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G.R.S. Form #114 B  
MMB

To The A. G. O.

2046

MAR 10 1926

DATE 3/24/22

1. NAME COTHERAN, James

SERIAL No. 1870798

RANK Pvt

ORGANIZATION Co. I 371st Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION French Mil. Cty. Bar-le-Duc, Meuse

DIVISION 99

#542

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

14

Amer.

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

Nothing of record

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES

Not known

CONCENTRATED TO

Nothing 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

May 16, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

D.C.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

none

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

Nothing of record.

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

Wm M. Cline

Wm M. CLINE  
Captain Q.M.C.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION

3/24/22

6

6

B

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

Block 1001

Meuse Argonne American Cty #v1232. Romagne sous Montfaucon

CEMETERY

MAR 11 1926  
A.G.O.  
WORLD WAR

749 D. 2/23/23

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## 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.



CLASS OF SERVICE	SYMBOL
Day Message	
Day Letter	Blue
Night Message	Nite
Night Letter	N L

If none of these three symbols appears after the check (number of words) this is a day message. Otherwise its character is indicated by the symbol appearing after the check.

# WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM



NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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**RECEIVED AT**

A15DG 10

BRADLEY SC 759A MAY 23 1918

MCCAIN

2391

ADJUTANT GENERAL WASHINGTON DC

PLEASE SHIP BODY OF JAMES COTHERAN TO BRADLEY SC ANSWER

ISOM COTHERAN

838A



RECEIVED A.G.O., MAY 23 1918

*2391-3 Cotheran, James*

In answer refer to file No. 298.3-A-Cemeterial

May 24, 1918.

From: The Quartermaster General of the Army.

To: Mr. Ison Cotheran, Bradley, S.C.

Subject: Shipment home of remains of Private James Cotheran, Co. I, 371st Inf.

1. This office is in receipt of your telegram of the 23rd instant requesting shipment to Bradley, S.C., ----- of the remains of James Cotheran, Private, Co. I, 371st Infantry, -- who died May 16, 1918, in France, of pneumonia.

2. In reply I regret to inform you that it will be impracticable to comply with your request as the Secretary of War has decided, on the recommendation of the Commanding General of the American Expeditionary Forces, that bodies of deceased officers and soldiers will not be shipped from France to the United States during the continuance of the War. This policy has been adopted in view of the difficulties in shipping the remains home, and the Department is unable to deviate from the policy which has been adopted.

3. You are advised, however, that if in the future it is found to be practicable to ship the remains home in accordance with your request, it will be done. If your address as indicated above is not correct, or you should desire that your request for shipment home of the remains be canceled, this office should be advised accordingly.

4. Under existing regulations the necessary steps will be taken by the military authorities in France to mark the grave of each soldier who dies or is killed in battle, and to register the number and location of the grave and to establish beyond a doubt their identity should it become desirable subsequently to disinter the remains for removal to the United States.

COPY to the  
Depot Quartermaster,  
Army Bldg.,  
N. Y. City, N. Y.

A. E. WOOD,  
Acting Quartermaster General.

By: H. R. Lemly,  
Major, Q. M. Corps, N. A.

MAILED

MAY 24 1918

France

C O T H E R A N, James

Entered on list

Cotheran, James

Private, Company I, 371st Inf.

Died May 16, 1918, Amexforce, of  
pneumonia.

In line of duty. Not the result  
of own misconduct.

Emergency Address:

Idom Cotheran, father,  
R. F. D. No. 1,  
Bradley, S. C.

A. C. G. O. 5/27/18.

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Write nothing below this line.

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Cothran James	3	3 0 12 5 0
BURIED	CEMETERY 1235	1	1
	GRAVE 6	2	06
	ROW 6	2	06
	BLOCK B.	1	2
STATE	S.C.	2	46
RANK	Pat.	1	2
DIVISION	93	2	93
ORGANIZATION	371	3	371
ARM	Inf.	1	1
MARITAL	No	1	2
NAME	Cothran, Walter	3	
	1308 Percy St.		
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	
	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Dead 5/14/18	1	6
NATIVITY		1	
RACE	BLACK	1	2
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

*Brother*

*Audited*  
APR 21 1982  
MB

*MH*

29/514  
*Am*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

DATE Aug. 15, 1930

NAME	RANK	SERIAL	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
<u>Cotheran, James.</u>	<u>Pvt.</u>	<u>1870798</u>	<u>Co. I, 371st Inf.</u>	<u>May 16, 1918</u>

STATE	CTY. NO.	GRAVE	ROW	BLOCK
<u>S. C.</u>	<u>1232</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>B</u>

	<u>Check relationship</u>	<u>Living - Deceased</u>	
NAME AND ADDRESS	MOTHER	: : <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> :	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>XC-17773 7/20/30</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Walter Cotheran</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>1308 Percy St -</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Philadelphia</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Pa -</i></p>
	STEPMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)	: : : : :	
	MOTHER THRU ADOPTION (For the year prior to commencement of service)	: : : : :	
	MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS (For the year prior to commencement of service)	: : : : :	
	WIDOW (Who has not remarried)	: : : : :	
	<i>single man</i>	: : : : :	

Veterans Bureau Claim Number 29/156/



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cotheran, James 1232-

June 20, 1930

Mrs. Rena Lyons Cotheran,  
RFD #1,  
Bradley, South Carolina

*Received*  
*May 16 - 18*  
*1870798*

Dear Madam:

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

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

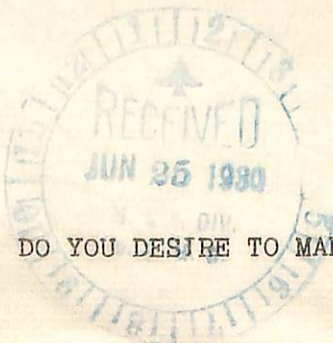
As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope, which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



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

(Write answer here)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON, D. C.  

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS

WASHINGTON, D.C. 9  
JUN 20  
6:30 PM  
1930

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO  
AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE \$300  
YOUR MAIL  
TO  
STREET AND  
NUMBER

RETURN TO WRITER  
REASON FOR NON-DELIVERY CHECKED  
Unknown  ..... Unknown .....  
Incorrect  ..... Per better address .....  
Incorrect  ..... Per address ..... Refused .....  
No such post office by state named .....

BRADLEY  
JUN  
24  
P.M.  
1930

Deceased

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 28, 1929.

Cotheran, James

Mrs. Rena Lyons Cotheran,  
R.F.D. #1,  
Bradley, S. C.

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 Pvt. James Cotheran, Co. I, 371st Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, 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 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.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

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

(Write answer here)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

**Cotheran, James**  
1232

September 3, 1929

**Mrs. Rena Lyons Cotheran**  
R. F. D. #1  
Bradley, So. Car.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated **June 28, 1929** making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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

In reply refer to:  
293.8 C-R

2451

March 12, 1923.

Mr. Idon Cotheran  
RFD 1,  
Bradley, S.C.

Dear Sir: The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of

Pvt. James Cotheran, Co. I, 371st Inf., is No. 6, Row 6, Block B, ~~House-Agonite~~ American military cemeteries ~~This is one of the permanent cemeteries, Romagne-~~ sous-Montfaucon, (Meuse), Government in Europe. Each grave will to be maintained by this Government. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. 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.

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.

Very truly yours,

H. J. Conner,  
Assistant.

MAILED

MAR 12 1923

22/1423/ARK

G.R.S.

III

Cotheran,

(Surname.)

James

(Christian name in full.)

1870,798 ✓

(Army serial number.)

Pvt.

Co. 1 371st Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Father

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

No

(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery?

(Yes or no.)

If you desire the remains interred at the home of the deceased, give full information below as to where they should be sent:

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.) ✓

Bradley

(Number and street.)

St. Louis

(City or town.)

Mo.

(State.)

(Sign here)

James Cotheran  
Mar 12

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by Ed.  
542- 112

1-20-21

Checked  
1-21-21  
E.M.

Place Baile Duc, Meuse.,

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date October 19-21

1. REMAINS OF Cotheran James

SERIAL NUMBER

1870798

RANK Pvt.

ORGANIZATION Co. I. 371st Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): October 19-21

From (give complete location):

Grave 14. Cem. 542

By: Group 2

Unit F.S.# 3.

3. Reburied (date):

In (give complete location):

March 24, 1922. Meuse Argonne Cty #1232, Gr. 6, BL. B, Row 6.

By: Group Reburial S

Unit

Nature of Reburial Lined casket.

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

Blanket and Pine box. Found under cross.

Badly decomposed recognition impossible.

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

On grave marker? no

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

No effects. metal plate on top of burial box, ~~xxxx~~ agrees with form 114.A

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

decayed 1

(b) Weight (estimated) impossible to estimate

(c) Hair—Color apparently dark brown

Quantity impossible to determine

Characteristics Curley

(d) Hair on face—Color None visible.

Location None visible.

Quantity None.

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

or missing parts) None visible.

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

None visible.

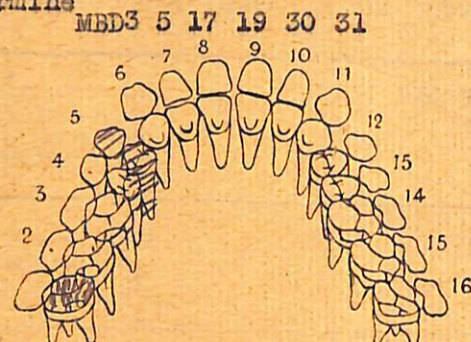
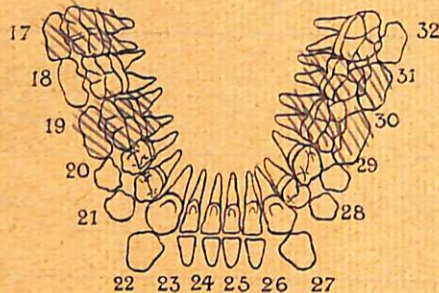


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



Mad 11 12 13 32

7. Disinterment

supervised by H. I. Huribut

Approved W. H. Roach, 1st Lt. QMC

(Title)

8. Reburial

Supervised by W. B. Sheffield

Approved A. E. Dewey, 1st Lt. QMC.

(Title)

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

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

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".

(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No 6.

6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

**MISSING TEETH**

All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus:



**CROWNED TEETH**

Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:



**BRIDGE WORK**

Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus:



**FILLINGS**

Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:



**CARIES (CAVITIES)**

Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:



**DENTURES (PLATES)**

Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp"

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

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

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE October 19-21

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 COTHERAN, James  
 2. No. -1870798  
 3. Rank Pvt.  
 4. Org. Co.I 371st Inf.  
 5. D.D. 5-16  
 6. C.D. Pneumonia

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 14 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. Plot Amer. Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 17. None.

18. Cemetery French.Mil.Cty.  
 20. Dept. or County Meuse  
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. #542

19. Commune or town Bar-le-Duc  
 21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) October 19-21

By H.L.Hurlbut

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name James Cotheran  
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organization Co.I.371st Inf.

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

S. I. Tlemage  
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

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

No effects. Metal plate on top on burial box agrees with form 114. -A

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed recognition impossible.

28. Nature of burial Blanket and Pine box. Found under cross.

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 October 19-21 By H.L.Hurlbut

31. Casket sealed by H.L.Hurlbut

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) H.L.Hurlbut

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. **C-8788**

32. Designation of body:  
Name **COTHERAN, James** Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Rank **Pvt.** Organization **Co. I 371st Inf.**  
**Officer in Charge Operations,**

33. Consigned to:  
Name of Permanent Cemetery **Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne/s/Montfalcon 1232**  
**October 19-21** **H.L. ROACH**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

35. I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.  
**G.H. Roach, 1st Lt., U.S.A.**  
Signature of G.R.S. Inspector \_\_\_\_\_

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

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) \_\_\_\_\_  
To point of Concentration \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) **W.H. Roach**  
Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer **Oct 19-21.**

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_  
By G.R.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date **Nov. 11, 1918**  
To Permanent Cemetery **Romagne**  
(Name) **James G. ...**  
Convoyer **James G. ...** Signature Shipping Officer **1st Lt. ...**

40. Received: Date \_\_\_\_\_  
G.R.S. Representative **Meuse Argonne Cty. #1232, March 24, 1922.**

41. Reinterred \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date) \_\_\_\_\_

42. Grave No. **B** Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_

**A.E. Dewey, 1st Lt. QMG.**  
G.R.S. Representative **A.E. Dewey**

COG

3505

# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File # 2451

(a) Name COTHERAN, James Ser. No. 1870798  
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. I, 371st Inf.  
(c) Date of death 5-16-18 (d) Cause of death pneumonia

TYP. egg  
CKR. asw

*(ok 7/9/21)*  
*11/21/21 Exhumed  
for concentration  
in New-Orleans,  
(AES)  
#1232,  
12-8-21*

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

(a) Grave No. 14 Row - Plot Amer. Sec. - TYP. egg  
(b) Emerg. Address Idon Cotheran, (father) RFD 1, Bradley, S.C.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases NO CARD CKR. asw

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD: *(ok card 7/9/21)*

Date of receipt \_\_\_\_\_

(a) Name Idon Cotheran (b) Relationship father  
(c) Address Bradley S.C.  
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? no  
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at \_\_\_\_\_

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. \_\_\_\_\_

(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. \_\_\_\_\_

Examiner's Initials E.S. Date 1-20- 1921

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

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

no correspondence

Examiner's Initials E.S. Date 1-20- 1921

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

no request for disposition

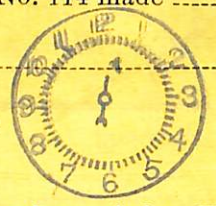
(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes. P.F.

Examiner's Initials P.F. Date 1-21- 1921

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 542 SHEET No. 12

*Reviewed 4-1-21 ED*

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



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VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920

FEB 17 1921

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OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SEC.

**Par. 2 Not to be returned.**

IX. CORRECTIONS

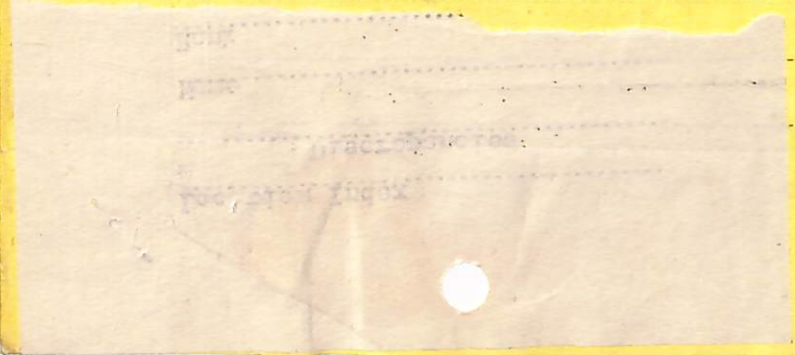
CHANGE OF ADVICE.	ACTION TAKEN.
Desires body be _____	
Body to be shipped to _____	

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: Form 120 dated 2-24-21 from Isom Cothran, Father,  
Bradley, S.C., requests the remains of his son left in Europe.  
No widow or children survive.

H 3-4-21 (GA)

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

3-17-21 *GW*



COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

*1/21/21 Exhumed  
for concentration  
in Meuse Argonne  
#1232*

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File # 2451

(a) Name COTHERAN, James Ser. No. 1870798  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. I, 371st Inf.  
 (c) Date of death 5-16-18 Cause of death pneumonia

TYP. egp

*agm*

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

(a) Grave No. 14 Row - Plot Amer. Sect. - TYP egp  
 (b) Emerg. Address Idon Cotheran, (father) RD. 1, Bradley, S.C.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases. NO CARD CKR agm

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

*A.G.O. Card - Idon Cotheran (father) Bradley, S.C.  
requests body be not returned to U.S. # 2-1-21*

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

**Par. 2 Not to be returned.**

**JAN 27 1921**

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. FEB 15 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. MAR 17 1921 192

COUNTRY	CEMETERY NO.	SHEET NO.
G.R.S. FORM 115-A August , 1920		
S-666/MB <b>France</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>12</b>

*2/12/21. F.L.*

**WAR DEPARTMENT**  
**OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY** 542-12 el  
**CEMETERIAL DIVISION**  
**WASHINGTON**  
**HOBOKEN, N.J.**

FEB 19 1921

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

To: Mr. Iden Cotheran, RFD #1, Bradley, S.C.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. James Cotheran, Ser. No. 1870798 Co. I, 371st Inf.

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

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

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

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

Was soldier married? No

	NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow	<u>None</u>		<u>Bradley</u>	<u>S.C.</u>
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1 <u>None</u>			
	2 <u>None</u>			
	3 <u>None</u>			
Father	<u>Isom Cotheran</u>		<u>Bradley</u>	<u>S.C.</u>
Mother	<u>Rena Lyons Cotheran</u>		<u>Bradley</u>	<u>S.C.</u>
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1 <u>Paul Cotheran</u>		<u>Augusta</u>	<u>Ga</u>
	2 <u>Walter Cotheran</u>		<u>Philadelphia</u>	<u>P.A.</u>
	3 <u>None</u>			
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1 <u>Amelia Hutton</u>		<u>Philadelphia</u>	<u>P.A.</u>
	2 <u>Eula Mosely</u>		<u>Bradley</u>	<u>S.C.</u>
	3 <u>Kelie Williams</u>		<u>Greenwood</u>	<u>S.C.</u>
Date	<u>Feb. 24, 1921</u>			
Address	<u>Bradley S.C.</u>			
Signatures	<u>Isom Cotheran</u>			
Relationship	<u>Father</u>			

FEB 26 1921

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

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to \_\_\_\_\_ (Name.) \_\_\_\_\_ (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 \_\_\_\_\_

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

1. If definite instructions for the disposition of a body are not received from the next of kin within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.

2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.

3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT of kin IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.

4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest next of kin in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.

5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.

6. If YOU are not the nearest next of kin, please ask the nearest next of kin, if living near you, to fill out this paper.

7. If YOU are not the nearest living next of kin and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.

8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.

9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
QUARTERMASTER CORPS  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
PIER 2, HOBOKEN, N. J.

March 11, 1921.

File No. 29 3.8 Cem. Div. Cor. Branch.  
(COTHERAN, James)

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O. Q. M. G.,  
Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT: Return of Records of Cemetery #542.  
Transmittal Memorandum Number H - 1943.

1. The records pertaining to the following case are returned herewith, it having been definitely determined that the body is to remain in Europe:

REFERENCE NO:

12 ✓ Cotheran, James, Private, Serial Number 1870798,  
Company "I", 371st Infantry.

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

BY:

*F. C. Pallas*  
F. C. PALLAS,  
Executive Assistant.

1 Incl.

Received 3-19-21

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GENERAL DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SEC.

BY:

Official in Charge  
General Overseas Project Sub-Section  
G. H. S.

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REFERENCE NO:

Condition of file, dated 1921  
Condition of file, dated 1921, Serial Number 123456

Location in file:

Condition of file determined that the copy is to  
be returned to the file, if possible  
The records pertaining to the following

SECTION:

Serial Number 123456 - Serial Number 123456

REMARKS FOR:

Serial Number 123456 - Serial Number 123456

(Serial Number)

File No. 123456 - Serial Number 123456

March 17, 1921

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
GENERAL REGISTRATION SERVICE  
QUARTERMASTER CORPS  
WAR DEPARTMENT

March 10th, 1921.

File No. 295.8 Cem.Div.Cor.Branch.  
(COTHERAN, James )

Mr. Isom Cotheran,  
Bradley, S. C.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt of shipping inquiry dated February 24th, 1921, relative to the remains of your son, the late Private James Cotheran, serial number 1870798, Company I., 571st Infantry, is acknowledged.

In accordance with your desire, the remains will be left in France for burial in a permanent American Cemetery. You are assured that the grave site will always be maintained as a fitting memorial of the late soldier's sacrifice.

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. H. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q.M. Corps,  
Officer in Charge.

BY:

F. C. PALLAS,  
Executive Assistant.

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MAR 16 1921  
COR. BR. G. R. S.

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

2. Soldier's No.

3. Cotheran, James  
Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials

4. Rank Company 371 Inf. Regt. or Corps

5. May 16, 1918.  
Date of Death Cause, if known

6. Fr. Mil.  
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. Bar-le-Duc Meuse  
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. 14  
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

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

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

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

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12. Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

13. Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed H. B. McC.

Group Hq. 1st Army Unit G. R. S.

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Cotheran 1870798 James

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

co I, 371 Infantry

(Rank.)

(Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL May 16, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL Bar-le-Duc, France

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

Military Cemetery, American Plat

GRAVE NUMBER 1 head, Section 2

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? X

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:

Name Plate on cross

REPORTED BY:

Jules Montana

1st Lt, A G O

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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**GRAVE LOCATION PLANK.**

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

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Cotheran 1870798 James

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

co I, 371 Infantry

(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL May 16, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL Bar-le-Duc, France

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REPORTED BY :

Jules Fontana

1st Lt, A G O

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

ADJUSTMENT MADE  
FEB 16 1921

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
Office of the Quartermaster General of the  
Washington

PLEASE  
EXPEDITE

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

Date 1-22-21

File No. Requisition.

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)  
To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.  
Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

- a. Surname **Cotheran** *O.K.*
- b. Christian name **James** *O.K.*
- c. Serial Number **1,870,798** *O.K.*
- d. Organization **Co. I, 371st Inf.** *O.K.*
- e. Rank **Pvt.** *O.K.*
- f. Date of death **5-16-18** *O.K.*
- g. Cause of death **pneumonia** *O.K.*
- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- i. Emergency address  
*Rena Cotheran*
- j. Relationship *mother*  
*Bradley South Carolina.*

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Reco

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

**FILE**

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
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lower right lower left

*S.M. Samnelly / G.M.  
G.M. Chisler  
CW Jan 24/21*

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

BY: *H. J. Conner*

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

CEMETERY NO: 542

SHEET NO: 12

TYPED BY: *egp*

*none*  
S/713/LHL

Rec'd World War Div.  
Date **JAN. 24 1921**

Rec'd S & S Div. A.G.O.  
**JAN 24 1921**

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1st. Lieut., Q.M.C.

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TYPED BY: *egp*

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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