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Coates,

Robert

3,610,193

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt

Co C, 338th Lab Bn

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Mother

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)

Eliza Coate

RFD. box 8.

Grove Hill.

Ala.

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

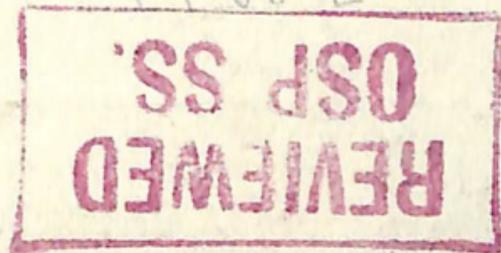
Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by Pm

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G.R.S. Form #114-B

Information from H. Listings

Original cannot be found

FULL NAME COATS, Robert

RANK Pvt. 1/cl SERIAL 3610193

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION Co. C, 338 Labor Bn.

DATE OF DEATH Dec. 30, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Alabama

No decorations

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 3 23 A
Date Grave Row Block

Cemetery # 34

Cemetery

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Coats 3610193 Robert
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Pvt. Co. C. 338 Labor Bn.
(Rank). (colored) (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Camp Hosp. 53

CAUSE OF DEATH: Influenza

DATE OF BURIAL: A. E. F. Cem. 513

PLACE OF BURIAL: Jan. 1. 1919

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

Marseille, Bouches du Rhone

GRAVE NUMBER: 645

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? no

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

NEAREST RELATIVE: Mrs. Eliza Coats

ADDRESS: R. F. D. 1, Grove Hill, Ala.

RELATIONSHIP: mother

REPORTED BY: William F. Hood,
Chaplain, U.S.A.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

This portion to be forwarded to Central Records Office, A. G. O., A. E. F.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

Oct. 16, 1922.

File

FILE: 293.8 C-R

#78002

SUBJECT: Permanent Grave Location of Private Robert Coats,
Company C, 338th Labor Battalion.
Mr. and Mrs. Will Coats, R.F.D. 8, Grove Hill, Ala.

TO:

1. The permanent grave of this soldier is No. 3, Row 23,
A, Suresnes American Cemetery at Suresnes, Department of Seine,
Block
France.

2. This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, organization and date of soldier's death. The 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.

3. In effecting removal, the utmost care and reverence were exacted and more than willingly accorded by those performing this sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

For the Quartermaster General:

MAILED

J
E. E. DAVIS,

GEORGE H. H. ROSE,
Executive Assistant, G. R. S.

OCT 16 1922

G.R.S.

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SHIPMENT (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. 0-66

32. Designation of body:

Name COATS, Robert Serial No. 5610193

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. C, 338th Lab. Bn.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Suresnes American Cemetery #34.

34. Casket boxed and marked: Date 3/21/21 By Theo Miller

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. Gerald Cole
J. Gerald Cole

36. Remarks: 1st Lieut., C.A.C.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: Date 3-25-21

to point of Concentration Toulon (Var).

Convoyer J. Ferretti NAME

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 3-26-21

39 (a) RECEIVED AT POINT OF CONCENTRATION A.G.R.S., PARIS MORGUE, Edw. J. Turgeon
AUBERVILLIERS, APRIL 29TH, 1921, BY G.R.S REPRESENTATIVE: Edw. J. TURGEON
Captain C.M.C.

George Paulance in charge

39 (b) SHIPPED FROM PARIS MORGUE, OCTOBER 12TH, 1921, TO PERMANENT Wm. G. Ball
CEMETERY No. 34, AMERICAN, SURESNES (SEINE) BY SHIPPING OFFICER: Wm. G. BALL,
CONVOYED BY: Lieut. Col. QMC.

41. Reinterred DATE

42. Grave No. 3. Section

43. ~~Next~~ Block B. A. Row 23.

G.R.S. Representative R. G. RICHARDS, 1st Lieut. Q.M.C.

TO BE PREPARED IN TRIPLICATE.

AUDITED BY

Q.B.K. 3/27/22
114B did not reach this office
C.P.K.
3/20/22

SHIPMENT (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. **0-66**

32. Designation of body:

Name **GOATS, Robert** Serial No. **5610193**

Rank **Pvt.** Organization **Co. C, 338th Lab. Bn.**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **Suresnes American Cemetery #34.**

34. Casket boxed and marked: Date **3/21/21** By **Theo Miller**

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. Gerald Cole**

J. Gerald Cole
1st Lieut., C.A.C.

36. Remarks:

37. Shipped from point of Operation: Date **3-25-21**
to point of Concentration **Toulon (Var).**

Convoyer **J. Ferretti** NAME

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date **3-26-21**

by G.R.S. Representative **S. D. CAMPBELL** CAPT. QMC.

Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date **26 APR 1921**

to Permanent Cemetery **Suresnes #34**

Convoyer **Serge Paulange in charge** NAME

Received: Date **October 12th, 1921.**

G.R.S. Representative **R. G. RICHARDS, 1st Lieut. Q.M.C.**

41. Reinterred **Suresnes Cemetery.** **October 12th, 1921.**

DATE

42. Grave No. **3.** Section

43. ~~Block~~ **D. A.** Row **23.**

G.R.S. Representative **R. G. RICHARDS, 1st Lieut. Q.M.C.**

TO BE PREPARED IN TRIPPLICATE.

AUDITED BY

Q.B.K. 3/27/22

114B did not reach this office

Q.B.K.

3/20/22

STATION Marseille (B-du-Rhone)

DATE 3/21/21

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 COATS, Robert
 2. No. 3610193
 3. Rank Pvt.
 4. Org. Co. C, 338th Lab. Bn.
 5. D.D. Dec. 30th
 6. C.D. (Disease)- Influenza

10. Name _____
 11. No. _____
 12. Rank _____
 13. Org. No discrepancy
 14. (a) D.D. _____
 (b) D.B. _____

DISCREPANCY FOUND UPON DISINTERMENT

7. Grave No. 645 Sect. _____
 8. Plot _____ Row _____
 9. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sect. _____
 16. Plot _____ Row _____
 17. No discrepancy

18. Cemetery American (Le Canot)
 19. Commune or town Marseille
 20. Dept. or County Bouches-du-Rhone
 21. Country France.
 22. G.R.S. Hdqs. Code No. 513.
 23. Disinterred Date 3/21/21 By Theo Miller
 24. Inscription on Grave Marker:

Name Robert Coats Serial No. 3610193
 Rank Pvt. Organization Co. C. 338th Lab. Bn.

Signature of Junior Tec. Assistant Anthony H. Masley

PREPARATION

25. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date 3/21/21 By Theo Miller

26. Casket sealed by Theo Miller.

Signature of Embalmer Super. Preparations Theo Miller

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place Marseille (B-du-R)

Date 3/21/21

1. REMAINS OF COATS, Robert SERIAL NUMBER 3610193

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. C. 338th Lab. Bn.

2. Disinterred (date): 3/21/21 From (give complete location):

Gr. #645, Cem. #513. Marseille (B-dy-Rhone).

By: Group 4 Unit Sec. 5

3. Reburied (date): In (give complete location):

October 12th, 1921. - Suresnes Cemetery. - Block A - Row 23 - Grave 3.

By: Group Field Operations Branch Unit _____ Nature of reburial Metal Casket and Blanket.

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

In underwear in pine box - badly decomposed.

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

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

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) 6666-

(b) Weight (estimated) ---

(c) Hair—Color Black

Quantity Kinkey

Characteristics ---

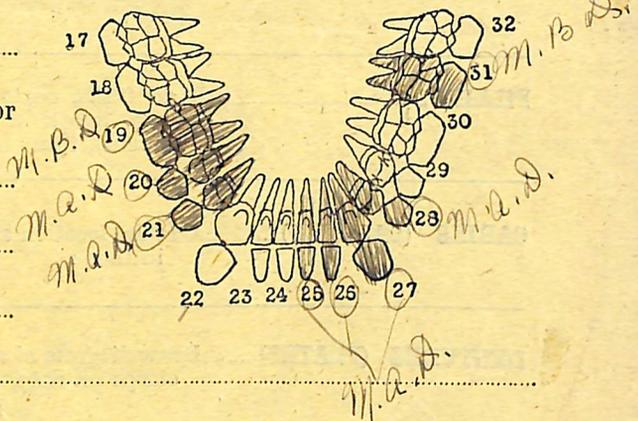
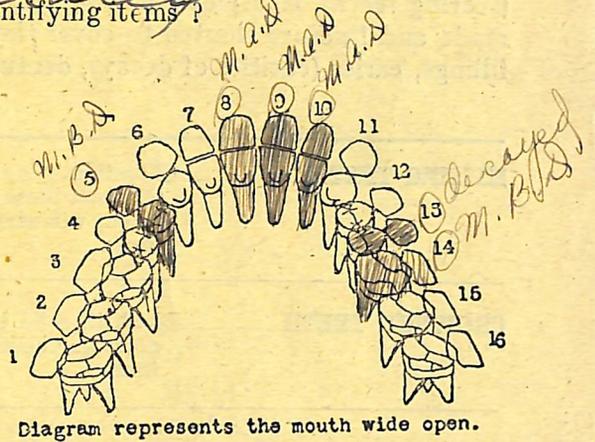
(d) Hair on face—Color ---

Location ---

Quantity ---

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

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



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7. Disinterment supervised by Theo Miller
Sup. Emb.

Approved: J. Gerald Cole
J. Gerald Cole, 1st Lt.
(Title) C.A.C., Inspector.

8. Reburial supervised by R. G. Richards
R. G. RICHARDS,
1st Lieut. Q.M.C.

Approved: R. P. Harbold
R. P. HARBOLD,
(Title) Major, Q.M.C.

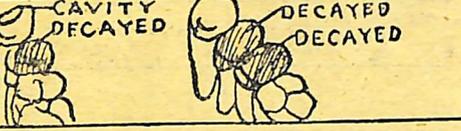
INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPER COMPLETION OF G. R. S. FORM NO. 16-A

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".

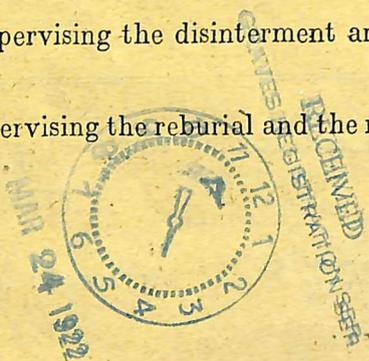
(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying 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), bicuspid (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.

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

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 # 78002

1. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name COATS, Robert Ser. No. 3610193)
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. C, 338th Labor Bn.) TYP. VFM
(c) Date of death 12/30/18 (d) Cause Influenza) CKR. *Walt*

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

(a) Grave No. 645 Row --- Plot --- Sect. ---) TYP. VFM
(b) Emerg. Address Eliza Coats, (Mother) Grove Hill, Ala.

111. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases: **NO CARD**) CKR. *AG*

IV. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt *None*

(a) Name *Eliza Coats* (b) Relationship *Mother*
(c) Address *R.F.D. - Box 8 - Grove Hill, Ala.*
(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 *A.S.S.* Date *8-10-* 1920

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

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

✓ No correspondence

Examiner's Initials *A.E.S.* Date *8-11-* 1920

VI. G.R.S. Files - Correspondence - shows as follows:

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? *Yes 8/11*

Examiner's Initials *STR* Date *8-11-* 1920

COUNTRY FRANCE

CEMETERY NO. 513

SHEET NO. 12

G.R.S. Form #115

Amended April 6, 1920.

Make Form #114

Concentrated into P. A. C. 34

rechecked 1/3/21
max

*9/16 In storage. Status in concern -
Warren molo Surconer 10-6-21*

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 1/5/ 1920

Par. # 2. Not to be returned (Ess) 1-7-21

IX. CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: *Form 120 8-30-20 Eliza Coats, mother, P.O. Box 8 Grove Hill, Ala. requests body remain in France. Will Coats, father, nearest of kin live at same address. Ec: 9-8-20*

AUG 18 1920

Shipping Inquiry.

WAR DEPARTMENT

(Revised)

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

WASHINGTON

513-12

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

Rush Answer

TO: Eliza Coats, R.F.D. Box 8, Grove Hill, Ala.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Robert Coats Ser. No. 3610193 Co. C. 338th Labor Bn.

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

*no change
Emp*

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

*Noted on Form No. 115
9-8-20 JSC*

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

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow	<i>Has none</i>	<i>Grove Hill</i>	<i>Ala.</i>
Soldier's Children (Name oldest first)	1. 2. 3. <i>Has none</i>	<i>Grove Hill</i>	<i>Ala.</i>
Father	<i>Will Coats</i>	<i>Grove Hill</i>	<i>Ala.</i>
Mother	<i>Eliza Coats</i>	<i>Grove Hill</i>	<i>Ala.</i>
Brothers (Name oldest first)	1. <i>Quinton Coats</i> 2. <i>Charlie Coats</i> 3. <i>Link Coats</i>	<i>Grove Hill</i>	<i>Ala.</i>
Sisters (Name oldest first)	1. <i>Leona Coats</i> 2. 3. <i>Dualia Coats</i>	<i>Grove Hill</i>	<i>Ala.</i>

SEP 9 1920 RECEIVED

Date *31. 1920*

V.A.H.

Signature *Eliza Coats*

Address *Grove Hill, Ala.*

Relationship *Mother.*

IMPORTANT: CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper.

(OVER)

(NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER) _____ 1920.

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

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

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

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

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

Signature Eliza Coats

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT

1. If definite instructions as to the disposition of a body are not received from the nearest relative within 2 weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.
2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.
3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT of kin IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.
4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.
6. If YOU are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
7. If YOU are not the nearest living relative and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.
8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
9. Use the enclosed envelope - pay no postage.



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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Coats 3610193 Robert
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Pvt. Co. C, 338 Labor Bn.
(Rank). (colored) (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Camp Hosp. 53

CAUSE OF DEATH: Influenza

DATE OF BURIAL: A.E.F. Cem. 513

PLACE OF BURIAL: Jan. 1. 1919

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

Marseille, Bouches du Rhone

GRAVE NUMBER: 645

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? yes Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? yes

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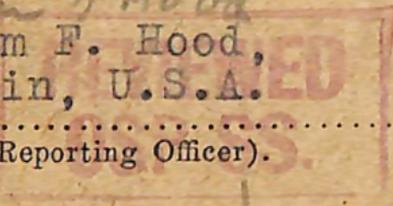
NEAREST RELATIVE: Mrs. Eliza Coats

ADDRESS: R.F.D.1, Grove Hill, Ala.

RELATIONSHIP: mother

REPORTED BY: William F. Hood, Chaplain, U.S.A.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).



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



Investigation and Adjustment Department
Investigation Unit

78002

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

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

Special

Date August 11, 1920

File No. Registration.

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Subject: Information required for G R.S.

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

- a. Surname *Coates or Signature of Soldier personal paper* ~~Coates~~ Date of death 12-30-18 ✓
- b. Christian name Robert g. Cause of death Influenza ✓
- c. Serial number 3610193 ✓ h. Authority (C.C.#) 409 ✓
- d. Organization Co. C, 338th Labor Bn. i. Emergency address Eliza Coates, Grove Hill, Ala. ✓
- e. Rank Private *1st cl.* j. Relationship *Coated* Mother ✓

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 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.,

REVIEWED
OSP SS.

Return to
Mr. Dorsch.

*Donnelly - M.E.C.
Serv. Sect. H-343
8/12/20*

BY:

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

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

Date

8/16/20

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME COATS, Robert

Serial Number 3610193

RANK Pvt. 1cl

ORGANIZATION

Co. C, 338th Labor Bn.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	1. YES.
2.	Date of Death.	2. 12/30/18
3.	Cause and place of death.	3. Influenza,
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	4. 409
5.	Date buried	5. 1/1/19
6.	Grave Location (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	6. Grave #645, Amer Cty #513 Marseilles, Bouches-du-Rhone.
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker	
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	11. Mrs. Eliza Coats, (Mother) Grave Hill, Ala.
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?	

REVIEWED
OSF SS.

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.

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Coats, Robt	COA	3 0 5 1
BURIED	CEMETERY	34	1 6
	GRAVE	3	2 03
	ROW	23	2 23
	BLOCK	A	1 1
STATE	Ala		2 01
RANK	Pvt 1cl		1 2
DIVISION	2MC		2 57
ORGANIZATION	338		3 338
ARM	Lab. Bn		1 1
MARITAL	No		1 2
NAME	Coats	COA	3 3 3 1
RESIDENCE	STATE	Ala	2 01
	COUNTY	Clarke	2 13
	CITY	Smith Hill	3 13
RELATION	Mother		1 1
OTHER			1
ELIGIBILITY	Dead		1 6
NATIVITY			1
RACE	Black		1
ENGLISH	yes		1 1
ATTENDANT			1
HEALTH	Good		1 2
NO. OF SONS			1
DATE OF TRIP	MO.		1
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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Coats Robert (Sur) x

Sept 8 1932

Mrs Eliza Coats
RFD #8
Grove Hill Ala

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Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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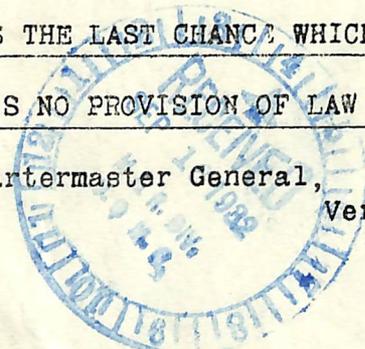
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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Coats Robert (Sur) x

July 13 1932

Mrs Elisa Coats

BFD/ 8

Grove Hill Ala

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

_____ (Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Coats, Robert (Sur) Mx

October 1, 1931.

Mrs. Eliza Coats,
R. F. D. #8,
Grove Hill, Ala.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

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

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Coats, Robert - 34 M

June 7, 1930.

Mrs. Eliza Coats,
RFD # 6,
Grove Hill, Ala.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

no
(Write answer here)

Eliza Coats
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Coats, Robert 34 M

October 8, 1929.

Mrs. Eliza Coats,
R. F. D. #8,
Grove Hill, Ala.

Dear Madam:

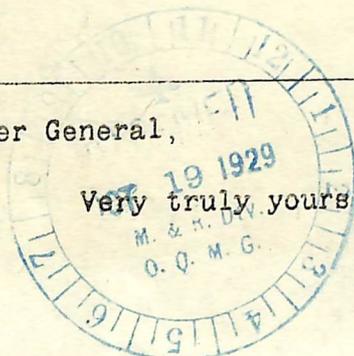
The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries,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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes) (No) <i>no.</i>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) (No) <i>no.</i>
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes) (No) <i>no.</i>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <i>63</i> Health <i>poor.</i> (Years) (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No) <i>English</i> Other language _____ (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

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More Hill Ala.

May 9, 1929.

Dear Sir:-

I recd your letter of inquirie
of "Robert Coate company C. 338th Labor Battalion."
I and miss Fay in reply that he has
no widow, he was never married,
I am his Mother.



Yours truly

Mrs. Eliza Coate.

R. F. D. # 8

More Hill

Ala.

213 Coate, Robert

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

May 4, 1929.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Coats, Robert

Mrs. Eliza Coats,
RFD #8,
Grove Hill, Ala.

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 mother of the late Private Robert Coats, Company C, 338th Labor Battalion, whose remains are interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, France.

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

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is 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,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Coats Robert (Sur) x

Sept 8 1932

Mrs Eliza Coats
RFD #8
Grove Hill Ala

Dear Madam:

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

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July 13 1932

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RFD# 8

Grove Hill Ala

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For The Quartermaster General,

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Assistant.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Coats, Robert (Sur) Mx

October 1, 1931.

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Mrs. Eliza Coats,
R. F. D. #8,
Grove Hill, Ala.

Dear Madam:

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Coats, Robert Pvt (Sur) M x

July 1, 1931

Mrs. Eliza Coats,
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Grove Hill, Ala.

Dear Madam:

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

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WAR DEPARTMENT
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Coats, Robert - 34 M

June 7, 1930.

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For The Quartermaster General,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

May 4, 1929.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
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