

G.R.S. Form #114-B

CAUSE OF DEATH

*B.O.L.*

FULL NAME. COATES, Howard C. *OK*

RANK. *Pvt.* *OK*

SERIAL. 110076 *OK*

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION. Co. A, 103rd M.G. Bn. *OK*

*26 Div.*

DATE OF DEATH. 7-18-1918 *OK*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME. *P.A.*

EDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED. *none*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION. 11-3-22

47

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A

Date

Grave

Row

Block

**A. G. O.**  
**MAY 9 192**  
**WORLD WAR DIV.**

Aisne-Marne American Cemetery # 1764

Cemetery

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*5/26/27*

*293*

*47*

Co A. 103rd M.G. Bn.  
26th Division

COATES Howard C. Pvt. 110076  
Home : 50 Detroit Ave, Pawtucket  
R.I.

" Had just reached objective when Sgt. Kenderick saw Coates fall , instantly killed by enemy machine gun fire . He was about to set up tripod when struck . "

Date : July 18th 1918

Place : At R.R. embarkment 100 yds from road about 1 kilometer west of Bourches . Buried in same place . "

Informant : Kenderick William C. Sgt. 110028  
Co A. 103rd M.G. Bn.  
Home : 98 Prospect St. Providence R.I.  
February 13th 1919

Emergency Address :-

Searcher : Chaplain Robert Campbell Jr.

Mary Ferguson (Aunt)  
50 Detroit Ave, Pawtucket , R.I.

**FILE**

G.F.

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Coates	3	3 5 1
	Howard C.		
	CEMETERY 1764	1	4
BURIED	GRAVE 47	2	47
	ROW 1	2	01
	BLOCK A	1	1
STATE	Pa	2	45
RANK	Prvt	1	2
DIVISION	26	2	26
ORGANIZATION	103	3	103
ARM	Inf Bn	1	2
MARITAL	No	1	21
NAME	Coates	3	
	STATE	2	
RESIDENCE	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Head	1	6
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
. TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

**AUDITED**

AUG 18 1932

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McL

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Bu 9-25-98

Enl 4-25-18

Father died 1931

Remarried in '18

after enl. Jeon

Mother died 1914

VA . 4-27-33  
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April 13, 1933

Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir: -

Mrs. Mary Ferguson  
passed away March 15,  
1931. I cannot furnish  
you with the information  
in regard to her nephew.  
Yours truly,  
William H. Brown



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

April 11, 1933.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Coates, Howard C. (AM)

*Dec 7*  
Mrs. Mary Ferguson,  
50 Detroit Avenue,  
Providence, R. I.

Dear Madam:

This office is making an earnest endeavor to communicate with all women who may be eligible under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe.

It will therefore be appreciated if you will advise whether or not your nephew, the late Private Howard C. Coates, is survived by a stepmother or any woman who stood in loco parentis to him for a period of not less than five years at any time prior to his reaching the age of eighteen, and if so, her name and address. It is requested you also furnish the date of death of his mother.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl.

Env.     



*Chas. W. Dietz*  
CHAS. W. DIETZ,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

QM 293 A-M  
Coates, Howard C. (AM)

September 12, 1932

Mr. Charles E. Coates,  
814 Plainfield Street,  
Providence, R. I.

Dear Sir:

This office is making an earnest endeavor to communicate with all women who may be eligible to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

It is therefore requested that you advise whether or not your son, the late Private Howard C. Coates, is survived by a stepmother, and if so, her name and address and the date of your marriage to her. It will be appreciated if you will also furnish the date of death of his natural mother.

A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying. 0

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

CHAS. W. DIETZ,  
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 C

Coates, Howard C. - 1764 F

July 3, 1930

Mr. Charles M. Coates  
814 Plainfield Street  
Providence, R. I.

Dear Sir:

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

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

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

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

If so, give her name and address:

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

If so, give her name and address:

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Coates, Howard C.

June 12 1929.

Mr. Charles S. Coates,  
24 Winslow Street,  
Providence, R.I.

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 Howard C. Coates, Co. A, 103rd M.G.Bn., whose remains are now interred in the Aisne Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, Aisne, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

QM 293 A-M  
Coates, Howard C. (AM)

April 11, 1933.

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Mrs. Mary Ferguson,  
50 Detroit Avenue,  
Providence, R. I.

Dear Madam:

This office is making an earnest endeavor to communicate with all women who may be eligible under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe.

It will therefore be appreciated if you will advise whether or not your nephew, the late Private Howard C. Coates, is survived by a stepmother or any woman who stood in loco parentis to him for a period of not less than five years at any time prior to his reaching the age of eighteen, and if so, her name and address. It is requested you also furnish the date of death of his mother.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M  
Coates, Howard C. (AM)

September 12, 1932

Mr. Charles E. Coates,  
814 Plainfield Street,  
Providence, R. I.

Dear Sir:

This office is making an earnest endeavor to communicate with all women who may be eligible to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

It is therefore requested that you advise whether or not your son, the late Private Howard C. Coates, is survived by a stepmother, and if so, her name and address and the date of your marriage to her. It will be appreciated if you will also furnish the date of death of his natural mother.

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For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

0700  
SEP 12 1932 PM 4:14  
COMM. M&R BR  
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Enclosure:  
Envelope.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Coates, Howard C. - 1764 F

July 8, 1930

Mr. Charles B. Coates  
814 Plainfield Street  
Providence, R. I.

Dear Sir:

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

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

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

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

If so, give her name and address:

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

If so, give her name and address:

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Coates, Howard C.  
1764

Aug. 22, 1929.

Mr. Charles C. Coates,  
24 Winslow St.,  
Providence, R. I.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 12, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Coates, Howard C.

June 12, 1929.

Mr. Charles ~~Coates~~,  
24 Winslow Street,  
Providence, R.I.

O. Q. M. G. M. & R. DIV.

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Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Private Howard C. Coates, Co. A, 105rd M.C.Bn., whose remains are now interred in the Aisne Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, Aisne, France.

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

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

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Very truly yours,

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Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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Coates

Howard C

110,076

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt.

Co A 103 MG Bn

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

*Uncle M. H. Ferguson*

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)

*See above for sig.*

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

*4. P*

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2-21-21

Mrs. Mary Ferguson  
50 Detroit St.,  
Providence, R.I.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

QIA 293 A-C

April 7, 1927.

COATES, Howard C., Pvt.,  
Co. A, 103rd M. G. Bn.

Mr. Charles E. Coates,  
24 Winslow St.,  
Providence, R. I.

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,

K. J. Hampton,  
Lt. Col. Q.M.G.  
Assistant.

HTP

1 Incl.  
Record card.



25/560/EYS

Place Bouresches.

Date June 4, 1919.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name Coates, Howard G.

Number: 110076

Rank:

Organization: Co. A, 103rd M.G.Bn.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit "B"

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

June 4, 1919.

Plot-67 Myers, Bouresches, station.

Coord. 261.5N - - 177.3E.

Grave 2.

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

June 4, 1919

National Cemetery at Belleau Woods, Aisnes.

Coord. 262.60N - - 176.04E

Plot-3, Sec. A, Grave 149.

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

Body in fair condition.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? yes

What other means of identification were found upon the body? none.

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon the 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: Ch. W. Brown

H. C. M. Cameron

C.O. Group Prov. Unit B. G.R.S. Unit 7/3/31

CONFIRMED No. D

20269

1764

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Place Belleau, Aisne

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date July 2/21

1. REMAINS OF COATES, HOWARD C. SERIAL NUMBER 100076

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. A. 103rd M.G.Bn.

2. Disinterred (date): July 2 /21. From (give complete location): Belleau, Aisne, Amer. Cty. #1764, Gr. 149-A-3

By: Group Kierce Unit Sect. 6

3. Reburied (date): July 2/21. In (give complete location): Belleau, Aisne, Amer. Cty. #1764, Gr. 149-A-3

By: Group Kierce Unit Sect. 6 Nature of reburial Box & burlap

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: 5 ft. earthen grave, U S uniform and burlap.

Body decomposed, unrecognizable

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

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

Pocket comb found on body with initials "H.C.C." Envelope found on body postmark "March 5, 1918, R.I." Inscribed "Howard---- Co.A, 103----"

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Undeterminable

(b) Weight (estimated) Undeterminable

(c) Hair—Color Undeterminable

Quantity Undeterminable

Characteristics Undeterminable

(d) Hair on face—Color Undeterminable

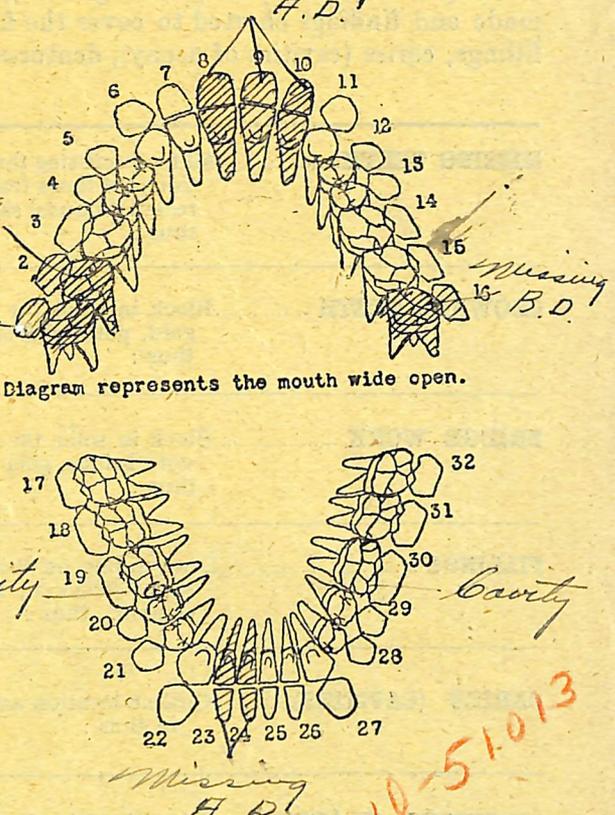
Location Undeterminable

Quantity Undeterminable

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or

missing parts) Undeterminable

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



Skull shattered, lower part of left leg missing. Both bones in lower left arm and one bone in radius of lower right arm missing.

7. Disinterment supervised by P.P. Kierce, S.E.

Approved: James W. Younger, Capt. QMC.

(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by P.P. Kierce, S.E.

Approved: James W. Younger, Capt. QMC.

(Title)

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

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

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

**MISSING 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 :



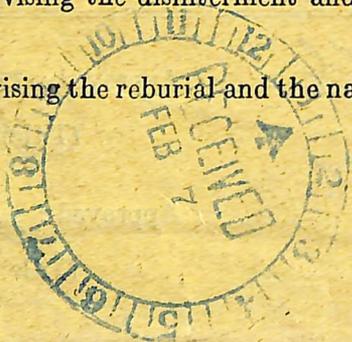
**CARIES (CAVITIES)**.....Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :



**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.



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE November 3, 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 COATES, Howard C.
2. No. 100076
3. Rank Pvt
4. Org. Co. A 103rd MG Bn
5. D.D. 7-18-1918
6. C.D. K.I.A.

10. Name
11. No.
12. Rank
13. Org.
14. (a) D.D.
(b) D.B. none

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 149 Sec. A
8. Plot 3 Row
9.

15. Grave No. Sec.
16. Plot Row
17. none

18. Cemetery Aisne Marne Amer.
20. Dept. or County Aisne
22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1764

19. Commune or town Belleau
21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) November 3, 1922

By G. P. Keating

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Howard C. COATES
Rank Pvt

Serial No.
Organization Co. A. 103rd MG Bn

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? yes On body? no
Signature Junior Technical Assistant W. D. Wall, Jr.

PREPARATION

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

bottle record agrees. Pocket comb with initials "HCC"

27. Condition of body badly decomposed, features unrecognizable

28. Nature of burial Burlap and wooden box

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 November 3, 1922 By G.P. Keating

31. Casket sealed by G P Keating

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) G P Keating

MMB

AUDITED BY 8413 5/8/26

Signature of G.P. Keating

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C - 31275

32. Designation of body:

Name Howard C. COATES Serial No. 100076

Rank Pvt Organization Co. A 103rd MG Bn

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Aisne Marne Amer. Cty. Belleau, Aisne 1764

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) November 3, 1922 By C. P. Keating

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 *[Signature]*  
O. E. Davis  
1st Lieut Q.M.C.

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

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) November 3, 1922.

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

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ (Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Aisne Marne Amer. 1764 Belleau (Aisne)

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ (Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Shipping Officer *[Signature]*

O. E. Davis  
1st Lieut Q.M.C.

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

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

41. Reinterred November 3, 1922, Aisne-Marne Cem. 1764, Belleau (Aisne)

(Date)

42. Grave No. 47 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot-BLOCK A Row \_\_\_\_\_ 1

G.R.S. Representative *[Signature]*  
W. D. Cleary  
Lt., Chaplain, USA.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place Belleau (Aisne)

Date November 3, 1922.

1. REMAINS OF COATES Howard C.

SERIAL NUMBER 100076

RANK Pvt

ORGANIZATION Co. A. 103rd M. G. Bn.

2. Disinterred (date) :

From (give complete location):

November 3, 1922

Gr. 149 Sec A Plot 3 Cem. 1764

By : Group

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Unit

FS 1 Aisne Marne Cemetery

3. Reburied (date) Nov. 3, 1922

In (give complete location): Gr. 47, Block A,

Row 1, Aisne-Marne Cem. 1764, Belleau (Aisne)

By : Group

re-burial group

Unit

Nature of reburial

Lined casket

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

burlap and wooden box. Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? no

On grave marker? yes

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

bottle record agrees. Pocket comb with initials "H.C.C."

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) " to est.

(c) Hair—Color none visible.

Quantity

Characteristics

(d) Hair on face—Color none visible.

Location

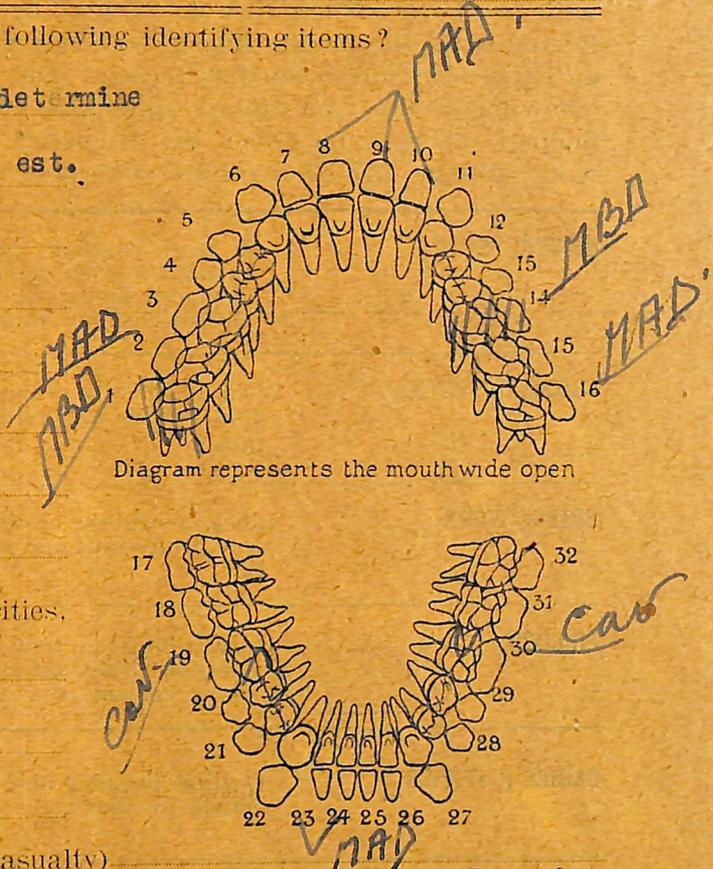
Quantity

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities,

or missing parts) none discernible.

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

fractures: right side, Missing parts: right ulna and radius right fibula and tibia. W. D. Wall, Jr. checker.



7. Disinterment supervised by

C. P. Keating SE.

Approved :

O. E. Davis

(Title) 1st Lieut. O.M.C.

8. Reburial supervised by

L. D. Hays

Approved :

W. D. Cleary  
Lt., Chaplain, USA.

(Title)

## 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.

<b>MISSING TEETH</b>	All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus:	 <p style="text-align: center;">TOOTH MISSING      TOOTH MISSING</p>
<b>CROWNED TEETH</b>	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:	 <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD CROWN      PORCELAIN CROWN</p>
<b>BRIDGE WORK</b>	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus:	 <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD AND PORCELAIN BRIDGE      GOLD BRIDGE</p>
<b>FILLINGS</b>	Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:	 <p style="text-align: center;">SILVER FILLING      GOLD FILLING GOLD FILLING      GOLD FILLING</p>
<b>CARIES (CAVITIES)</b>	Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:	 <p style="text-align: center;">CAVITY DECAYED      DECAYED DECAYED</p>
<b>DENTURES (PLATES)</b>	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.

# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #6706

## I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name COATES, Howard C. Ser. No. 110076  
 (b) Rank Evt. Organization Co. A, 103rd M.G. Bn.  
 (c) Date of death 7/18/18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. EK

CKR. 30

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

(a) Grave No. 149 Row -- Plot 3 Sec. A TYP. EK  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mary Ferguson (aunt) 50 Detroit Ave., Providence, R.I.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases --- CKR. (over) 31

## IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt None

(a) Name M. H. Ferguson (b) Relationship Aunt  
 (c) Address (no address given)  
 (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 EM Date 2-21-21, 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

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

No Request for Disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes, PM

Examiner's Initials EM Date 2-21-21, 1920.

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 1764 SHEET No. 402

G. R. S. Form No. 115  
Amended Apr. 16, 1920

Make Form No. 114

**FORM 115 - A COMPLETED**

**CARDED**

MAR 18 1921 J. L.

5-29-21

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VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_, Checked by \_\_\_\_\_

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on **MAR 10 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.A.W.R. Mr. Charles E. Coats (Father)  
24 Winslow St., Providence, R.I.*

*(3.15.21) CC*

Location Index .....

Discrepancies .....

Name .....

Rank .....

Serial No. ....

Org. ....

Remarks

..... *Ingr 2-21-21*  
A.G.O. Card & Corr. ....

Discrepancies .....

Name .....

Rank .....

Serial No. ....

Org. ....

Remarks

*MR E*  
*name*

G. R. S. Corr. ....

Discrepancies .....

Name .....

Rank .....

Serial No. ....

Org. ....

Remarks

Checkers .....

Discrepancies .....

Name .....

Rank .....

Serial No. *7. SW. sent.*

Org. *2-23-21.*

Remarks

*checked  
12-10-21  
STH*

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

*Please rush!*

Harlow C.W.

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

Coates, Howard C., Pvt.

1764 - 402

2/23/21.

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

110076

Co. A, 103rd M.G.Bn.

Date of death - 7/18/18.

Copy forwarded to

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

Adjustment Department

DATE

3/11/21

Date 3-15-21-Cl

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Mr. Charles E. Coats

Father

Address

24 Winslow St. Providence R.I.

# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #6706

**I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:**

(a) Name COATES, Howard C. Ser. No. 110076  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. A, 103rd M.G. Bn. } TYPE EK  
 (c) Date of death 7/18/18 (d) Cause of death K/A } 3/1

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

(a) Grave No. 149 Row -- Plot 3 Sec. A TYP. EK  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mary Ferguson (sunt) 50 Detroit Ave., Providence, R.I.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases --- CKR. 3/1

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

*A. G. C. Card: M. H. Ferguson (sunt, no address) desires body to remain in France.*  
*H-5. 7-18-21*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
 letter of transmittal on MAR 10 1921, 192  
**Par. 2 Not to be returned.** (EW)

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., MAR 22 1921, 192

**VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.**

Date of and source.	Relationship and name.	Desires.	Action taken.

VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J. APR 28 1921, 192

COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_ CEMETERY No. \_\_\_\_\_ SHEET No. \_\_\_\_\_

*MAR 18 1921 P. L.*

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

2. Soldier's No.

3. Coates, 110076, Howard C.  
Surname First Name and Initials

4. Co. A, 103rd M. G. Bn.  
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. Date of Death Cause, if known

6. Date of Burial Cemetery

7. Town or Commune Department

8. 2 67 I. G. MYERS  
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

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

10. Buried with Body? 1- Attached to Grave Marker? 1-  
Identification Tags

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

Exhumed-  
Along RR bet Bouresches & Belleau.

12. Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

13. Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed  
Group Unit G.R.S.

GROUP No 1  
Unit 363. G. R. S.

SEP 29 1918

1. G.M.S. Form No. 1

2. Deceased's Name

Deceased, Howard C. 11076

3. Place, Name and Address

4. Rank, Company, Post or Office

Co. A, 1st Lt. W. B. Smith

5. Date of Death

6. Date of Burial

7. Town or Community

8. Grave No. 5  
Plot No. or Section 07

9. Name of Cross, - Headstone, Monument, or other Marking

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

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



G.M.S.

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File No.....

Coates-110076 H. C.

Pvt. C.A. , 103rd. M. G. Batt

Date of Death

File No

Date Buried July 23rd, 1918

Cemetery

Grave No:

Sect:

Commune (No. C. 21 ) Bouresches

Dept. Aisne

Sheet 49N<sup>o</sup>

Coordinates E1768571. 267.7

Remarks: along the Bouresche-Bel...  
and adjoining wheatfields, viz

Sketch No:

HP

CROSS

HD BD

BTTL X

Ident. Tag on Gr. mkr. ~~X~~ b.w.b.

Authority:

AUG 27 1918

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

Harlow C.W.

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER	CEMETERY NO.	DATE
Coates, Howard C., Pvt.	1764 - 402	2/23/21.
SERIAL NUMBER	ORGANIZATION	
110076	Co. A, 103rd M.G.Bn.	
	Date of death - 7/18/18.	

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

NOTED FORM 115

DATE

DATE 3-15-21-CE

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Mr. Charles E. Coats

Father

Address

24 Winslow St., Providence, R.I.

S/709/LML

Adjustment Made

6 - 1922

File No. 6706

FILE

Classification \_\_\_\_\_  
 Adjustment \_\_\_\_\_

CEMETERY DIVISION  
 GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
 REGISTRATION SECTION

JUN 4 1920

Date \_\_\_\_\_

MEMORANDUM:

To: Registration Files Sub-Section.  
 Subject: Adjustments made on Registration Files.

1. Changes as checked have been made in the Registration Files which will necessitate a corresponding change in the Classification Files.

	CORR.	ADD. DATA		CORR.	ADD. DATA
File Number			Date of Burial		
Name			Date of Reburial		
Serial Number			Burial Information		✓
Rank			Nearest Relative		
Organization			Notified Nearest Relative		✓
Cause of Death			Blue Card thrown out		
Date of Death			White Card set up		
Casualty Cablegram Number					

O.K. Alphabetical Files JK 6-9-20  
~~O.K. Organization Files~~ \_\_\_\_\_  
~~O.K. State Files~~ \_\_\_\_\_

✓ Card Department  
 Cemetery Audit Department  
 Investigation & Adjustment Dept.  
 By MEB

1 Cards attached.

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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

COATES 110076 H.C.  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt. Co. A, 103rd M.G. Bn.  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL... 7-23rd & 24th, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL Along the Bouresche-

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

Belleau Railroad and the edge of Belleau wood, toward the railroad, also in wheatfield north of Bouresche.

GRAVE NUMBER.....

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? U.S. RIFLE Headboard? Bottle? Yes

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?.....

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

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

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REPORTED BY:

James H. Malonson  
1st Lt., 103rd Amb. Co., 101st S.T.  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

103rd Ambulance Co.,

101st San. Tr., Amer. E.F.,

July 29, 1918.

From: Commanding Officer.

To: Graves Registration Service, Amer. E.F.

Subject: Burials.

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1. The following US soldiers were interred by burial parties from this command, on July 23rd and July 24th, along the Bouresche-Belleau Railroad, and the edge of Belleau wood, toward the railroad, also in the wheatfield north of Bouresche. To make sure of identification of graves, US rifles were placed at the head of each one, stuck solidly into the earth, and note stating date of death, full name and number when possible of soldier, also company and regiment, when possible were placed in a sealed bottle, also placed at the head of each grave. Identification was difficult, because of decomposed state of the men, lack of proper tags, etc.

Rank.	Surname	No.	Christian Name	Co.	Regt.
Pvt.	Coates	110076	H.C.	A	103rd M.G. Batt.
Pvt.	Peters	----	Simon	E	2nd Me. Inf.
Bugler	Martina	110031	Reno	A	103rd M.G. Batt.
Pvt.	Griffin	110047	F.J.	A	103rd M.G. Batt.
Pvt.	St. Peter	67886	Alfie	E	103rd Inf.
Sgt.	McKenzie	67798	Archie	E	103rd Inf.
---	Guyer	67949	Arthur G.	E	103rd Inf.
2nd Lt.	Lovett	----	Robert Moses Jr.	E	103rd Inf.
Sgt.	Chadbourne	----	-----	F	103rd Inf.
Corp.	Murphy	----	John	G	103rd Inf.
Pvt.	Evans	67935	James H.	E	103rd Inf.
---	Bucknam	67819	Alvan W.	E	103rd Inf.
Pvt.	Sinon	65837	Thomas	K	102nd Inf.
Pvt.	Lamott	67970	Owen B.	-	U.S. Army
Pvt.	Chamberlain	111073	H.W.	A	103rd M.G. Batt.
Pvt.	Fisher	----	Harl	E	103rd Inf.
Pvt.	Robidoux	67997	David	-	103rd Inf.
---	Williams	2311739	William L.	-	----
Lt.	Field	----	Charles William Wallace	Co. A or Co. C,	103rd M.G. Batt.
No identification tag or book. A lodge book stating that he was a member of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Maine, Presumpscot Lodge #127.					
---	Fanelli	----	Angelo,	#35 Hale St.,	Detroit, Mich. Notify in emergency, Dominic Vettrano, #35 Hale St., Detroit, Mich.

Hq. Amb. Sect.  
101st San. Tr.

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James H. Malonson  
JAMES H. MALONSON  
1st Lt. MC, NG

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington

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

Date 2/23/21.

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.

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

- a. Surname Coates ✓
- b. Christian name Howard C. ✓
- c. Serial Number 110076 ✓
- d. Organization Co. A, 103rd M.G.Bn. ✓
- e. Rank Pvt. ✓
- f. Date of death 7/18/18. ✓
- g. Cause of death K/A. ✓
- h. Authority (C.O.#) ✓
- i. Emergency address *Mary Ferguson* ✓
- j. Relationship *58 Detroit Ave. Providence R.I.* ✓

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

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

- a. Strike out teeth missing
- |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
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- upper right upper left
- |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
- lower right lower left

*overseas gives Mary Ferguson, (aunt)*

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

BY: *[Signature]*  
H. J. CONNER,  
1st. Lieut. Q.M.C.

FEB 24 1921

C.W. 1764  
SHEET NO: 402  
TYPED BY: I.W.

S/713/LML

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington

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

Date 2/23/21

File No.

Registration

From:

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

To:

The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th St. S.W., Washington, D.C.

Subject:

Information required for G.A.C.

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

- a. Surname  Jones
- b. Christian name  Howard G.
- c. Serial Number  11076
- d. Organization  Co. A, 103rd M.S. Bn.
- e. Rank  Pvt.
- f. Relationship  [unclear]

1. **BODY DESCRIPTION**  
(See page 2 of the Service Record)  
a. Age at enlistment

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

g. Strike out teeth missing

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

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

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

H. L. ROY,  
Adjutant, G.A.C.

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