr. Cahoon at the time his son entered the military service?
- (3) Were you married to Mr. Cahoon at the time of his son's 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**

October 7, 1929.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
 Cahoon, David L. 636 -SM

Mrs. Mary Eliza Cahoon,  
 Columbia, N. C.

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      Health (Years)      (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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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Cahoon, David L 636 -Sm

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Columbia,  
North Carolina.

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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,

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cahoon, David L.  
636

August 27, 1929.

Mr. Alfred Cahoon,  
Route #1,  
Columbia, N. Car.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 15, 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,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Cahoon, David L.

May 15, 1929.

Mr. Alfred Cahoon,  
Route #1,  
Columbia, N. Car.

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, first-class, David L. Cahoon, Company D, 120th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Bony, 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.

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-C

CAHOON, David - Pvt.1cl

May 17, 1926

Mr. Alfred Cahoon,  
Route #1,  
Columbia, 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 overseas military cemetery is to be maintained by the United States for all time. The graves will be permanently marked by white headstones inscribed with the name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves, as soon as possible, and without necessity 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 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,

F.H. POPE,  
Colonel, Q.M.G.,  
Assistant.

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Record card.

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O. Q. M. G.  
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To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE March 19, 1928

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 CAHOON, David L.
- 2. No. 1320151
- 3. Rank Pvt.lcl.
- 4. Org. Co, D, 120th Inf.
- 5. D.D. Sept. 29, 1918
- 6. C.D. MIA
- 10. Name
- 11. No.
- 12. Rank Section
- 13. Org.
- 14. (a) D.D.
- (b) D.B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

- 7. Grave No. 21 Sec.
- 8. Plot Block B Row 25
- 9.
- 15. Grave No. Sec.
- 16. Plot Row
- 17.

- 18. Cemetery Somme
- 19. Commune or town Bony
- 20. Dept. or County Aisne
- 21. Country France
- 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. #636
- 23. Disinterred (Date) March 19, 1928 By P.D. WOODMAN

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name CAHOON, David L. Serial No. 1320151  
 Rank Pvt.lcl. Organization Co. D, 120th Inf.

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

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).

27. Condition of body

28. Nature of burial Pine box and burlap

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date March 19, 1928 By P.D. WOODMAN

31. Casket sealed by P.D. WOODMAN

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

*P.D. Woodman*  
for P.D. WOODMAN

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. \_\_\_\_\_

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

58 Name CALOON, David L. Serial No. 1320151

59 Rank Pvt. 1cl. Organization Co. D, 120th Inf.

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

Name of Permanent Cemetery Somme, Bony, Aisne

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) March 19, 1928 By J.J. DILLON

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 J.J. Dillon

36. Remarks J.J. DILLON

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

38. To point of Concentration \_\_\_\_\_ (Name)

50. 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 \_\_\_\_\_ (Name)

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

40. Received: Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

41. Reinterred March 19, 1928 Somme American Cty. (Date)

42. Grave No. 13 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot Block B Row II No. 24

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

G.R.S. Representative J.F.V. BRADY

**Superintendent.**

RECORD OF DISINTERMENT, REINTERMENT, SHIPMENT AND RECOVERY OF BODIES

To be prepared in duplicate.

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date March 19, 1928

1. REMAINS OF CAHOON, David L. SERIAL NUMBER 1,320,151

RANK Pvt. 1/cl. ORGANIZATION Co. D. 120th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : March 19, 1928 From (give complete location) :  
Grave 21, Block B, Row 25

By : Group Cty. Unit \_\_\_\_\_

3. Reburied (date) : March 19, 1928 In (give complete location) :  
Grave 13, Block B, Row 24

By : Group Cty. Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial Metallic casket.

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

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

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

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Weight (estimated) \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Hair—Color \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

Characteristics \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Hair on face—Color \_\_\_\_\_

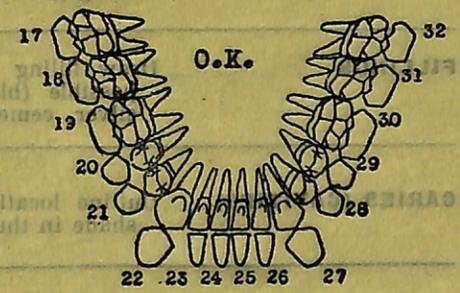
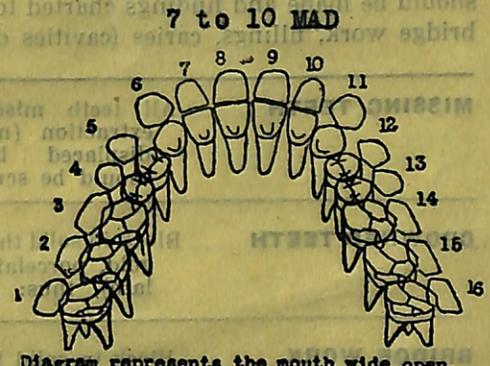
Location \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Head shattered.



7. Disinterment supervised by P. Woodman

Approved : \_\_\_\_\_

(Title) \_\_\_\_\_

8. Reburial supervised by J. J. Milten  
3-7832

Approved : \_\_\_\_\_

(Title) \_\_\_\_\_

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Cahoon, David L. 1,320,151  
(Surname.) (Christian name in full.) (Army serial number.)

Pvt. 1st /Cl. Co D. 120th 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? } (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) A. J. Cahoon

Route 1 Columbia, N.C.  
(Number and street or rural route.) (City, town, or post office.) (State.)

Drawn by Am

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**REVIEWED  
OSP SS.**

Cl 2-8-21

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #32928

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name CAHOON, David L. Ser. No. 1320151
(b) Rank Pvt. 1/c Organization Co. D, 120th Inf.
(c) Date of death 9/29/18 (d) Cause of death K/a
TYP. HB
CKR. [initials]

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

(a) Grave No. 203 Row 3 Plot H Sec. - TYP. DB
(b) Emerg. Address Alfred Cahoon, (Father) Columbia, N.C.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases NO CARD CKR. [initials]

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name A. L. Cahoon (b) Relationship Father
(c) Address R. #1 Columbia, N.C.
(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. -

Examiner's Initials [initials] Date 9-1-1920.

V. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from A. L. Cahoon (father) Columbia, N.C., dated 4-16-19 confirming request in Par. IV., item Yes, above, or requesting that

Examiner's Initials [initials] Date 9-2-1920.

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes [initials]
Examiner's Initials [initials] Date 9-2-1920.

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 636 SHEET No. 180

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

checked by [initials] 8-21

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 9/4, 1920

*Par # 2. Not to be returned. (maab)*

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: *9/14/20 Form #120 Father confirms previous instructions 10/12/17 ECL*

*10/14/20 - Letter to father re widow or children*

*10/20/20 - Letter from father states <sup>(10-15-20-2)</sup> no widow or children - (10-27-20-28)*

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**FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN -  
TO REMAIN IN EUROPE.**

*HJK*

October 14, 1920

File No. 293.8 Gen. Div. Cor. Branch,  
(CAHOON, David L.)

Mr. A. L. Cahoon,  
R. F. D. 1,  
Columbia, N. C.

Dear Sir:-

It is requested that you inform this office without delay whether the late Pvt. 1/c David L. Cahoon, Serial No. 1320151, Co. D. 120th. Infantry is survived by a widow or children and if so, kindly furnish name and address of each.

Your early reply using the enclosed envelope which requires no postage, will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General,

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain Q. M. Corps,  
OFFICER IN CHARGE,

By-

Clay S. Worick,  
Captain A. G. D.

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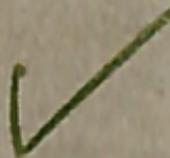
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*Suspend  
Oct. 28*

Mailed - O. P. D.  
*W.S.*  
OCT 14 1920



Incomplete  
Letter to father is  
soldier survived by  
widow or children



Columbia NC

oct 20th 1920

R F D 1 B 123

Dear Sir

I try to answer  
you request as correct  
as I no he has  
no wuder and if he  
had my children  
he did not claim  
them from

H. L. Cahoon

Cahoon, David

10/20/20

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

Push Answer

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q. M. G.  
To: A. L. Cahoon, RFD#1, Columbia, N. C.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. 1/c. David L. Cahoon.  
Co. D. 120th Inf. Ser. No. 1320151

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

*no change*

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

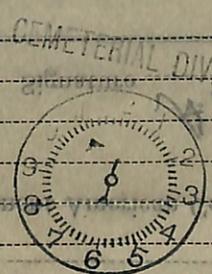
The nearest relative may choose between, (1) return of the body to any address in the United States; (2) interment in Arlington, Va., or any other National Cemetery; or (3) remain in Europe.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

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

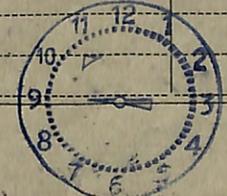
If all blank spaces below are not filled out, it will necessitate a return of this paper and a SERIOUS DELAY in the shipment of this body. State in each case WHETHER these relatives are STILL LIVING.

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow			
Soldier's children (Name oldest first.)			
Father			
Mother			
Brothers (Name oldest first.)			
Sisters (Name oldest first.)			



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CEMETERY DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SECTION



Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

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

Sept 14

1920.

I, the undersigned, am the Father and nearest living relative of the within-named

(Relationship.)

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 A. J. Bohan

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.

WASHINGTON

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

WAR DEPARTMENT

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

FILE NO 32928

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name CAHOON, David L. Ser. No. 1320151 } TYP HB  
 (b) Rank Pvt. 1/c Organization Co.D. 120th Inf. } E.W.  
 (c) Date of death 9-29-18 Cause of death K/A. } V.H.

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

(a) Grave No. 203 Row 8 Plot H Sect. --- TYP DB  
 (b) Emerg. Address Alfred Cahoon, (Father) Columbia, N.C.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases... NO. CARD... OKR J.C.W.

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

*A. G. O. Card: A. L. Cahoon (Father) R. 1, Columbia N. C., requests body be not returned, H.S. 9-29-20*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 192 letter of transmittal on 9/4 1920)

Par. #2, Not to be returned (MacB)

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. SEP 30 1920 192 9/30/20

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken

VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. NOV 24 1920 192

COUNTRY France CEMETERY NO. 636 SHEET NO. 180  
 G.R.S. FORM 115-A  
 August, 1920

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RETURN TO OSP-SS

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1. G.R.S. Form No. 1. Reg. G.R.S. File

2. Soldier's No. 31320151

3. Cahoon D. L.  
-----  
Surname First Name and Initials

4. Pvt D 120 Inf  
-----  
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. K.I.A.  
-----  
Date of Death Cause, if known

6. 9/30/18 Old Hickory # 3  
-----  
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. -----  
Town or Commune Department

8. 7 Amer. Row B  
-----  
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

9. Name Peg?  Cross?  Headboard?  Bottle?   
Check Method of Marking

10. Buried with Body?  Attached to Grave Marker?   
Identification Tags

11. If name unknown and tags missing, give marks and description.

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12. -----  
Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

13. A. M. Baker  
-----  
Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed *Chas. Ed. Vanor*

Group 7 Unit 302 G.R.S.

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GRAVE LOCATION FORM. 50928

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Cahoon, 1320151, D. L.

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

Pvt. Co. D. 120th Inf.

(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL 10/1/18

PLACE OF BURIAL Old Hickory No. 3.

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

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GRAVE NUMBER No. 7, Row B.

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:

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REPORTED BY:

J.M. Robeson, Sr. Chaplain, 30th Div.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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Columbia, N.C. 4/19/19.

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Cohoon David L.

The Adjutant-General's Office,  
War Department,  
Washington, D.C.

IN RE: David L Cohoon, deceased.

I am herewith enclosing you a request from the father of this soldier asking that I write to the war department and ~~signify~~ express his wishes that the body of his son, David L Cohoon be interred in France.

It seems that in answer to the enclosed letter this man filled out the card enclosed therewith to the effect that he wished his son returned to him at his home. Since then, however he has changed his mind and prefers that his son shall be buried in France.

If it possible for you to change your records so as to comply with his wishes in this matter, it will be very much appreciated.

Yours truly,

C. M. Tuleat



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A. G. O.

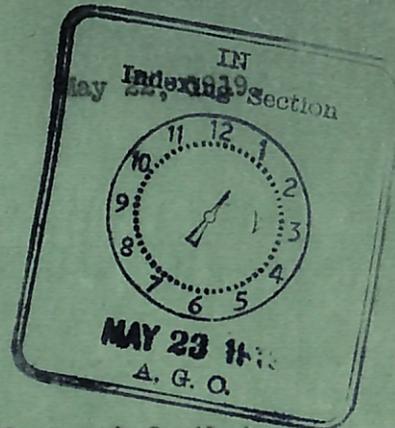
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Mr. Alfred L. Cahoon,  
R.F.D. #1, Box 200,  
Columbia, N. C.

Dear Sir:-



In view of your wishes as set forth in Mr. C. M. Tatem's letter of April 19th, concerning the final disposition of the body of your son, David L. Cahoon, the card previously sent in by you is herewith returned, together with a new one. It is requested that you fill out the new card showing your present wishes and return it to this office in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage.

I take this opportunity to express to you the deep sympathy of the Department on account of the great loss sustained, and to commend you for the contribution you have made to the cause for which your son so nobly gave his life.

Very respectfully,

The Adjutant General

Per

James N. Peale.

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R. F. D. 1 box 200  
April 16th 1919

Mr. Calton please  
write and tell them  
to keep Dave over  
these and let me  
know the place where  
they put him this  
morning is to pay the  
postage from a friend

A. J. Calton

From card  
David L. Calton,  
P.M. # 1,320,151  
Co. D, 120 2nd

new  
card is being sent



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*Letter*

293.8 (Cahoon, David L.) Enl.

1st Ind.

HRC-EJ-63

War Department, A.G.O., May 26, 1919. To the Quartermaster General's Office (Cemeterial Branch).

For the location of the burial place of David L. Cahoon, Pvt. 1cl. #1,320,151, Co. D, 120th Inf.

By order of the Secretary of War.

*James H. Peale*  
Adjutant General

Synopsis made.



O.Q.M.C.  
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2nd Ind.

In answer refer to file No. 293.3(Cahoon, David L.)-Cemeterial. Office, Quartermaster General, June 3, 1919--To The Adjutant General of the Army, War Dept., (REFERENCE: 293.8-Cahoon, David L., Enl., A.G.O., May 26, 1919.)

1. The records of this office show that the remains of Private, First Class, David L. Cahoon, Company D, 120th Infantry, who died September 29, 1918, were interred in the Old Hickory #3, Cemetery, Commune of Pontru, 13SW; E175.35; N359.65; Department of Aisne.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

*H. R. Lemly*

H. R. Lemly,  
Major, Quartermaster Corps.

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WAR DEPARTMENT.  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
WASHINGTON.

MAR 20 1919

Mr. Alfred Cahoon  
Columbia, N Car

Dear Sir:

The War Department desires to ascertain the wishes of the families of officers, enlisted men, and civilian employees regarding the permanent disposition of the bodies of those who have died overseas.

The original plan of the Department was to deliver the body in every case at the home address of the deceased to the person legally entitled to dispose of the remains. A desire has been expressed, however, in numerous instances to have the body remain abroad, and General Pershing is likely soon to enter into negotiations with the French and Allied Governments with the view of establishing permanent cemeteries for members of the American Expeditionary Forces. Marshal Petain in a most courteous letter has informed General Pershing that "France would be happy and proud to retain the bodies of the American victims who have fallen upon her soil."

A bill is now before Congress for the establishment of "Fields of Honor" abroad, which will insure future care by the United States Government as national cemeteries are now cared for. Burials have been made heretofore in cemeteries of the Allied nations or at or near the battle field in land set apart for this purpose as a cemetery, and religious services in accordance with the rites of the Protestant, Catholic, or Hebrew faith have been held at the grave.

In case the remains of a deceased soldier are returned to the United States they will be interred either at the former home of the deceased or at a national cemetery, according to the wishes of the one authorized to direct the disposition of the remains, and all expenses, including transportation, casket, shipping case, flag, and the preparation of the remains for shipment, will be paid by the United States. Hire of a hearse and other burial expenses incurred at the home of the deceased may be paid, on application by the relatives, by the Bureau of War Risk Insurance, Treasury Department.

In order that the proper disposition of the remains may be made, and that such disposition be directed by the person entitled to do so, the War Department will recognize the right to direct the disposition of remains in the following order:

In the case of an unmarried man—

- (1) Father; (2) mother, if father is dead; (3) brother, if both parents are dead; (4) sister, if both parents are dead and there are no brothers.

In the case of a married man—

- (1) Wife; (2) parents or children and other relatives in order set forth above.

It is desired that the information indicated on the inclosed card be furnished concerning the person named thereon at the earliest practicable date. If the card is received by some one not authorized to direct the disposition to be made of the remains, please deliver this circular and the card to the person who is entitled to do so.

The Department is unable to state when it will be possible to begin the removal of the remains of the soldiers, but the information requested is being collected at this time in order that there may be no delay when the time comes for such removal.

In returning the card please use the inclosed addressed penalty envelope, which requires no postage.

Very respectfully,

P. C. HARRIS,  
The Adjutant General.

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Burial Records Section 7th & B.

June 10, 1919.

Mr. Alfred Cahoon,  
Columbia, North Carolina.

Dear Sir:-

In response to your letter of April 16, 1919, relative to the transfer of the remains of your son to the United States, I beg leave to advise you that a card was mailed you under date of March 20th, that your wishes in regard to the final disposition of the body of your son may be properly recorded in this office, but there is no record here of ever having received same. Another card is being sent you with the request that you fill out same and return it to this office in the inclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage.

A report has been received from the office of the Quartermaster General which shows that David L. Cahoon, Private, 1st class, Company D, 120th Infantry, died September 29, 1918 and was buried in the Old Hickory #3 Cemetery, Commune of Pontru, 133W: E175.35: N359.65; Department of Aisne.

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

Very respectfully,

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