

DATE

1. NAME CATON, John J. SERIAL No. 1495605

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. M 9th Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION St. Mihiel Amer. Cty. Thiaucourt & DIVISION 3rd 2nd M&M 1233
CTY. NAME NUMBER

GRAVE 110 ROW Sec. 1 PLOT 3

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Near Thiaucourt (M et M) Cemetery 1662

GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES 242.2.N 363.5 E

CONCENTRATED TO 4/17/19 110 Sec 1 3

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

St. Mihiel Cty. Thiaucourt (M et M) 1233

CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

Data concerning any identification found on remains when concentrated, such as collar insignias, letters, broken bones, missing parts, etc.
Tag on body and cross. *Sept. (Auth. Abs 201, Cas. List records)*

DATE OF DEATH 400 5.12, 1918.

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Texas

Data form 1. MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED *Not of rec*

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

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WALTER F. BROWN

Captain, Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION August 1, 1922 25 2 Block D
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

St. Mihiel Cemetery #1233
CEMETERY

Robert O. Davis,
Major General,
The Adjutant General
By H

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AUDITED BY



FORM 114-B (REV. 1-15-53)

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 I6, 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.

W.R. 12/11/18 ~~W.R.~~

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

..... **Caton** **1,495,605** **John J.**
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

..... **Private** **None on tags.**
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL... **September 13, 1918.**

PLACE OF BURIAL... **On top of Hill**
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

..... **Map: Thiaccourt 1/80,000 242.1-363.6**

GRAVE NUMBER..... **6**

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?..... **Yes** ... Cross?.....
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:
Josell A. DeCaffrey Chaplain
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

RECEIVED
STATISTICAL DIVISION
P. A. F.
23 SEP 1918

CODE SLIP

LOCO PARENTIS

HEADING	SUB-) HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Caton</i>	<i>CAT</i>	3	<i>31 1/2</i>
BURIED <i>John J</i>	CEMETERY <i>1233</i>	1	<i>3</i>
	GRAVE <i>25-</i>	2	<i>25-</i>
	ROW <i>2</i>	2	<i>02</i>
	BLOCK <i>D</i>	1	<i>4</i>
STATE	<i>Texas</i>	2	<i>49</i>
PANK	<i>RA</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>2</i>	2	<i>02</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>9</i>	3	<i>009</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Harp</i>	<i>HAR</i>	3	<i>81 1/2</i>
RESIDENCE <i>Mrs. Mattie (sister)</i> <i>(mother dead)</i>	STATE <i>Texas</i>	2	<i>51</i>
	COUNTY <i>Travis</i>	2	<i>27</i>
	CITY <i>Austin</i>	3	<i>005</i>
RELATION	<i>Loco parentis</i>	1	<i>4</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO. YR.	1 1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

*No affidavits
no one elig*

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QM 293 A-M

April 14, 1932.

Caton, John J. (StM)

Mrs. Mattie L. Harp,
Route 6, Box 138,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence from this office relative to your eligibility to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your brother, the late Private John J. Caton, under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

As you have been advised, it is possible you may be eligible to make the pilgrimage. However, in order to determine your eligibility it is essential that you furnish the date of death of the father of the late Private Caton. 0

The enclosed self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Caton, John J.-Pvt.--(StM)

August 18, 1931.

Mrs. Mattie L. Harp,
R. # 6, Box 138,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to office letter of July 2, 1930, wherein you were requested to furnish affidavits in the event you considered yourself eligible to make a pilgrimage to the grave of the late Private John J. Caton under the provisions of section 4 (a) of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended, which reads in part "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for a period of not less than 5 years at any time prior to the soldier, sailor or marine becoming 18 years of age."

To date the affidavits have not been received and in order that the records may be completed, it is requested you advise whether or not you consider yourself eligible to make a pilgrimage under this provision of the law. A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

In the event you consider yourself eligible and desire to make a pilgrimage, it is requested the affidavit forms sent you be completed by two persons not related to you and returned to this office. If you have misplaced the forms mentioned, another set will be mailed you upon request.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 295 A-M

July 2, 1930.

Caton, John J. 1233 LP

Mrs. Mattie Lillie Harp,
R. #6, Box 133,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Madam:

Further reference is made to the correspondence from this office relative to your eligibility to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your brother, the late John J. Caton, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929. Section 4 (a) of the Act has been amended to read in part as follows: "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for a period of not less than five years at any time prior to the soldier, sailor, or marine becoming 18 years of age."

Under the terms of the amendment you may be eligible to make the pilgrimage. In order to satisfy legal requirements it will be necessary for you to furnish as proof of your relationship in loco parentis the affidavits of at least two persons not related to you.

In the event you consider yourself eligible under the law to make the pilgrimage, it is requested that the enclosed form be completed and returned to this office in order that your eligibility may be determined. Under paragraphs 1(e) and 1 (d) sufficient information should be included to permit an intelligible decision as to eligibility.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C
Caton, John J.

November 1, 1929.

Mrs. Mattie L. Harp,
R. #6, Box 138,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of the form letter from this office dated August 29, 1929, completed by you, furnishing information requested in connection with the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

It is assumed that you desire the privilege of making the pilgrimage to the grave of your brother, the late Private John J. Caton, Company M, 9th Infantry, in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery in France, under the provisions of Section 4 (a) of the Act, which states in part "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for the year prior to the commencement of his service in such forces".

In order to satisfy the legal requirements in the case, it will be necessary for you to furnish as proof of the relationship claimed (in loco parentis), the affidavits of at least two persons not related to you.

It is requested that the enclosed form be completed and returned to this office in order that your eligibility under the Act may be determined. Under Paragraph 1 (c) and 1 (d), sufficient information should be included to permit an intelligible decision as to eligibility.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Affidavit Form
Envelope.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Caton, John J.
1233

August 29, 1929.

*18 1/2 yrs
Enl 6-30-17*

Mrs. Mattie Lillie Harp,
~~1003 W. 3rd St.,~~
Austin, Tex.

Add - is R 6 - Box 138

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated **May 31, 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?

*Was not married
Our mother died when
John was nine 9
I kept house for father
our Baby sister was 2
years old when
mother died we had
a hard time with
out a mother care*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*yours truly Mrs
Mattie Harp.*

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

August 29, 1939

IN REPLY REFER TO DM 293 A-0

Caston John J.
1939

P.S. I dont know if I am Intitle
to a trip across to see his grave or not
some folks say I am. if I am let

me hear from you soon

yours truly Mattie Lillie Harp

P. O. Box 138 Austin Texas.

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 another dependent other than a widow, or any other person who stood in loco parentis to him at the time of his death, give the name and address of such person and relationship in the space opposite.

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

THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

VERY TRULY YOURS

JOHN J. HARSTEN
Major, U.S. Army
Adjutant General

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Caton, John J.

May 31, 1929.

Mrs. Mattie Lillie Harp,
1003 W. 3rd St.,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Madam:

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 sister of the late Private John J. Caton, Co. M, 9th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, 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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QM 293 A-M

April 14, 1932.

Caton, John J. (STM)

Mrs. Mattie L. Harp,
Route 6, Box 132,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence from this office relative to your eligibility to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your brother, the late Private John J. Caton, under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

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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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Caton, John J.

November 11, 1931.

SUBJECT: Correction in Headstone Listing.

TO: Chief, American Graves Registration Service in Europe, 20 rue
Molitor, Paris, France.

1. It is requested the headstone listing be corrected and the
stone recut for the following case in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery:

Grave 25, Row 2, Block D, should read

John J. Caton - Pvt. - 9 Inf. - 2 Div. - Texas - Sept. 12, 1918

2. It is requested this office be advised when action has been
taken.

For The Quartermaster General:

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

293 Caton, John J. Cty. #1233. Ist. Ind.

Hdqrs. American Graves Registration Service in Europe, 20 rue Molitor, Paris,
France, January 6, 1932 - To : The Quartermaster General of the Army,
Washington D.C.

1. Correction as above directed has been made.

R. H. Jordan
R. H. Jordan,
Lt. Colonel, Q.M. Corps,
Chief.

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For The Quartermaster General:

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

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CORRECTION IN DATE OF DEATH

Grave 25, Row 2, Block D, St.Mihiel American Cemetery

John J. Caton - Pvt. - 9 Inf. - 2 Div. - Texas - Sept. 12, 1918

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QM 293 A-M
Caton, John J.-Pvt.--(StM)

August 18, 1931.

Mrs. Mattie L. Harp,
R. # 6, Box 153,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to office letter of July 2, 1930, wherein you were requested to furnish affidavits in the event you considered yourself eligible to make a pilgrimage to the grave of the late Private John J. Caton under the provisions of section 4 (a) of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended, which reads in part "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for a period of not less than 5 years at any time prior to the soldier, sailor or marine becoming 18 years of age."

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 295 A-M

July 2, 1930.

Caton, John J. 1233 LP

Mrs. Mattie Lillie Harp,
R. #6, Box 138,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Madam:

Further reference is made to the correspondence from this office relative to your eligibility to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your brother, the late John J. Caton, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929. Section 4 (a) of the Act has been amended to read in part as follows: "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for a period of not less than five years at any time prior to the soldier, sailor, or marine becoming 18 years of age."

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For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C
Caton, John J.

November 1, 1929.

Mrs. Mattie L. Harp,
R. #6, Box 138,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of the form letter from this office dated August 29, 1929, completed by you, furnishing information requested in connection with the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

It is assumed that you desire the privilege of making the pilgrimage to the grave of your brother, the late Private John J. Caton, Company M, 9th Infantry, in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery in France, under the provisions of Section 4 (a) of the Act, which states in part "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for the year prior to the commencement of his service in such forces".

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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

August 29, 1929.

Caton, John J.
1233

Mrs. Mattie Lillie Harp,
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Dear Madam:

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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?

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

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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

Caton, John J.

May 31, 1929.

Mrs. Mattie Lillie Harp,
1003 W. 3rd St.,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Madam:

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 sister of the late Private John J. Caton, Co. H, 9th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the St. Michel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

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For The Quartermaster General,

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Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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QM 293 A-C

CATON, John J. - Pvt.

March 14, 1924

Mrs. Mattie Lillie Harp,
1003 West 3rd St.,
Austin, Texas.

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

1-Incl.
Record card.

Assistant
B.L. FOSTER

RD
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O.Q.M.G.
Central Mail & Files Bldg.



MAR 14 1924

GRAVE LOCATION PLANK

17835

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Caton 1,495,605 John J.
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Private None on [unclear]
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL September 13, 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL On top of Hill
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

Map: Thiaccourt 1/50,000 242.1-363.6
Town: C. 138 Thiaccourt (M & M)
Map 5271 E

GRAVE NUMBER 6

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Yes Cross?

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:

Joseph Blue Caffrey Chaplain
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

25 SEP 1918

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Communal List No. 138-641
Daily Report No. _____

Card De #17835

17835

MEMO FOR : G.R.S. representative, C.R.O.

SUBJECT : Information required for G R S.

I. Items checked are to be completed :

- () Surname : **Caton**
- () Number : **1495605**
- () First name : **John J.**
- () Rank : **Pvt.**
- () Company : **M**
- () Organization : **9th., Infantry**
- () Date of death :
- () Cause : *not known!*
- () Place :

Location of hospital :

- () Number :
- () Class : *Mrs Mathie Caton*
- () Relative :
- () Relationship : *Sister*
- () Address : *Beerville Texas*

- () Authority :
- Cablegram No : **458 Sub P-#1**
- Telegram from :

dated :

- () Reported to Washington :
- C.C. Nos :

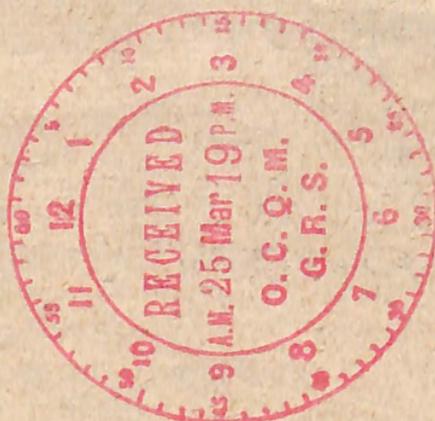
(Underscore the "official" C.C.)

- () Remarks :

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

Initials of reporter : *J.D.*

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION

Harlow G.W.

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

Caton, John J., Pvt.

ORGANIZATION

1253 - 560

2/25/21.

1495605

Co. M, 9th Inf.

Date of death - 9/12/18

Adjustment Made

NOTED FORM 115

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE *3.9.21 - CE*

DATE

5-4 1922

File No. *17835*

FILE

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Mrs. Mattie Lillie Hays

sister

Address

Smiley, Texas.

S/709/LML

FILE

September 17, 1921.

File

MCH 9/16/21

293.9-Gen. #17835 (Caton, John J., Pvt.)

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

Mrs. Mattie Lillie Harp, 1003 W. 3rd St., Austin, Texas.

Case of Private John J. Caton.

1. In reply to your letter of April 22, 1921, enclosing Shipping Inquiry executed by you under date of April 22, 1921, requesting that the remains of the late private John J. Caton, Company M, 9th Infantry, remain permanently interred in France, you are advised that instructions have already been issued to that effect.

2. The St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Department of Meurthe-et-Moselle, wherein the remains of the deceased are now interred, is a permanent American cemetery. The body will, therefore, remain undisturbed in its present resting place in Grave #110, Section #1, Plot #3, and the grave will be perpetually maintained by the Government in a most careful and reverent manner.

3. You are further advised that the records show that there was no photograph of the grave of the deceased received in this office. The field forces of the American Red Cross have discontinued taking photographs of the graves of our soldier dead, as there are no appropriations available for that purpose. This office regrets that it is unable to furnish you with a photograph as requested.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES J. TYRRE,
Captain, U. S. A.

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J. R. S.

Noted on Form No. 115

Date *MCH 9/16/21*
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August 11, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div., Cor.Br.
(Gaton, John J.)

Mrs. Mattie Lillie Harp,
10031 West 3rd St.,
Austin, Texas.

Gaton, John J., Pvt.,
RE: Serial Number 1495605
Co. M 9th Inf.

Dear Madam:-

Your communication requesting that the remains of the deceased soldier named above be left in France for burial in a permanent American Cemetery has been forwarded to the Cemeterial Division, Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington, D.C., for necessary action.

The Cemeterial Division, Washington, D.C., will furnish you the grave location in the permanent American Cemetery as soon as possible after the body has been placed therein.

The Department desires to renew its previous expression of sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q.M.G.,
Officer in Charge.

O' O W T
CEMETERIAL DIV

J. F. BUTLER,
Captain, Infantry.

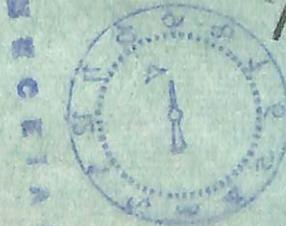
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WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

FROM: O. Q. M. G.
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
Munitions Building
Room 1128
PLEASE
EXPEDITE

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A-0
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 2/3/21.

File No. Requisition.

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.

Adjustment Man
MAR 15 1921
File No. 17835

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

- a. Surname **Caton**, ✓
- b. Christian name **John J.** ✓
- c. Serial Number **1495605** (~~1495665~~)
- d. Organization **Co. M, 9th Inf.** ✓
- e. Rank **Pvt.** ✓
- f. Date of death **9/12/18.** ✓
- g. Cause of death **K/A.** ✓
- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- i. Emergency address
- j. Relationship

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
upper right upper left
- 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
lower right lower left

FILE

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

BY:

H. J. CONNER,
1st. Lieut., Q.M.C.

CW.
CEMETERY NO: 1233.

SHEET NO: 560.
TYPED BY: rln.

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Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

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Date FEB 4 1921

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Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

O.R. 3, Form 347-0
Information requested of A.B.G.

Date 2/12/21

Title No. Hospitalization

From:

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

To:

The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Administration Building, W.W. Building, Wash., D.C.

Subject:

Information requested for G.R. 3.

1. It is requested that the items checked below be included in the
continuation of all information shown.

File Transmitted, Request

- 1. Date of death 2/12/18
- 2. Surname Gaton
- 3. Christian name John S.
- 4. Serial Number 135608 (135608)
- 5. Organization Co. W, 9th Inf.
- 6. Rank Pvt.
- 7. Authority (D.O.#)
- 8. Cause of death R/A
- 9. Relationship
- 10. Emergency address

BODY DESCRIPTION
(See page 10 of the Service Record)

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

- a. Age of enlistment
- b. Color of eyes
- c. Color of hair
- d. Height
- e. Weight

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2. Permanent marks and
physical defects at
enlistment (old fractures or breaks)

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

WASHINGTON March 6, 1920.

IN REPLY
REFER TO

AG 201 (Caton, John J.) WW

FILE

From: The Adjutant General of the Army,
To: The Quartermaster General of the Army,
Washington, D. C.
Subject: Notification of Death.

Upon investigation it has been ascertained by the War Department that Private John J. Caton, Company M, 9th Infantry, who was previously reported in Casualty Cablegram #458, as reported dead, and in Cablegram #537, as missing, and buried September 13, 1918, was killed in action, September 12, 1918. A notation to that effect has been placed upon the official records.

It appears from the records that the deceased was enlisted at Victoria, Texas, June 30, 1917, and gave the name of the person to be notified in case of emergency as, "W. B. Combest, (Friend), Inez, Texas."

By order of the Secretary of War.

P. C. Harris
The Adjutant General.
Per: *R. W. H.*



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WAR DEPARTMENT

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

WASHINGTON, MARCH 6, 1918

AG 201 (Gator, John J.) 72

FILE

From: The Adjutant General of the Army
To: The Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington, D. C.
Subject: Notification of Death

Upon investigation it has been ascertained by the War Department that Private John J. Gator, Company M, 25th Infantry, who was previously reported in General's Order 428, as reported dead, and in General's Order 429, as missing, and buried September 13, 1918, was killed in action, September 12, 1918. A notice to that effect has been placed upon the official records.

It appears from the records that the deceased was enlisted at Victoria, Texas, June 20, 1917, and gave the name of the person to be notified in case of emergency as, "W. B. Gombert, (Friend), Inez, Texas."

By order of the Secretary of War.

The Adjutant General
John J. Gator



G.R.S. FORM 105 - Reply to Casualty Div., A.C.S.

WAR DEPARTMENT
The Office of Director Purchase & Storage.
Washington, D.C.

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MEMORANDUM TO: Casualty Division, Adjutant General's Office,
6th & B Streets, n.w., Washington, D.C. ^{Sept. 23, 1919.}

Attached papers are returned with the information that the files of the Graves Registration Service show that:

CATON, John J. Ser. #1495605
is buried ~~at~~ was disinterred and ~~reburied~~ ^{reburied} ~~at~~ ^{at} ~~th.~~ ^{th.} ~~inf.~~ ^{inf.}

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

Grave ____? "St. Mihiel" Amer. Cty. 1233;
Thiaucourt, (Meurthe-et-Moselle)
By authority of the Quartermaster General,
Director of Purchase and Storage

IMW

Charles C. Pierce,
Colonel, Q.M.C.
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

G.R.S. FILE NO.
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REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: GATTON, John J.

Number: 1495605

Rank: Unkn

Organization: Unkn

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit M, 9th Reg

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

17th., April, 1919

Grave #7 B. A. Cty. THIAUCOURT, M. et M.

Map. 52 N. E. E. 363.5 N. 242.2

Buried with 30 other U. S. Soldiers in same plot.

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

17th., April, 1919

Grave #110 Section #1 Plot #3

ST. MIHIEL AMERICAN CEMETERY, #1233

Map. 52 N. E. E. 363.03 N. 241.44

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

Burial poor. Body buried in Uniform. Body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes

What other means of identification were found on the body? None

CONFIRMED No. 10518

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: It. Scott

R. H. ROSENTHAL
2nd Lieut. Q.M.C.U.S.A.
C.O. Group Unit

GHD.



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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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RECORD OF DISPOSITION AND RETURN

Date: 1938

Place: ...

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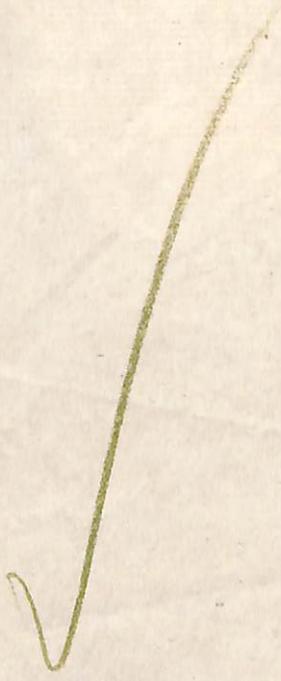
A.G.O., War Dept., May 31, 1919. To: The Commanding General,
American Expeditionary Force, for date and cause of death of this
soldier, if available.

By order of the Secretary of War:

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Adjutant General.

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A.G. 201 (Boston, John J.) 00

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By order of the Secretary of War:

Adjutant General.

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May 19, 1919.

AGCD(201 ^{Caton, John J.})

From: The Adjutant General.

To: The Surgeon General.

Subject: Death of ^{Private John J. Caton, 1495665, Company M, 9th Infantry.}

	Name	Number	Orgn.
1.	The Commanding General, American Expeditionary Forces,		has reported in Casualty Cablegram No. death of above named man, date and cause to be determined.

2. Please furnish this office any information concerning the date and cause of his death available from the records of your office.

By order of the Secretary of War:

Received
A. G. O.
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Adjutant General.

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May 19, 1919.

AGCD (201)
Gaston, John L.

From: The Adjutant General.
To: The Surgeon General.
Subject: Death of Private John L. Gaston, 1428688, Company M, 9th Infantry.

Name
Number
Orgn.

1. The Commanding General, American Expeditionary Forces, has reported in Casualty Capigram No. death of above named man, date and cause to be determined.

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By order of the Secretary of War:

Adjutant General.

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G. R. S.

Austin Texas

April 22. 1921

Kind Sirs.

I write you a few lines I had to Bro in the worlds war the oldest got home. he gassed twice he says not to have our Bro Shipped back says we may get his body and had a better chance to get some one elses body and we are not able to meet his body there

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and our Mother is buried in Okla and our father is Buried in Texas so we Decided to let his body to remain over sea.

where do I write to to get a picture of my Bro's grave please let me no

return mail if you can tell me.

your truly

Mrs Mattie Lillie Harp
100 W 3rd St Austin Texas

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WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
CEMETERIAL DIVISION

WASHINGTON

APR 9 1921

M.M.

FROM: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O. Q. M. G.

To: Mrs. Mattie Lillie Harp, Smiley, Texas

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt John J Caton Ser No 1495605 Co M 9th Inf

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above-named
soldier remain in Europe

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

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

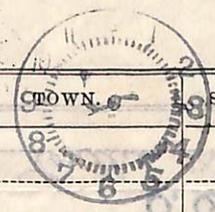
By authority of the Quartermaster General.

GEORGE H. PENROSE,
Colonel, Q. M. C.

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 or not these relatives are STILL LIVING.

Was soldier married? *know*

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	CITY AND STATE.
Soldier's widow <i>none</i>		
Soldier's children. { 1 <i>none</i>		
(Name oldest first.) { 2 <i>none</i>		
{ 3 <i>none</i>		
Father <i>E. Caton dead</i>		
Mother <i>Mary Caton dead</i>		
Brothers. { 1 <i>Albert Caton</i>	<i>Purcell</i>	<i>Purcell Okla</i>
(Name oldest first.) { 2 <i>Henry Caton</i>		<i>Purcell Okla</i>
{ 3 <i>none</i>		<i>Austin Texas</i>
Sisters. { 1 <i>Mrs Mattie Lillie Harp</i>	<i>1003 W. 3rd St</i>	<i>Austin Texas</i>
(Name oldest first.) { 2 <i>Ladice Caton</i>		<i>Purcell Okla</i>
{ 3 <i>none</i>		



*noted 11/12/21
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Date *April 22 1921*

Signature *Mrs Mattie Lillie Harp*

Address *Austin Texas*

Relationship *Sister*

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

1. ~~As stated on first page of this sheet.~~

2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to _____ (Name.) RECEIVED INC. & CORN. DEPT. _____ (R. R. station.) _____ (State.)

3. To be returned to the U. S. and buried in _____ National Cemetery. 20 1921

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

Signature: Mrs. Mattie Lillian Sharp CEMETERIA IV. O. O. M. G.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

- 1. If definite instructions for the disposition of a body are not received from the next of kin 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 next of kin 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 next of kin, please ask the nearest next of kin, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
7. If YOU are not the nearest living next of kin 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.

NOTE.—INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DISPOSITION OF REMAINS will be issued by this office upon the properly executed authority of the legal next of kin in each case. The widow is the first person having disposition of the remains of her husband. Should there be no widow or children, the father and, in turn (upon his decease), the mother, is the proper authority. The brothers, in order of seniority, and then the sisters in order of seniority, if there are no brothers, rank next in authority to decide. Under an opinion rendered by the Judge Advocate General of the Army, if a widow has remarried she forfeits her right, and the next of kin as given above will make decision.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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Harlow C.W.

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

Caton, John J., Pvt.

1233 - 560

2/25/21.

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

1495605

Co. M, 9th Inf.

Date of death - 9/12/18.

Copy forwarded to
Adjustment Department

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

Date 3-9-21-CL

DATE March 8, 1921.

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Mrs. Mattie Lillie Harp,

Sister

Address

Smiley, Texas.

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WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

CEMETERIAL DIVISION

WASHINGTON

APR 9 1921

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Was soldier married? _____

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow _____			
Soldier's children. { (Name oldest first.)	1 _____		
	2 _____		
	3 _____		
Father _____			
Mother _____			
Brothers. { (Name oldest first.)	1 _____		
	2 _____		
	3 _____		
Sisters. { (Name oldest first.)	1 _____		
	2 _____		
	3 _____		

Date _____

Signature _____

Address _____

Relationship _____

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(Relationship.)
soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:
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(Name.)

(R. R. station.) _____ (State.)
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Signature _____

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U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1918

Caton,

John J.

1,495,665

(Surname)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt.

Co. M, 9th. Infantry.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased Sister

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:

Wilmington, Delaware

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

Wilmington, Delaware

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Mrs. Mattie Willie Sharp (nee) Caton
Wilmington, Delaware, Texas

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Miss Mattie Caton,
Beville, Texas.

Checked

2-2-21

E. M.

Drawn by mks

1233-560

2-1-21

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Aug. 1, 1922.

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 CATON, John J.

10. Name

2. No. 1495605

11. No.

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank

4. Org. Co.M 9th Inf.

13. Org.

5. D.D. 9-12-18

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. M.I.A. K/A

(b) D.B. None

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 110 Sec. 1

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot 3 Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. None

18. Cemetery St. Mihiel Amer.

19. Commune or town Thiaucourt

20. Dept. or County M&M

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1233

23. Disinterred (Date) Aug. 1, 1922

By W.G. Durisoe

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name CATON, John J.

Serial No. 1495605

Rank Pvt.

Organization Co.M. 9th Inf.

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

J. T. White
Signature Junior Technical Assistant
J.T. White

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).

No evidence found on body to disprove identity.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Wooden box, U.S. uniform.

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 Aug. 1, 1922 By W.G. Durisoe

31. Casket sealed by W.G. Durisoe

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

MMB

W.G. Durisoe
W.G. Durisoe

AUDITED BY
Feb 11/1923

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C - 29519

32. Designation of body:

Name John J. Caton Serial No. 1495605

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. M 9th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel Amer. Cty. Thiaucourt M&M 1233

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Aug. 1, 1922 By W.G. Duriscoe

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. Powers
J.J. Powers, 1st Lt., Q.M.C.

36. Remarks _____

None

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Aug. 1, 1922

To point of Concentration _____ (Name)

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date _____

By G.R.S. Representative _____

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date _____

To Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel Amer. 1233, Thiaucourt, France. (Name)

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer J.J. Powers
J.J. Powers, 1st Lt., Q.M.C.

40. Received: Date _____

G.R.S. Representative _____

41. Reinterred Aug. 1st, 1922 (Date)

42. Grave No. 25 Section _____

43. ~~Plot~~ Bk. D Row 2

G.R.S. Representative A E Dewey
A E Dewey 1st Lt. QMC

CONCENTRATION

G. R. S. Form. No. 16-A

Place Thiaucourt, France.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Aug 1, 1922.

1. REMAINS OF CATON, John J. SERIAL NUMBER 1495605
 RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. M. 9 Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : Aug 1, 1922. From (give complete location) : Gr 110, Sec 1, Pl 3, Cen 1233.

By : Group 1 Unit 1

3. Reburied (date) Aug. 1st. 1922 In (give complete location) : Gr. 25 Bk. D Row 2
Cty. # 1233

By : Group Reburial Unit Casket & shipping case
 Nature of reburial Nature of reburial

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :
Wooden box U.S. Uniform.
Badly decompose, features unrecognizable.

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

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

No evidence found on body to disprove identity

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine.

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

Quantity do

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

1, 11, 23, 26, missing after death.

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

Left leg fractured above ankle.

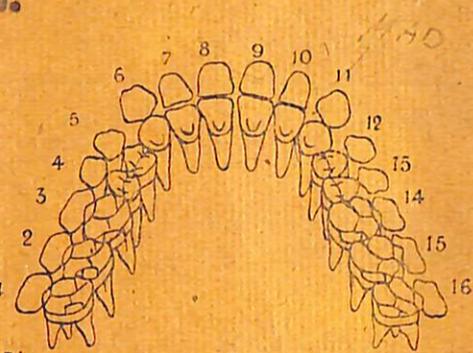
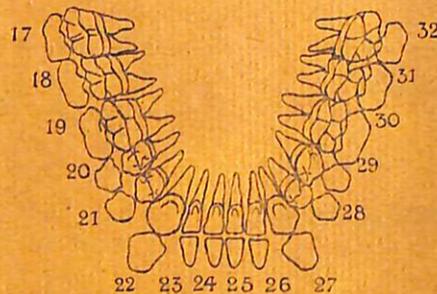


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



7. Disinterment supervised by W. G. Durisoe
W. G. Durisoe

Approved : J. J. Owens
 (Title) J. J. Owens, 1st Lt. OMC

8. Reburial supervised by H. L. Kramer
H. L. Kramer

Approved : A. E. Dewey
 (Title) A. E. Dewey 1st. Lt. OMC

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 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.

OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA File # 17835

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

D.K. (2-24-21) *cl* ✓

(a) Name CATON, John J. Ser. No. 1495605
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. M, 9th Inf. } TYP. VFM
(c) Date of death 9/12/18 (d) Cause of death K/A } CKR. B.T.

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

(a) Grave No. 110 Row - Plot 3 Sec. 1 TYP. VFM
(b) Emerg. Address W.B. Combest, (friend) Inez, Texas. (*over*)

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

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt -

(a) Name Mrs Mattie Lillie Sharp nee Caton (b) Relationship Sister
(c) Address Smiley - Tex
(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 MKS Date 2-1-21, 1920.

V. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from

_____, dated _____, confirming request in Par. IV., item _____, above, or requesting that

No correspondence

Examiner's Initials msd Date 2-1-21, 1920.

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes PF

Examiner's Initials PF Date 2-2-, 1920.

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 1233 SHEET No. 560

MAH 2 1921 *P.L.*

CARDED

checked cl 2-9-21

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 **FEB 18 1921**, 1920

Par. 2 Not to be returned.

EW

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*Q.C.W.R. Mrs. Mattie Lillie Harp (sister)
Smiley, Texas, 8-9-21 ce*
*First letter 4/27/21 - Mrs Mattie Lillie Harp - sister -
 1003 W 3 St - Austin - Tex. - now in France 4/27/21
 Brother - Umberto - Purcell, Okla - is M.K.
 Let. 9/16/21 - Sister advised they will
 remain in France as requested. MBH 9/16/21*

Q.S.
17835

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

Date Sept. 15, 1919.

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME **Caton, John J.**

Serial Number 1495665

RANK **Pvt.**

ORGANIZATION

Co.M, 9th. Inf.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	No. Serial No. on records: 1495665
2.	Date of Death.	
3.	Cause and place of death.	
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	
5.	Date buried.	
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	Grave #7, Amer. B/A. Cty. Thiaucourt, M-et-M, Cm. Cty, #1662 <i>Disinterred & Reburied Cemetery #1233 Amer. Cty. "St. Michel" Thiaucourt, M-et-Mos</i>
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	
12.	Has above been notified? (Give date)	
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	
15.	Inquiry made by?	

Released by Information Control

- Dept.
- Directory
- Cards 5 x 8
- Cards 4 x 6

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

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 17835

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OK (2-24-21) CE

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

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V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by - (cable on 192
 (letter of transmittal on 192

Par. 2 Not to be returned.

EW FEB 18 1921

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. **MAR 16 1921** 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken
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VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. 192

COUNTRY G.R.S. FORM 115-A CEMETERY NO. 1233 SHEET NO. 560
August, 1920
France

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