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G.R.S. Form #114-B

FULL NAME COTTON, Elijah

RANK Pvt. SERIAL 2860029

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION Co. C. 318th Lab. Bn. / *27th*

DATE OF DEATH *Dec 6, 1918* *also Oct. 12, 1926*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME *Louisiana*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED.

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION *none* 22 35 C

Date Grave Row Block

Meuse-Argonne, #1232

Cemetery

Robert O. Davis
Major General

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LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

..... **Cotton** **2860029** **Eljah**

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

..... **Pvt.** **C Co.** **313** **Inf.** **Bn.**

(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: **Base Hospital 32**

CAUSE OF DEATH: **Sepsis**

DATE OF BURIAL: **Dec. 9, 1918**

PLACE OF BURIAL: **American Cemetery 94**

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

..... **Centreville (Vosges)**

GRAVE NUMBER: **1-269**

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?.....Cross? **Yes**

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?

NEAREST RELATIVE: **Henry Cotton**

ADDRESS: **Ouderson, Miss.**

RELATIONSHIP: **Father**

REPORTED BY: **Charles E. Dink**

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

1st Lt. Sea Corps USA

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

CODE SLIP

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HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	<i>Cotton</i>	3	<i>38-10</i>
BURIED	CEMETERY	1	<i>1</i>
	GRAVE	2	<i>22</i>
	ROW	2	<i>35</i>
	BLOCK	1	<i>3</i>
STATE	<i>La.</i>	2	<i>22</i>
RANK	<i>Priv.</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>2.7M.C.</i>	2	<i>57</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>318</i>	3	<i>318</i>
ARM	<i>Lab. Co.</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARITAL	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME	<i>COTTON</i>	3	
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	
	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER	<i>Father died 1925</i>	1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Dead (1909)</i>	1	<i>6</i>
NATIVITY	<i>(no loco)</i>	1	
RACE	<u><i>Black</i></u>	1	<i>2</i>
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

Brother

Audited
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QM 293 A-M

July 16, 1932.

Cotton, Elijah (MA) x

Mr. Lonnie Cotton,

Leland, Mississippi.

Dear Sir:

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

It is therefore requested that you advise whether or not your brother, the late Private Elijah Cotton, is survived by a step-mother, and if so, her name and address and the date of her marriage to his father.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Cotton, Elijah - Pot. Col. 318 Lab Bu

Common law wife (?) Susie Cotton Rayville, La.

Father living died 1925

Bro or aunt? - Connie Cotton, Leland Miss.

~~Sister?~~ Mother died 1909

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QM 295 A-M
Cotton, Elijah Pvt 1232 B

August 5, 1950.

Mr. Lennie Cotton,
Leland, Mississippi.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of the form letter completed by you relative to the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

Your communication relative to compensation has been referred to the United States Veterans Bureau as a matter pertaining to that office.

For The Quartermaster General;

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Cotton, Elijah Pvt. 1232 B

August 5, 1930.

SUBJECT: Compensation.

TO: Director, United States Veterans Bureau,
Washington, D. C.

1. There is enclosed herewith, as a matter pertaining to your office, a copy of a letter from Mr. Lonnie Cotton, brother of the late Private Elijah Cotton, relative to compensation.
2. Mr. Cotton has been advised of this reference.

For The Quartermaster General:

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

Encl:
Copy - lt.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

July 8, 1930.

Cotton, Elijah 1232 B *ont.*

Mr. Lonnie Cotton,
Leland, Miss.

Dear Sir:

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

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

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

no

If so, give her name and address:

deceased;

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

no.

If so, give her name and address:

none existed;

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

no;

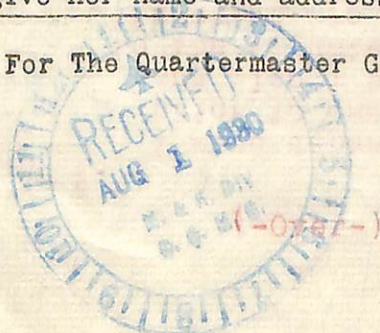
If so, give her name and address:

none existed;

his mother are dead.

For The Quartermaster General,

Enclosures:
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Act
Amendment



Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

DATE January 16, 1930

*Ennis Cotton,
Rayville - La.
Claims to be wife, but was never
legally married.*

NAME	RANK	SERIAL	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
Cotton, Elijah	Pvt.	2860029	Co. C. 318th Lab Bn	Dec. 5, 1918

STATE Louisiana CTY. NO. 1232 GRAVE 22 ROT 35 BLOCK C

NAME AND ADDRESS	Check relationship	Living - Deceased	
		Living	Deceased
	MOTHER	:	: ✓ :
	STEPMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	: :
	MOTHER THRU ADOPTION (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	: (bro) Jonnie Cotton
	MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	: Leland
	WIDOW (Who has not remarried)	:	: miss.
	<i>Single man</i>	:	: _____

Veterans Bureau Claim Number
29/156/

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

(Cotton, Elijah)

Sept. 9, 1929.

Mr. Lonnie Cotton,
Leland, Miss.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the brother of the late Private Elijah Cotton, Co. C, 318th Lab. Bn., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return 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?
2. If so, give her complete address.
3. 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.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress
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JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
(Cotton, Elijah)

June 28, 1929.

Mr. Henry Cotton,
Iceland, Mississippi.

*Below application whom
Jennie Cotton (Brother)
Iceland, Miss
8-29-29*

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Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Private Elijah Cotton, Co. C, 318th Lab. Bn., 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 mother or widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish the full names and addresses of the mother and widow in order that action may be taken to extend invitations to them to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

John T. Harris

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

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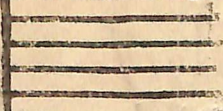
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QM 293 A-M

July 16, 1932.

Cotton, Elijah (MA) x

Mr. Lomnie Cotton,

Leland, Mississippi.

Dear Sir:

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It is therefore requested that you advise whether or not your brother, the late Private Elijah Cotton, is survived by a step-mother, and if so, her name and address and the date of her marriage to his father.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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QM 293 A-M
Cotton, Elijah Pvt. 1232 B

August 5, 1930.

SUBJECT: Compensation.

TO: Director, United States Veterans Bureau,
Washington, D. C.

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2. Mr. Cotton has been advised of this reference.

For The Quartermaster General:

A. D. HUGHES,
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Assistant.

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Cotton, Elijah Pvt 1232 B

August 5, 1930.

Mr. Lennie Cotton,
Leland, Mississippi.

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For The Quartermaster General;

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

July 8, 1930.

Cotton, Elijah 1232 B

Mr. Lonnie Cotton,
Leland, Miss.

Dear Sir:

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

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

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

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If so, give her name and address:

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If so, give her name and address:

For The Quartermaster General,

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

(Cotton, Elijah)
1232

Sept. 12, 1929.

Mr. Lonnie Cotton,
Leland, Miss.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated Sept. 9, 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,

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

(Cotton, Elijah)

Sept. 9, 1929.

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Leland, Miss.

Dear Sir:

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The records of this office show that you are the brother of the late Private Elijah Cotton, Co. C, 518th Lab. Bn., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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June 28, 1929.

Mr. Henry Cotton,
Leland, Mississippi.

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

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Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON

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October 12, 1926.

IN REPLY REFER TO AG 201 Cotton, Elijah, (WW)

SUBJECT: Date of death.

To: The Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

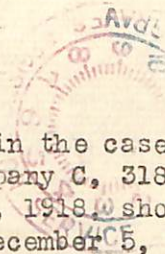
An investigation recently completed by this office in the case of Elijah Cotton, Army serial number 2,860,029, Private, Company C, 318th Labor Battalion, who was reported to have died December 6, 1918, shows that the report is erroneous and that this soldier died December 5, 1918 of accidental (rifle bullet) wounds in line of duty.

By order of the Secretary of War:



Joe N. Patton
Adjutant General.

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October 12, 1926.

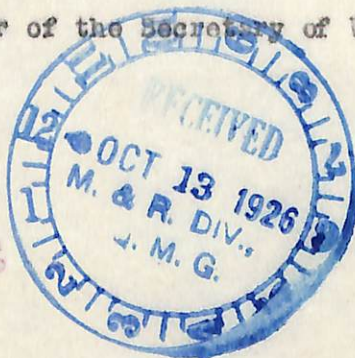
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By order of the Secretary of War:



J. N. Dalton
Adjutant General.

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Cotton, Elijah



OCT 13 1926



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General Director

T. H. DeLoach

By order of the Director of FBI:

of assignment (this matter) would in time of day. The above is erroneous and this matter dated December 2, 1918. Thereafter, who was reported to have died December 2, 1918, some other person, with serial number 2,800,000, Bureau, County of Essex, Massachusetts, recently completed by this office in the case of

Director, D. C.

The Superintendent General

Date of death

NO 301 Cotton, H. J. (AM)

October 13, 1926

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Handwritten signature: J. Edgar Hoover

Handwritten initials: J. E. H.

Cotton,

(Surname.)

Elijah

(Christian name in full.)

2,860, 029

(Army serial number.)

Dup. ✓

Pvt.

Co. ^CG, 318th Lab. Bn.

(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
desire them interred in a national cemetery?

XXX

(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)

Henry Cotton

no mark

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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In reply refer to:
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January 10, 1923.

Mr. Henry Cotton,
Leland, Miss.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of the late Private Elijah Cotton, Company C, 318th Labor Battalion, is Grave 22, Row 35, Block C, House-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse, France. This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, organization, 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,

MAILED

JAN 10 1923

H. J. Conner,
Assistant.

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G.R.S.

DATE 12/2/21.

1. NAME Cotton, Elijah SERIAL No. 2860029
 RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. C 318th Lab. Bn
 GRAVE LOCATION Amer. Cty. Contrexeville - Vosges 94
CTY. NAME NUMBER
156
GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 269 Contrexeville Vosges
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES E.363.65 N.154.95 Map Mirecourt S.E.84

CONCENTRATED TO Feb.17,1921 156
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT
American Cty., Contrexeville 94
CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Appears to have been hospital case. Post mortem performed on cerebral cavity. Ident. tags found on grave marker and on body. ~~maxilla~~ Face and skull crushed on right hand side. Right cheek bone, and fracture of upper jaw, right side missing. Per GRS Form 16-A Feb.17,1921 signed A.B. Proctor, 1st Lt. QMC.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS None
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR Stanley J. Grogan
STANLEY J. GROGAN, Capt. Inf. USA.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 12/2/21. 22 35 C.
DATE GRAVE ROW Block

AUDITED BY
M.G.D. 12/19/22

e1 Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. #1252 Romagne-sous-Montfaucon. (Meuse)
CEMETERY

RECEIVED
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
MAY 21 1922

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.

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 Questions 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.

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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 12th 1921.

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 Cotton, Elijah

10. Name _____

2. No. 2860029

11. No. _____

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank _____

4. Org. Co. C 318th Lab. Bn

13. Org. _____

5. D.D. 12-6-18

14. (a) D.D. _____

6. C.D. DOW

(b) D.B. No Discrepancies.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 156 Sec. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____

8. Plot _____ Row _____

16. Plot _____ Row _____

9. _____

17. No Discrepancies.

18. Cemetery Amer.

19. Commune or town Contraxeville

20. Dept. or County Vosges

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 94

23. Disinterred (Date) October 12th 1921.

By THEO. MILLER.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name ELIJAH COTTON.

Serial No. ---

Rank Pvt.

Organization Co. C 318th Lab. Bn. Grave 156.

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

Glenn C. Dorsey
Signature Junior Technical Assistant
GLENN C. DORSEY.

PREPARATION

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

~~Bottle containing reburial record found on body. No effects found. Form 16a accomplished.~~

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, recognition impossible.

28. Nature of burial In blanket and wooden box.

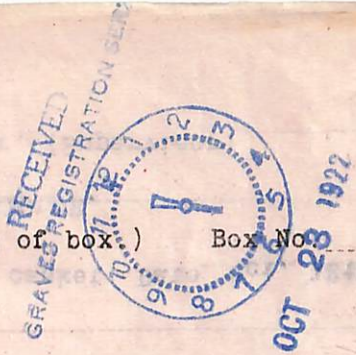
29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? No.

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Oct. 12th 1921. By THEO. MILLER.

31. Casket sealed by THEO. MILLER.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

Theo Miller
THEO. MILLER.



SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box) Box No. C-11377

32. Designation of body:

Name Cotton, Elijah Serial No. 2860029

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. C 318th Lab. Bn

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse Argonne Amer. #1232. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) October 12th 1921. By THEO. MILLER ^{Meuse}

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

R.L. Fain
R.L. FAIN,
Capt. Q.M.C.

hem

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) October 12th 1921.

To point of Concentration Neufchateau, (Vosges) France.

(Name)

Convoyer CONWAY Signature Shipping Officer Capt. Q.M.C.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 3 OCT 1921

To Permanent Cemetery Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, (Meuse) France.

(Name)

Convoyer C. L. RIELEY Signature Shipping Officer W.R. Buckley

W.R. Buckley, Capt. Q.M.C.

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred Meuse-Argonne Cemetery #1232 Dec. 2, 1921

(Date)

42. Grave No. 22 Section

43. Plot Block C Row 35

el

G.R.S. Representative

James W. Younger
James W. Younger
Captain, Q.M.C.

Original

Reburial

Place Cottreville - Vosges.

Date Feb. 17 - 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF COTTON, ELIJAH SERIAL NUMBER 2860029

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION C. C. 318th Lab. Bn.

2. Disinterred (date): Feb. 17 - 1921 From (give complete location): Grave No 269 - Am Cem. No 94 - Cottreville - Vosges.

By: Group 2our. Unit Section One.

3. Reburied (date): Feb 17 - 1921 In (give complete location): Grave No 156 - Am Cem No 94 - Cottreville - Vosges.

By: Group 2our. Unit Sec. One Nature of reburial By Blanket in Pine Box.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: In O.D.U.S. uniform, in Pine Box without shoes or leggings. Body disintegrated.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks: Appears to have been hospital case. Post mortem performed on Cerebral Cavity.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to Determine

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible Estimate

(c) Hair—Color No hair on skull,

Quantity None

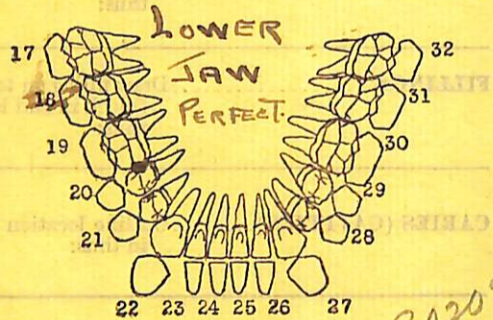
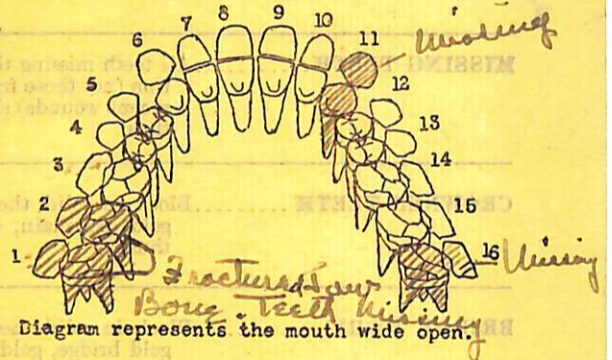
Characteristics None

(d) Hair on face—Color None

Location None

Quantity None.

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) Impossible to Report.



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) Face + skull crushed on right hand side. Right cheek bone, + fraction of upper jaw, right side, missing

7. Disinterment supervised by G.D. Gamble 1st Lt., QMC., Inspector

Approved: (A.B. Proctor) 1st Lt., QMC., Acting M. of S. #1 (Title)

8. Reburial supervised by G.D. Gamble 1st Lt., QMC., Inspector

Approved: (A.B. Proctor) 1st Lt., QMC., Acting M. of S. #1

G.S.O.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

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.
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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."

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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.

R. J. M.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

WASHINGTON
Hoboken, N.J.

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Cemeterial Division
Overseas Project Sub-Section

*Note recipient also
wishes name
& address*

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

To: Mr. Henry Cotton, R.F.D. # 1, Box 84, Gunnison, Miss.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. - Elijah Cotton, Ser. No. 2860029,
Co. C. 318th Inf. Bn.

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

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

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

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

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Was soldier married? <i>said to be</i> Soldier's widow <i>Jessie Cotton</i>	<i>Jessie Cotton</i>	<i>Rayville</i>	<i>La.</i>
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	<i>None</i>		
1. <i>None</i>			
2. <i>None</i>			
3. <i>None</i>			
Father <i>Henry Cotton</i>		<i>Leland</i>	<i>Miss.</i>
Mother <i>Mary Elizabeth Cotton</i>		<i>Dead</i>	
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)		<i>Spickman</i>	<i>Ark</i>
1. <i>Richard Cotton</i>		<i>Leland</i>	<i>Miss.</i>
2. <i>Lennie Cotton</i>			
3. <i>None</i>			
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)		<i>Gunnison</i>	<i>Ms</i>
1. <i>Clara Cotton Harris</i>		<i>Leland</i>	<i>Ms</i>
2. <i>Mariah " Taylor</i>		<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>
3. <i>Dethenia " Phillips</i>		<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Gertrude " Alexander</i>			<i>"</i>

*Noted on R.C. No 115
Date 1/18/21*

Date *12/24/20*

Signature *Henry Cotton*

Address *Leland, Miss*

Relationship *Father*

IMPORTANT.—CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper.

*witness
Eugene Gerald*

CEMETERIAL DIVISION

1920.

I, the undersigned, am the Father and nearest living relative of the within-named

(Relationship.)

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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.

Please send me a photograph of his grave his

2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to

Hen Cotton

(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.

*witnesses
Eugene Gerald, Ireland, Miss.*

W. H. Grimes " "

Signature

Henry Mark Cotton

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

1. If definite instruction 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 ENTIRELY at Government expense.

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

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

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

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

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

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

9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNMENT CEMETERY OF THE ARMY
WAR DEPARTMENT

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File # 70773

(a) Name COTTON, Elijah Ser. No. 2860029

(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co.C, 318th Lab. Bn.

(c) Date of death 12/6/18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA

TYP. EK
CKR. [initials]

*1-16-22 Exhumed
for
Memorial
Angouleme 1232
at 7/22*

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

(a) Grave No. 269 Row -- Plot H Sec. --- TYP. EK

(b) Emerg. Address Henry Cotton (father) RFD #1, Box. 84,
Gunison, Miss.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

CKR. [initials]

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt Jan

(a) Name Henry Cotton (b) Relationship Father

(c) Address RFD #1 Box 84 Gunison, Miss.

(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 [initials] Date 10/21, 1920.

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

_____, dated _____

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

no correspondence

Examiner's Initials [initials] Date 10/21, 1920.

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

no request for information.

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes. als

Examiner's Initials als Date 10-30-, 1920.

Rev. 5-10-21 E.P.

COUNTRY France

CEMETERY No. 94

SHEET No. 39

G. R. S. Form No. 115
Amended April 6, 1920

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Make Form No. 114

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

WB 12-1-20

*checked
date 11/1/20
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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 _____, 1920

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Par. #2 - Not to be returned (LCS)

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CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: Form #120 12/24/20 Mrs. ~~Theresa~~ Leland Miss Cotton, Father, P.F.D. #1 By 84 requests body left in Europe. widow, Mrs. Susan Cotton, Rayville, La. 1/6/21, ss Father, asks for photograph of grave. 5/10/21 EP
Feb 20/21 advising photo has been forwarded. M/25/26/21

WAR DEPARTMENT
 QUARTERMASTER CORPS
 CEMETERY DIVISION, GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, Q.M.C.
 Room 357, Pier #2, Hoboken, N. J.

Jan. 12 th, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div., Cor. Branch.
 (Cotton, Elijah)

Mrs. Susie Cotton,
 Rayville, La.

Dear Madam:-

You are informed that there is on record in this office a request from the father of the late Elijah Cotton, Private, Serial No. 2860029, Co. C, 318th Lab. Bn., to have the remains of his son left in France for burial in a permanent National Cemetery.

It is requested that you please inform this office if you concur in the request of the father.

Your early attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

By:

J. F. Butler
 J. F. BUTLER,
 1st Lieut., Infantry.

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THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON, D.C.

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY
GENERAL LAND OFFICE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

SIR:

Reference is made to the letterhead memorandum dated

April 28, 1921, captioned as above.

Very respectfully, yours,

Very truly yours,

Very truly yours,

Very truly yours,

Very truly yours,

Very truly yours,

Very truly yours,

Very truly yours,

Very truly yours,

Very truly yours,

Very truly yours,

Very truly yours,

Very truly yours,

Very truly yours,

(Signature)

Very truly yours,

Very truly yours,

Very truly yours,

Very truly yours,

Very truly yours,

Very truly yours,

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

See Form 115
2/7/22
AK

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File # 70773

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 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co.C, 318th Lab. Bn. } TYP EK
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III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases --- CKR AK

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

A.G.D. card - Henry Cotton (Father) R.F.D. #1 - Box 84 - Gunison, Miss. - desires body remain in Europe (L.E.S.) 11/26/20

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 11/16 1920) (Letter of transmittal on 11/16 1920)

Par #2 - Not to be returned (L.E.S.)

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S.Hoboken, N.J. DEC 3 1920 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. 5/7 192

COUNTRY France CEMETERY NO. 94 SHEET NO. 39
 U.S. FORM 115-A August, 1920
 S-666/MB

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Cotton **2860029** **Elijah**
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Pvt **C Co.** **318 Lab. Bn**
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: **Base Hospital 32**

CAUSE OF DEATH: **Sepsis**

DATE OF BURIAL: **Dec. 9, 1918**

PLACE OF BURIAL: **American Centery 94**

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

Centrexeville (Vosges)

GRAVE NUMBER: **H 269**

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? **Yes**

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?

NEAREST RELATIVE: **Henry Cotton**

ADDRESS: **Gunderson, Miss.**

RELATIONSHIP: **Father**

REPORTED BY:

Charles E. Duck

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

1st Lt San Corps USA

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

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C. D. W. [unclear]

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Cotton.....**2860029**.....**Elijah**.....
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Pvt.....**C Co.**.....**318 Lab. Bn**.....
(Rank). (Organization).

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NEAREST RELATIVE: **Henry Cotton**.....

ADDRESS: **Cunderson, Miss.**.....

RELATIONSHIP: **Father**.....

REPORTED BY: **Charles C. Dusk**
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

1st Lt. Sam Camp USA

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C. R. S.

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File O.S.P.
MAY 25/21
FH

May 20, 1921.

293.8-Cem. #70773 (Cotton, Elijah Pvt.)

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

Mr. Henry Cotton, R.F.D. #1, Box 84, Gunnison, Miss.

Photograph of Grave.

1. In reply to your notation of December 24, 1920 on G.R.S. Form #120 forwarded by our branch office at Hoboken, New Jersey, you are advised that the photographs of the grave of your son, the late Private Elijah Cotton, Company C, 318th Labor Battalion, were forwarded you at R. F. D. #1, Box 84, Gunnison, Miss., and have not been returned.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

HVB

CHARLES J. WYTHE,
Captain, Q. M. C.

MW
BPM

FORWARD TO O S P

MAILED
MAY 23 1921

form in O S P. #1 so filed

G.R.S.

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Noted on Form No. 115
Date *MAY 25/21*
MAY 23 1921
Cemeterial Division
Overseas Project Sub-Section

yellow copy in O S P.

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CEMETERIAL DIVISION
Munitions Building
Room 1128

PLEASE
EXPEDITE

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the
Washington.

G.R.S. Form S-W-A-9
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date Oct. 21, 1920

File No. *10973* Registration.

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

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

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

- a. Surname Cotton ✓
- b. Christian name Elijah ✓
- c. Serial Number 2860029 ✓
- d. Organization Co. G. 318th Lab. or Co. G. 318th Lab. Bn. Bn. ✓
- e. Rank Pvt. ✓
- f. Date of death 12-6-18 ✓
- g. Cause of death DWRIA ✓
- h. Authority (C.C.#) 383 *12/18-18*
- i. Emergency address Henry Cotton
RFD #1
Box 84
Gunison, Miss.
- j. Relationship (Father)

BODY DESCRIPTION
(See page #2 of the Service Record)

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

FILE

a. Strike out teeth missing

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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Information requested of A.G.O.

Date Oct. 21, 1920

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From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cometorial 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 Cotton ✓
- b. Christian name Elijah ✓
- c. Serial Number 2860029 ✓
- d. Organization Co. C. 318th Lab. or Co. G. 318th Lab. Bn. Bn. ✓
- e. Rank Pvt. ✓
- f. Date of death 12-6-18 ✓
- g. Cause of death DWRIA ✓
- h. Authority (C.C.#) 383 *12/18-18*
- i. Emergency address Henry Cotton
RFD #1
Box 84
Gunison, Miss.
- j. Relationship (Father)

BODY DESCRIPTION
(See page #2 of the Service Record)

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