

Coon, John Gifford  
162  
1054  
John Gifford Coon- letter from mother April 24, 1919 refers to name. 2/12/27  
Example 277-27

LIST AS: MMB John Gifford Coon- letter from mother April 24, 1919 refers to name. 2/12/27

1. NAME COON, Cliford <sup>Gifford</sup> SERIAL No. 1277540  
RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Co.D 1st Anti-Aircraft MGBn  
& DIVISION none  
GRAVE LOCATION Amer.Cty. Langres, Haute Marne 516  
CTY. NAME NUMBER  
156

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 156, LANGRES (Haute-Marne)  
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.  
COORDINATES E. 322.33 N.120.35

CONCENTRATED TO Not of record  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT  
CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

Data concerning any identification found on remains when concentrated, such as collar insignias, letters, broken bones, missing parts, etc.

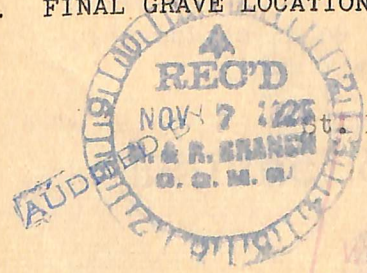
DATE OF DEATH Jan 25, 1919  
STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME M.D  
MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS Not of record  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR S. H. HUNSICKER, 1st. Lt. QMC., Supervisor Area N°. 4

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION August 11, 1922 14 1 Block B  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

St. Mihiel American Cemetery #1233, Thiaucourt, Met M.  
CEMETERY  
Robert G. Davis  
Major General  
The Adjutant General  
By ORL  
NOV 6 - 1925



## 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.

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Coon 1277540 Gifford  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt. Co. D, 1st A.A.M.G. Co.  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL..... Jan. 27/19

PLACE OF BURIAL..... Cemetery No. 96  
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

American Sec Cemetery near Hospital  
Center Langres France

GRAVE NUMBER..... 156

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:

J. S. Kearney (Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

RECEIVED  
23 JAN 1919  
CENTRAL RECORDS OFFICE

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Coon	3	355
BURIED	John Gifford CEMETERY 1233	1	3
	GRAVE 14'	2	14
	ROW 1	2	01
	BLOCK B.	1	2
STATE	n. y.	2	35
RANK	Prnt	1	2
DIVISION	C. A. C.	2	48
ORGANIZATION	1st	3	001
ARM	Anti A. M. G. Bm	1	3
MARITAL	Brother no	1	2
NAME	Reese, William C.	3	355
RESIDENCE	709 E. 6th St Plainfield, N. J.	2	25
	STATE n. y.	2	125
	COUNTY Middlesex	2	025
	CITY Dunellen	3	1
RELATION	Mother	1	
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	plead	1	16
NATIVITY	Reg'd 2-20-30	1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

**AUDITED**

APR 6 1932

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G. M. - 293 A-C  
Corn John Gifford 1293 - m.

709 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St  
Plainfield,  
New Jersey  
April 15 1930  
Union Co.

A. H. Hughes,  
Captain, G. M. Corps.

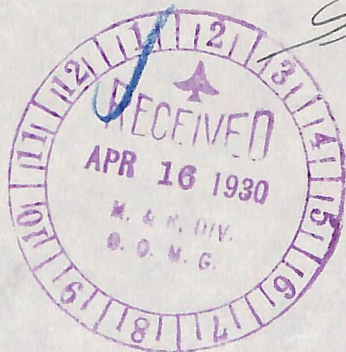
Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter  
of April 11, 1930 concerning the  
pilgrimage of the Gold Star Mothers  
to France, I wish to notify you  
that Mrs Jennie Reese the mother of  
the the deceased Private John Gifford  
Coors, died on Feb. 20, 1930.

I notified the War Risk Insurance  
dept and also told them to notify  
the dept in charge of the pilgrimage.

Sincerely hoping this infor-  
mation is of some help.

Remain Sincerely  
William Reese



Republic  
7/26/30  
1233

*Received*  
I decline the invitation extended  
(Accept or decline)

me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of the Government of the United States under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

*Wm. C. Reese*  
Mrs. Jennie Lititia Reese

(Name)

134 North Ave., Dunellen, Middlesex Co., N. J.

(Town or City)

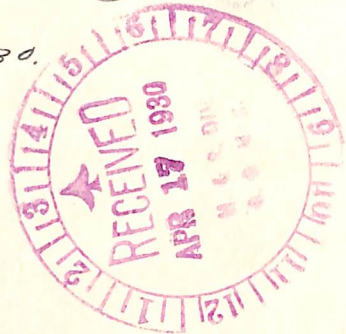
(State)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1925

*William C. Reese*

(over)

Mrs Jennie Leticia Reese  
died Feb. 20. 1930.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Coon, John Gifford 1233 M.

Mrs. Jennie Lititia Reese,  
134 North Ave.,  
Dunellen, N. J.

Received

Dear Madam:

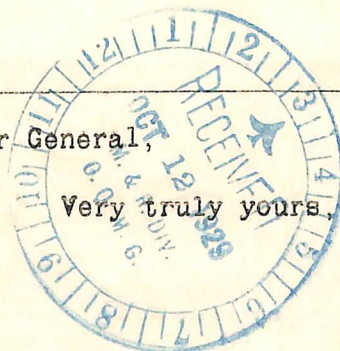
The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, 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)	( <del>No</del> )
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	( <del>No</del> )
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	( <del>Yes</del> )	(No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <u>49</u> Health (Years) ( <del>Good</del> ) <u>Fair</u> ( <del>Poor</del> )	
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) ( <del>No</del> ) Other language <u>none</u> (Specify language spoken)	

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

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

G. M. 293 - W. C.  
Com John Gifford

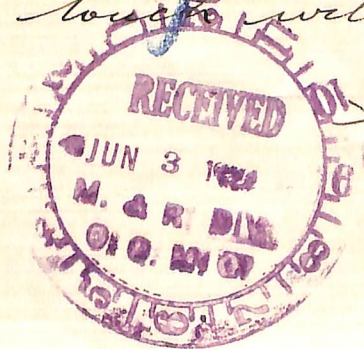
98. 6<sup>th</sup> St  
Plainfield  
New Jersey  
June 1<sup>st</sup> 1929

Dear Sirs:

Being unable to get in touch with my Mother, Mrs Jennie Leticia Reese, I am answering your inquiry of May 28. 1929 concerning the, "Act of Congress no. 952 - 70<sup>th</sup> Congress.

Private John Gifford Coon had no wife to the best of our knowledge, he leaves only his mother, and half-brother.

I have in the past taken care of all of my mothers government business and know she would require me to do this if I was in close touch with her.



Sincerely

William C. Reese

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cocn, John Gifford

May 28, 1929.

Mrs. Jennie L. Reese,  
134 North Ave.,  
Dunellen, N. J.

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 John Gifford Cocn, Co. D, 1st Antiaircraft H. G. Bn., 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 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,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

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CORRECT NAME

COON, Gifford 1277540  
Pvt. Co.D, 1st A.M.A.MG Bn.

change to

COON, John Gifford

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

Coon, John Gifford 1233 M

April 11, 1930

Mrs. Jennie Lititia Reese,  
134 North Ave.,  
Danellen, N. J.

Dear Madam:

This letter, which contains general information regarding the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, is being sent to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during the calendar year 1930. The general plan for the conduct of the pilgrimage is shown in the Pilgrimage Regulations, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. In addition to the information shown in the regulations, the following explains in detail some of the most important things connected with the pilgrimage.

Formal invitations are being extended to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during 1930. In so far as practicable, these invitations are being extended with a view to keeping the women from each state together and the order in which the invitations to the women from the several states are issued is based on a drawing by lot which was held about one month ago. Inclosed with each invitation is a card for acknowledgment and it is quite important that you accept or decline this invitation promptly in order that the necessary railroad, steamship and hotel reservations may be arranged. The government will defray all the necessary expenses of the pilgrimage, including railroad fare, hotel accommodations, steamship fare and all other incidental expenses. It will not provide anything other than the necessary expenses so that you should bring with you such funds as you may desire to use for making small purchases and for other uses distinctly of a personal nature.

Arrangements have been made with the American Railroad Association which assures us the united support and cooperation of all of the railroads in the United States in handling the movement to and from New York City. The local ticket agent will secure your railroad and sleeper ticket and will make the necessary pullman reservations. Before your departure from your home we will mail you a check, sufficient to pay for your meals and other travelling expenses while enroute to New York. Your railroad ticket will provide for a round trip from your home to New York and upon arrival in New York the army officer in charge of the New York office will collect the return trip stub and hold it until your return to New York from Europe.

Upon arrival in New York, you will be met by an army officer

and escorted to a first class hotel where reservations have been made. The duration of your stay in New York will be from 24 to 48 hours. At the proper time, you will be escorted to the steamship upon which passage has been engaged for Europe. All of the women making this trip will be provided with cabin class accommodations aboard steamers which means that from two to four will be quartered in the same stateroom. If you have any friend that you would like to be quartered with we will endeavor to arrange it if you will communicate with this office.

The ocean voyage will last about 8 days and when the ship docks at Cherbourg, France, each party will be met by officers especially detailed for the purpose and taken in a special train to Paris where first class hotel accommodations have been reserved. The first day in Paris will be a day of rest. On the 2d day, the women of each party will place a wreath on the tomb of the French unknown soldier. In the afternoon there will be a reception in which the French war mothers, government officials, and prominent civilians will participate. The following morning the groups going to the different cemeteries will leave Paris, travelling in motor busses, and proceed to the cemeteries where they will remain for about 7 days. Twenty-five women will be assigned to each bus and an army officer will have charge of the bus. The itineraries to and from the cemeteries and the daily itineraries while at the cemeteries have been varied so as to take in points of historical interest as well as some parts of the battlefields where American troops were engaged. Upon return to Paris, each party will remain for about 5 days and during this time an opportunity will be given to see the points of historical interest in Paris and vicinity. The entire duration of your stay in Europe will be 14 days, and the itineraries have been so arranged that each day will be provided for. Except in case of illness or other unavoidable cause it will not be possible for any woman making the pilgrimage to remain in Europe for a longer period than 14 days nor to leave the party with which she is travelling unless she is prepared to pay all of her expenses after leaving the party since the Act of Congress authorizing the pilgrimage specifically states that the government shall not pay the expenses of any woman who willfully leaves her party.

Upon return to the United States each ship will be met in New York City by army officers who will escort the mothers and widows to the trains which will take them home. Before leaving New York each woman will be provided with her return railroad ticket, a sleeping car ticket and funds to cover the cost of meals and other travelling expenses.

Army officers are being used as guides and escorts throughout this entire movement and care has been taken to select officers who will see that proper care is taken of the women who are entrusted to their charge. Arrangements have been made for taking care of women who may be taken sick during the pilgrimage and also to care for the remains of any who may die and provision has been made for returning the remains of any who may die to their homes. It is essential that each woman making the pilgrimage furnish The Quartermaster General with an emergency address of some relative or friend to be notified in the event of an emergency. Medical care will be provided by civilian agencies. If such care is needed in New York City it will be furnished by the hotel physicians or

by local hospitals. Aboard ship, medical care will be provided by the ship's doctors and in Paris arrangements have been made with the American Hospital for the hospitalization and treatment of any women who may need it. In addition to this, six doctors of the regular army will be on duty throughout the pilgrimage.

Baggage will be limited to not to exceed two pieces of hand baggage and the articles taken should be such as will be required for a trip of about one month. Laundry service can be obtained in New York and Paris. Since the climate of Europe is much colder than that of the United States, each woman should provide herself with sufficient warm clothing to stand the motor bus trip and the visit to the cemeteries.

Since it is necessary for this office to make all reservations for your accommodations throughout this pilgrimage, it will be greatly appreciated if you will make prompt reply to any communications received from this office.

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.  
Regulation.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

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134 North Ave.,  
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4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age (Years)	Health (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No) Other language (Specify language spoken)	

For The Quartermaster General,

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Envelope

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

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

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May 28, 1929.

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

Q. M. G. M. E. R. D. V.  
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COON, Gifford - Pvt.

January 9, 1924

Mrs. Jennie L. Reese,  
134 North Ave.,  
Dunellen, N.J.

Dear Madam, 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 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.

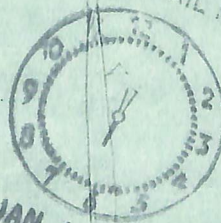
Assistant.

R.L. FOSTER

RD

*JSL*

Q. M. G.  
CENTRAL MAIL ROOM.



JAN 10 1924  
B. O. C.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE FEBRUARY 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 COON, <sup>Clifford</sup> Clifford

2. No. 1277540

3. Rank Pvt

4. Org. Co.D 1st Anti Aircraft MG Bn

5. D.D. 1-25-19

6. C.D. Lobar Pneumonia

10. Name \_\_\_\_\_

11. No. \_\_\_\_\_

12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_

13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_

14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_

(b) D.B. None

7. Grave No. 156 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_

8. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_

9. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_

16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_

17. None

18. Cemetery Amer.

20. Dept. or County Haute Marne

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. \_\_\_\_\_

19. Commune or town Langres

21. Country France

\_\_\_\_\_ 516

23. Disinterred (Date) Feb. 1, 1922.

By J.E.BENSON

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name (<sup>Clifford</sup> CLIFFORD) COON

Rank Pvt.

Gr. No. 156

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Co.D. 1st. Anti Air-craft M.G. Bn.

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

J. Annabel  
Signature Junior Technical Assistant  
J.C.ANNABEL

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 effects found.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Recognition impossible.

28. Nature of burial Wooden box and 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 Feb 1, 1922. By J.E.BENSON

31. Casket sealed by J.E.BENSON

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

J.E. Benson  
Signature  
J.E.BENSON

MMB

AUDITED BY  
848  
9/10/23

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SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C - 26432

32. Designation of body:  
Name Clifford COON Serial No. 1277540  
Rank Pvt Organization Co.D 1st Anti-Aircraft MG Bn

33. Consigned to:  
Name of Permanent Cemetery St.Mihiel Amer.Cty. Thisucourt, M-et-M 1233

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) February 1, 1922. By J.E. BENSON

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 *Walter F. Brown*  
WALTER F. BROWN. CAPT. Q.M.C.

36. Remarks  
Cross and tag on cross check. Tag on body checks.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) February 1, 1922.  
To point of Concentration Chaumont, (Hte. Marne)  
(Name)  
Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer *Walter F. Brown*

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date WALTER F. BROWN  
Captain, Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army  
By G.R.S. Representative *C. J. Blake*  
C. J. BLAKE

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date  
To Permanent Cemetery St.Mihiel Amer Cty 1233, Thisucourt, (M et M)  
gbt (Name)  
Convoyer Michael Plotkin Signature Shipping Officer *Walter F. Brown*  
WALTER F. BROWN  
Captain, Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

40. Received: Date 23 FEB 1922  
G.R.S. Representative *G. D. Gamble*  
G. D. GAMBLE, Captain, Q.M.C.

41. Reinterred Aug. 11, 1922. (Date) ~~19 FEB 1922~~  
42. Grave No. 14 Section

43. ~~Plot~~ Blk. B. Row 1  
G.R.S. Representative *A. E. Dewey*  
A.E. Dewey. 1st. Lieut. Q.M.C.

Place LANGRES. (HTE. MARNE)

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date FEBRUARY 1, 1922.

1. REMAINS OF COON, <sup>Gifford</sup> (Clifford) SERIAL NUMBER 1277540

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co.D. 1st Anti Air-craft M.G.Bn

2. Disinterred (date): Feb 1, 1922. From (give complete location):  
Grave No. 156, American Cemetery No. 516, Langres, (Hte. Marne)

By: Group 2 Unit Section 4.

3. Reburied (date): Aug. 11, 1922. In (give complete location):  
Cem. 1233. Grave 14, Block B. Row 1.

By: Group Reburial. Unit Casket and Shipping case. Nature of reburial

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Wooden box and uniform  
Badly decomposed. Recognition impossible.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:  
No effects found.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Unable to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) Unable to determine

(c) Hair—Color Apparently dark brown

Quantity Normal

Characteristics Straight

(d) Hair on face—Color None

Location None

Quantity None

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

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) None

**EXTRACTED-13-19.  
SILVER FILLING-12-14.**

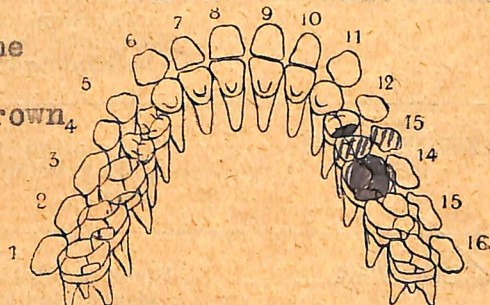
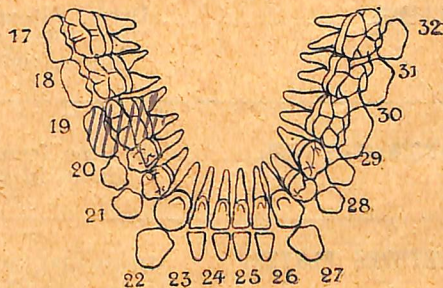


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



7. Disinterment supervised by J. E. BENS ON gbt

Approved: WALTER F. BROWN JCA  
(Title) CAPT. U.S.M.C.

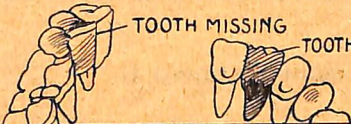




8. Reburial supervised by H. L. Kramer

Approved: A. E. Dewey  
(Title) 1st. Lieut. 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), 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:	 <p style="text-align: center;">TOOTH MISSING      TOOTH MISSING</p>
CROWNED TEETH	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:	 <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD CROWN      PORCELAIN CROWN GOLD CROWN</p>
BRIDGE WORK	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>
FILLINGS	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 GOLD FILLING</p>
CARIES (CAVITIES)	Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:	 <p style="text-align: center;">CAVITY DECAYED      DECAYED DECAYED</p>
DENTURES (PLATES)	Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp"	

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

2nd camp

Coon,

~~John~~ Gifford

1,277,540 ✓

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt.

Co. D, 1st Anti-aircraft MG 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)

*Jennie Letitia Reese*  
*134 Wood Ave Dunellen, New Jersey*

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

*M-*

Drawn by T. K. S.

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11-16-20

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OSP SS.

all 11-17-20

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# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 86044

## I. IDENTIFICATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name COON, Clifford <sup>(11-23) Clifford</sup> Ser. No. 1277540  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co.D, 1st. A A M G Bn.  
 (c) Date of death 1/25/19 (d) Cause of death Lobar Pneumonia.

TYPEK  
CKR.

5/6/22  
Exhumed for concentration  
at Mitchell # 1283.  
DREB  
6-5-22

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

(a) Grave No. 156 Row -- Plot -- Sec. -- TYP. EK  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. John Reese (mother) 134 North Ave.,  
Dunellen, N.J.

## III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

NO CARD

CKR. 173

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

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Jennie Letitia Reese (b) Relationship mother  
 (c) Address 134 North Ave - Dunellen - N. J.  
 (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 mrs. Date 11-16, 1920.

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

Mrs John Reese  
134 North Ave. Dunellen - N. J.; dated 5-14-19  
 confirming request in Par. IV., item d, above, or requesting that

Examiner's Initials mrs Date 11-16, 1920.

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

Mrs John Reese mother,  
134 North Ave., Dunellen, N.J., 5-15-19, decides to leave  
son's body in France

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes S.M.

Examiner's Initials S.M. Date 11-17-, 1920.

COUNTRY France

CEMETERY No. 516

SHEET No. 48

FORM 115 A COMPLETED

CARDED

Al H. 1/3/21

Reviewed 4/8/21 EP  
11-20-21

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 12/13, 1920

*Par # 2 Not to be returned (H)*

IX.

CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE.	ACTION TAKEN.
Desires body be _____	
<b>RECEIVED.</b>	
Body to be shipped to _____	
<b>FEB 23 1921</b>	
CEMETERIAL DIVISION OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SEC.	

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*12/23/20 Mother, Mrs. J. Reese, Dunellen, N. J. is anxious about body; has heard it was moved & she wishes it left where it fell. 12/30/20*

*1/23/21 - Form #120, Mrs. Jennie L. Reese mother, N.J., wishes body to remain in France.*

*Memo appended to our letter. H. 1/31/21*

*of 2/2/21 to Mrs. Jennie L. Reese, 134 North Avenue Dunellen, N.J. advises that the late soldier is not survived by a father. Mother wishes to be informed of the permanent <sup>grave</sup> location of her late son in France. H-2/10/21 - H.*

*2/18/21 Koboken advises Mother her request will be complied with. 4/18/21*

February 18, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div.Cor.Br.  
(COON, Gifford)

Mrs. Jennie L. Reese,  
154 North Ave.,  
Dunellen, N. J.

Dear Madam:-

Receipt of shipping inquiry dated January 23rd, 1921, relative to the remains of your son, the late Private Gifford Coon, serial number 1277540, Company D., 1st A.A.M.G.Bn., is acknowledged.

Instructions have been issued that your request to have the remains left in a permanent American Cemetery in France be complied with. You are assured that the grave site will always be maintained as a fitting memorial of the late soldier's sacrifice.

Upon transfer of the remains to a permanent American Cemetery you will be advised of the grave location.

The Department desires to convey to you renewed assurance of its sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

BY:

F. C. PALLAS,  
Executive Assistant.

Noted on Form No. 115  
Date 4/8/21 *ED*

ff/cm

*ED* Mailed-O.P.D.

FEB 21 1921

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*Flod...*

January 7, 1921.

293.8 Cem. #86044 (Coon, Gifford, Private)

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

To: Mrs. J. G. Reese, Dunellen, New Jersey.

Subject: Permanent burial in France.

1. In reply to your letter of December 23, 1920, you are advised that the records of this office show that the remains of your son, the late Private Gifford Coon, Company "D", 1st A. A. Machine Gun Battalion, were interred January 27, 1919 in Grave #156, American Cemetery at Langres, Department of Haute-Marne. The body of this soldier has not been reburied.

2. Notation has been made of your desire that the remains of your son be permanently interred in France. Instructions have been sent to the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.G. in Europe, to have your wish complied with provided there is no relative whose legal right to direct disposition has priority over yours.

3. The cemetery wherein the remains of your son are interred will not be maintained as a permanent American cemetery. At the time of concentration of bodies, it will be necessary to transfer the remains of this soldier to one of the permanent American cemeteries established in France. Upon the reburial of the remains of this soldier, you will be advised of the new grave location.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

MR

DS

CHARLES J. WYNNE,  
2nd Lieut., Q.M.G.

BPM

CEMETERIAL DIVISION



JAN 15 1921

February 2, 1921

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div. Cor. Br.  
(COON, GIFFORD)

Mrs. Jennie Letitia Reese,  
134 North Avenue,  
Dunellen, N.J.

Dear Madam:-

Kindly inform this office at your earliest convenience, whether or not the late Gifford Coon, Serial Number 1277540, Private, Company D. 1st. A.A. M.G. Bn., is survived by a father, and if so, furnish the name and address.

This information is necessary, in order that the legal next of kin of the deceased soldier, may have an opportunity of expressing his wishes as to the disposition of remains.

Your early reply will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R.E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,  
Officer in Charge.

BR/dw

*dw*  
By:  
1st. Lieutenant Infantry.

J.F. BUTLER,  
*JFB*

Mailed - C.F.D.  
FEB 8 1921

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
HOBOKEN, N.J.

JAN 11 1921

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.  
TO: Mrs Jennie Letitia Reese, 134 North Ave., Dunellen, N.J.  
SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Gifford Coon, Ser. No. 1277540, Co. D., 1st AA.  
M.G. Bd.

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

If these are not the correct instructions, please correct them. Make corrections on second page.

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 (either place at Government expense); or (3) remain in Europe.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Lieut. Colonel, U.S.A.

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

NAME OF	NO. AND STREET	TOWN	STATE
Was soldier married?	<i>No</i>		
Soldier's widow	.....		
Soldier's children (1) (2) (3)	.....		
(Name oldest first)	.....		
Father	.....		
Mother	<i>Jennie Letitia Reese</i>		
Brothers (1) (2) (3)	.....		
(Name oldest first)	<i>None</i>		
Sisters (1) (2) (3)	.....		
(Name oldest first)	<i>None</i>		

*W. J. ... 1/15/21*

Date *Jan. 23rd 1921* Signature *Jennie L. Reese*  
Address *134 North Ave Dunellen N.J.* Relationship *Mother*

Important. - CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper.

I, the undersigned, am the *Mother* ~~relationship~~ 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.)

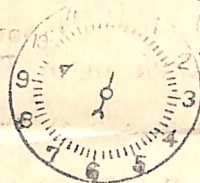
1. ~~As stated on first page~~ of this sheet.
2. ~~To be returned to the U.S. and shipped to~~ .....  
 ..... (Name)  
 .....  
 ..... (R.R. station) .....  
 ..... (State)
3. ~~To be returned to the U.S. and buried in~~ .....  
~~National Cemetery.~~
4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

Signature .. *Jennie L. Reese* ..

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

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

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
CORRESPONDENCE BRANCH



JAN 25 1921

[The body of the letter contains several paragraphs of text that are extremely faint and difficult to read. The text appears to be a formal correspondence, possibly a letter of inquiry or a report. There are some faint markings and lines throughout the page, including a large handwritten mark in the lower right quadrant.]

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
QUARTERMASTER CORPS  
GENERAL DIVISION, GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE,  
ROOM 350, PIER 2, HOBOKEN, N.J.

February 2, 1921

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
CORRESPONDENCE BRANCH

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div. Cor. Br.  
(COON, GIFFORD)

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Dunellen, N.J.



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FEB 5 1921

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R.E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,  
Officer in Charge.

By:

*J. F. Butler*  
J. F. BUTLER,  
1st. Lieutenant Infantry.

*No father I his mother is the next of kin.  
Please inform me of the permanent burial of my son in what part of France.*

*Jennie L. Reese*

*Dunellen*

*N.J.*

*Noted  
2/10/21 - JH*

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

5/16/22  
Examined for Concentration  
#1733  
Dres.

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File # 86044

(a) Name COON, Clifford Ser. No. 1277540  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. D, 1st. A.A. M.G. Bn. TYP EK  
 Cause of death Lobar Pneumonia. D.B.

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

(a) Grave No. 156 Row      Plot      Sect.      TYP EK  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. John Reese (mother) 134 North Ave., Dunellen, N.J. CKR D.B.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

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

AG card - mother (Jennie Letitia Reese, 134 North Ave, Dunellen, N.J.) wishes body to remain in France (H.) 12/22/20

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on      192  
 (Letter of transmittal on 12/13/1920)

Par #2 Not to be returned H.

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. JAN 4 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. 2/23 1921

COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_ CEMETERY NO. \_\_\_\_\_ SHEET NO. \_\_\_\_\_

G. R. S. FORM 115-A  
 August 1920

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France

1/3/21 E.H.

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

86044

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Coon 1277540 Gifford  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt. Co. D, 1st A.A. B.C. Bn.  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL Jan. 27/19

PLACE OF BURIAL Cemetery No. 96

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

American Cemetery near Hospital

Center Langres France

GRAVE NUMBER 156

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:

REVIEWED  
OSP SS.

REPORTED BY:

J. S. Keenan 1st Lt. M.C. C.H. 24  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

RECEIVED  
31 JANV 1919  
U. S. G. M.  
G. R. S.



C O P Y

293.8 Cem. Div., #86044, COON, Gifford

Dunellen, N. J.  
Dec. 23, 1920.

Dear Mr. Pierce:-

I write to let you know that I have notified the Red Cross of Washington about my son's grave. They answered & told me to write to you.

I heard that the boy's body has been moved. I would like you to find out if it is true.

My son told me he wish to be left where he died and I agreed to do so if they would keep up the corospondance with me.

I wrote to the lady who was suppose to take care of the grave & my letters came back unopen. I also wrote to the Mayor of Langres & my letters came back unopen.

I hope you will hunt this up as it will take a lot of worriement from my mind.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. J. G. Ruse

Pvt. Gifford Coon  
1277540 Co. D, 1st AAMG  
Bat  
Died 1/26/19  
Grave No. 156

Answer as soon as you can.

This is the name of the French lady who was suppose to take care of him and write to me.

I wrote to her & got the letters back unopen & I could not understand that.

Adresse:

Madame Pierre Youvanceau  
rue Lambert Payen  
Langres  
Haute Marne

Copied by H. Barclay

*Noted on #115  
data 12-30-20*

C O P Y

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Copied by H. Barclay

*Noted M 11 #115  
12-30-20*

Notes on #115  
12-30-20

Dumellen N.J.  
Dec. 23. 1920

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Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. O. M. G.  
File # 2938  
#86044

Dear Mr. Purce:-

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I wrote to the lady who was suppose to take care of the grave & my letters came back unopened.

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I also wrote to the Mayor.  
of Langres & my letters came  
back unopened.

I hope you will divert  
this up as it will take a  
lot of worryment from my  
mind.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs J. Ruess.

Prot. Gifford Coon

1277540 Co. D. 1st AA Regt

Bat.

Died 1/26/19

Grave No. 156.

Answer as soon as you can.

RECEIVED.

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DEC 28 1921  
G. R. S

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B.H.#53, A. O. 714.

Name Coon 1277540 Clifford

Cemetery 516

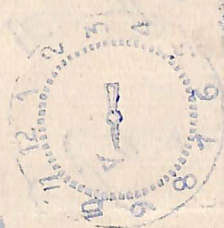
Grave # 156

Please send this ~~back~~.

Adresse :  
Madame Pierre Jouvanceau  
rue Lambert Payen  
Langres

H<sup>te</sup> - Marie

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DEC 28 1920  
P. M. S.

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DEC 29 1920

CEMETERY DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SEC.

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December 18th, 1920

Dear Mrs Reese  
 Dunellen  
 N. J.

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Dear Mrs Dunellen:

In reply to your letter of recent date regarding the return of your son's body we would advise that you write to Colonel Charles C. Pierce, Chief, Graves Registration Service, War Department Washington, D. C. as that office has full charge of our overseas cemeteries and the return to this country of our overseas dead.

Give full name, organization and serial number if possible in writing to Graves Registration Service and we trust that you will receive a prompt reply from that office. We would have forwarded your letter to the above named office had the name of the soldier been given.

Very sincerely yours

(Mrs) Sara P. Scanland, Supervisor  
 Graves Photographic Section  
 Bureau of Communication  
 American Red Cross

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of the subject been given.  
 These records have been turned to the proper named office and the name  
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File Number 86044

TO: REGISTRATION BRANCH, G. R. S.

Date 12-31-20

FROM: INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME: *Coon, Gifford*  
RANK: *Priv.*

Serial Number *1277540*  
ORGANIZATION: *C. D. - 1st A.A. M.G. Bn.*

No.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with records?	<i>Yes.</i>
2.	Date of death.	<i>(1) 1-25-19</i>
3.	Cause and place of death.	<i>(2) P. Pneumonia</i>
4.	Number of casualty cablegram.	<i>(4) 440</i>
5.	Date buried.	<i>(3) 1-27-19</i>
6.	Grave location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of cemetery or commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	<i>(6) Grave 156, Amer. Cty. #5163 Langres, Hte. Marne.</i>
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G. R. S.?	
9.	Report as to grave marker.	<i>(10) a - Yes b - Yes</i>
10.	Identification tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	<i>(11) Mrs. John Reese (mother) 134 North Ave., Dunnellen, N.J.</i>
11.	Complete emergency address?	
12.	Has been notified? (Give date.)	<i>(12) 4-7-19</i>
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 number?	<i>(14) D-1464</i>
15.	Inquiry made by.	

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.....X..... Confirmed.

..... Unconfirmed. *RIK*

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FROM: O.Q. ~~1128~~  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
Munitions Building  
Room 1128

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WAR. DEPARTMENT

Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A-O

Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 11/18/20.

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 **Coon,**
- b. Christian name ~~Glifford~~ *Gifford* **(John Gifford)**
- c. Serial Number **1277540.**
- d. Organization **Co. D, 1st A M G Bn.**
- e. Rank **Pvt.**
- f. Date of death **1/25/19.**
- g. Cause of death **L. Pneumonia.**
- h. Authority (C.O.#) *Cable 440*
- i. Emergency address *Mrs. John Reese*
- j. Relationship *North Ave.,*  
*Wheaton - Wheeling, W. Va.*

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

f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)

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

BY:

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

CEMETERY NO: 516.

SHEET NO: 48.

TYPED BY: tln.

s/713/LML

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Req No. 2805 Undisturb

File 47920

*Coon*

~~Ginn~~, John Gifford.

Co. D. 1st. A.M.G.Bn.

Req by :

Mrs John Reese (Mother)

134 North Avenue

Dunellen,

N.J.

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Lt. Noetzel - special

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G.R.S Form No. 8-W; Central Records  
Liaison,

1/23/20

Memo For: G.R.S. representative, C.R.O.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

1. Items checked are to be completed:

Surname: Coon  
 Number: 1277540  
 First name: Clifford Gifford  
 Rank: Pvt  
 Company: D  
 Organization: I. A. A. M. G. Bn.  
 Date of death: Jan. 25, 1919.  
 Cause: Lobar pneumonia.  
 Place:

Location of hospital:

Number " "  
Class " "

Emergency address: Mrs. John Reese  
# 134 North Ave  
 Relationship: mother Dumellen, N.J.

Authority:

Cablegram No: 440 2/6/19  
 Telegram from: —

dated:  
 Reported to Washington:  
 C.C.Nos.



(Underscore the "official" C.C.)

Remarks:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
 Colonel, Q. A. C., U.S.A.

NS-3404/MB

*Anderson* 7-317  
 1-24-20

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Lieut. Noetzel  
Hazel K. Proud

January 22, 1920

For Information and Attention

Our records show D-1464, CLIFFORD COON, Private, Co. D, I.A.A.M.G.Bn., buried in cemetery at Langres Franchies No. 516. This we have checked against your file 86044, and find that it agrees with the further particulars, Serial No. 1277540, date of death, January 25, -1919. This we released in due course to the Bureau of Personnel, and have just received the attached copy of letter from that Section.

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Chief, A.R.C. Photographic Section,  
Graves Registration Service.

p/h

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*e. S. W. L. C. E. etc.*

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National Headquarters

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Release (?)

D-1464 - Clifford Coon

January 12, 1920

Miss Proud:

We are returning this card to you as upon investigation the War Department gives us this man's name as John Gifford Coon, instead of Clifford, which you have checked as being correct. We have had correspondence with the mother and she always referred to him as "Gifford". The serial number, military address, and date of death are the same.

Elizabeth Donahue.

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Dunellen May 15<sup>th</sup>, 1919  
Graves registration service

I receive of

your letter about my son's grave  
and I think that I will leave  
him at rest so long as the letter  
says that you are going to take  
care of the graves. It would  
only make me feel worse to see  
his body brought home and taken  
out again. When I signed the  
card from Washington I thought I  
would be able to see him. and I  
will be very glad to get a  
picture of the grave. Answer soon  
and let me know if you will  
keep the body over there.

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Priv. John Syford Coon  
Co. 2 1st A. M. G. Bn.,  
Franco-American cemetery,  
Langres, Haute-Marne, France

his mother

Mrs John Reese  
134 North ave.,  
Dunellen  
N. J.



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

April 17th, 1919.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.  
TO : Mrs. John Reese, 134 North Avenue, Dunellen, N.J.  
SUBJECT : Disposition of remains of John Gifford Coon, Co.D. 1st  
A.M. G.Bn.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter, expressing the desire that the body of your son should remain in France, and you are advised that your request will be complied with.

2. Permit me to express to you my sympathy in the loss which you have sustained in the cause of our country,

LW.

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

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Drawn by myself

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Dunellen May 14th, 1919

P. L. Morris

Dear Sir

I am writing these few lines to ask if it is too late to stop my sons body from coming home. When I got the card and signed it I thought I could see him, and as long as I cant I would like him to be at rest where he is. It would only make me feel worse to bring the body home. So long as they take good care of the graves I guess he is better where he is. I wrote you you once before and received no answer please let me hear from you.

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6/5/19 no card on file  
5/31/19

#12 77540

Priv. John Gifford Coon  
Co. I 1st A. M. G. Bn.,

Mrs John Reisz  
134 North ave  
Dunellen  
N. J.

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June 25, 1919

Mrs. John Reese,  
134 North Ave.,  
Dunellen, N. J.

Dear Madam:

In response to your letter of May 14th, regarding the final disposition of the body of your son, John G. Coon, I beg leave to advise you that the card which was previously sent to you, has not yet been received in this office. Therefore a new card is this day being sent to you, which it is suggested that you carefully complete, stating your present wishes, and return it to this office in the inclosed envelope.

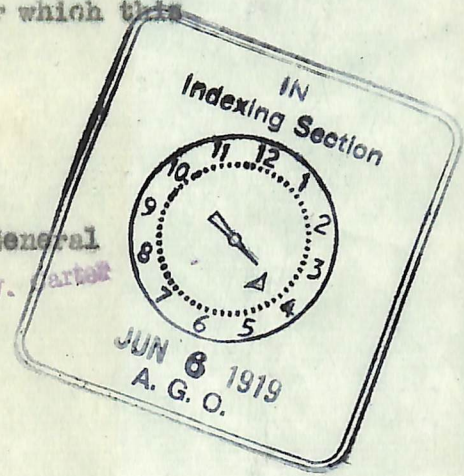
Permit me to express the sincere sympathy of the Department on account of the great loss you have sustained in the death of your son, and to commend you for the contribution made to the cause for which this soldier gave his life.

Very sincerely,

The Adjutant General

Per *W. V. Bartlett*

2 incls.



*file Bldg F-3-7  
6/5/19*

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P. C. Harris

Dear Sir

I have reconsidered about having my son's body removed from France. I would like to have it remain where it is if it is not too late.

Prin. John Gifford Coon  
Co. D-1st A. M. G. Bn  
died in France on Jan. 25th.

Yours Truly

Mrs. John Coon

134 North Ave

Punellen,  
N.J.

Please answer

Received A GVO, APR 25 1919



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May 24, 1919.

Mrs. John Reese,  
134 North Ave.,  
Dunellen, N.J.

Dear Madam:-

In view of your wishes as set forth in your letter of April 24th, concerning the final disposition of the remains of your son, John G. Coon, the card previously sent in by you is herewith returned, together with a new one. It is requested that you fill out the new card showing your present wishes and return it to this office in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage.

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

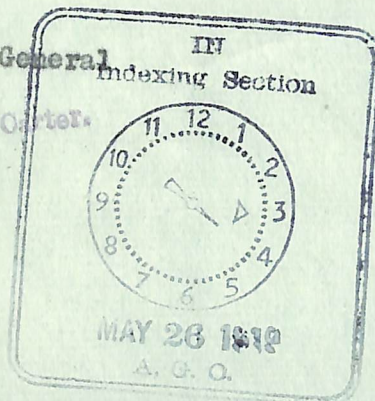
Very respectfully,

The Adjutant General

Per W. V. Carter.

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