

JAN 7 - 1926

DATE

SERIAL No. 3271451

1. NAME COTTON, VANDEE

RANK Pvt. 1-22

ORGANIZATION & DIVISION

Co. D 335th Lbr. Bn.

GRAVE LOCATION Amer. Mil. Cty. Gievre - L et C.

331

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

1414

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

1414

Gievres

Loir et Cher

As shown by cemetery directory,  
Hq. AGRS., Jan, 28, 1920.

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES

Not given

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.

Nothing of record

DATE OF DEATH

March 13, 1919

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

ark

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

none

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

None of record

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

9/11/22

12

34-39 Block B

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

Cise-Aisne Cemetery #608, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne.

CEMETERY

8 A.G.O.  
JAN 7 1926  
WORLD WAR DEPT.

Major General,  
The Adjutant General,  
BY DMS

JAN 2 1926

ADDED BY

## 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.



Cotton-Vandee  
Europe

ADD 3/13/19 C.E. 1184

*Cotton*  
**GRAVE LOCATION BLANK**

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF  
*Cotton* 3271451 *Vandee*  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

*Private* Co "D" 335<sup>th</sup> *Talco Bn.*  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH *Camp Hospital # 43*

CAUSE OF DEATH *Broncho pneumonia*

DATE OF BURIAL: *March 14* 1919

PLACE OF BURIAL *A.S.T. 331 Givern, Loire*  
*et Chv. France*  
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department). Map references must specify clearly what map is used.

RECEIVED  
19 MARS 1919

GRAVE NUMBER: *1414*

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 should be given here?

NEAREST RELATIVE: *Miss Van D. Cotton*

ADDRESS: *Pine Bluff, Ark*

RELATIONSHIP: *Wife*

REPORTED BY:  
*W.C. Harper 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Chaplain*  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Cotton, Vandee	3	3 0 12 2 5 0
BURIED	CEMETERY 608	1	2
	GRAVE 12	2	12
	ROW 34	2	34
	BLOCK B	1	2
STATE	Arkansas	2	03
RANK	Pvt	1	2
DIVISION	Quartermaster	2	57
ORGANIZATION	335	3	335
ARM	Lfu. Bn.	1	1
MARITAL	Remarried	1	3
NAME	Wyatt, Irene	3	
RESIDENCE	1215 1/2 13 Ave Pine Bluff Ark.	STATE	2
		COUNTY	2
		CITY	3
RELATION	Mother	1	15
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Head	1	62
NATIVITY		1	
RACE	BLACK	1	2
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO. YR.	1 1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

Remarried

No. 800  
1/5/32

AUDITED

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QM 293 AM  
Cotton, Vandee (OA) x

August 9, 1932.

Mrs. Irene Cotton Wyatt,  
1215 E. 13th Ave.,  
Pine Bluff, Ark.

Dear Madam:

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:  
Envelope.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cotton, Vandee

Oct. 3, 1929.

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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?

Yes Yes.

2. If so, give her complete address.

Irene Cotton Wyatt  
1215 E. 13th. Ave.  
Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

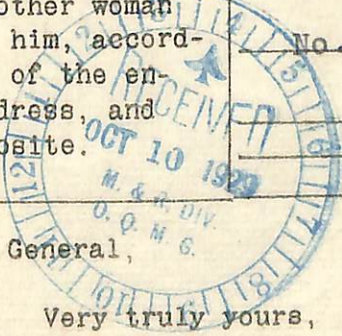
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No.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

  
*John T. Harris*  
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, Vandee  
608

September 12, 1929.

Mrs. Irene Cotton Wyatt,  
1215 E. 17th St.,  
Pine Bluff, Ark.

Dear Madam:

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1213 East 13th Ave,  
Pine Bluff, Ark.  
9-30-29  
JTB*

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- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 1. Have you remarried since the death of the above named veteran? |  |
| 2. If not, do you desire to make the pilgrimage?                  |  |
| 3. Is the deceased survived by a mother?                          |  |
| 4. If so, give her name and complete address.                     |  |

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June 25, 1929.  
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Cotton, Vandee

Mrs. Van D. Cotton,  
RFD 3, Box 32,  
Pine Bluff, Ark.

Wife remarried  
Irene Cotton Wyatt,  
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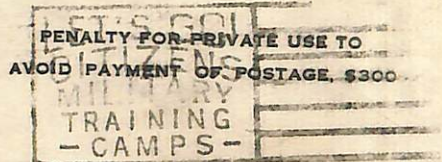


WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS



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**NOT AT ADDRESS GIVEN**

To avoid delay in delivery, have your mail addressed to Street and Number, P. O. Box or General Delivery



QM 293 AM  
Cotton, Vandee (OA) x

August 9, 1932.

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Cotton ----- Vandee ----- 3,271,451  
(S. me.) (Christian name in full.) (Army serial number.)

Pvt ----- Co D 335th Lab Bn -----  
(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased  wife (see below)

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?  not sure  
(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery?  could not state  
(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:

to see it but send me my kit and  
(Name of person to receive remains.) (Express office.) (Telegraph office.)

set him and his things in  
(Number and street.) (City or town.) (State.)

(Sign here) had you see cotton

in the green cotton red box  
(Number and street or rural route.) (City, town, or post office.) (State.)

**Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.**

Letter sent to

Mrs Green Cotton

RFD 3 Box 32

Pine Bluff Ark

pm 11-19-20

**REVIEWED  
OSP SS.**

11-18

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*Down*

QM 293 A-C  
COTTON, Vanlee - Pvt.

November 20, 1924

Mrs. Carene Cotton,  
Route #3, Box 32,  
Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

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.



R.P. HARBOLD,  
Major, Q.M.C.  
Assistant.

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Division  
Project Sub-Section

GENETIC DIVISION



DEC 3 1920

RECEIVED  
AUG 25 1921

1920

VII. G. R. S. FORM No. 114 made

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_

Checked by \_\_\_\_\_

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by-

*not to be returned D.L.H.*

- ( cable on \_\_\_\_\_ 1920
- ( letter on *May 26* 1920

IX.

CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE

ACTION TAKEN

Desires body be

Body to be shipped to

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Oct 29th 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, VANDEE

10. Name

2. No. 3271451

11. No.

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank

4. Org. Co. D 335th Lbr. Bn.

13. Org.

5. D.D. 3-13-19

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. Broncho Pneumonia(b) D.B. none

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 1414 Sec. 415. Grave No. 1414 Sec. 48. Plot 1400 Row 140016. Plot 1400 Row 1400

9.

17. none18. Cemetery Amer. Mil. Cty.19. Commune or town Gievres20. Dept. or County L et C21. Country France22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 33123. Disinterred (Date) Oct 29th 1921By J.F. Madine

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Vandee CottonSerial No. -----Rank PvtOrganization Co. D. 335th Labor Bn.25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? yes On body? yesSignature R. W. Saylor  
Junior Technical AssistantR. W. Saylor

## 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).

none27. Condition of body badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.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? none30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Oct 29th 1921 By J.F. Madine31. Casket sealed by J.F. Madine

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

J.F. Madine

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-12286

32. Designation of body:

Name <sup>216</sup> COTTON, VANDEE Serial No. 3271451

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. D 335th Lbr. Bn.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne Amer. Cty. 608, Seringes-et-Nesles (Aisne)

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Oct 29th 1921 By J.F. Madine

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 *S.H. Hunsicker*  
S.H. Hunsicker, 1st Lt. QMC

36. Remarks none

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date)

To point of Concentration

Convoyer (Name) Signature Shipping Officer

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Nov 10th 1921

To Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne Amer. Cty. 608, Seringes-et-Nesles (Aisne)

Convoyer H.F. Tebeau (Name) Signature Shipping Officer *G.A. Ross*  
G.A. Ross, Capt. QMC

40. Received: Date 17 NOV 1921

G.R.S. Representative G. F. WAUGH

41. Reinterred 9/11/22, Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes-et-Nesles, (Aisne) (Date)

42. Grave No. 18, Blk. B Section

43. Plot Row 39

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G.R.S. Representative *C.J. Blake*

C.J. Blake  
Capt. QMC

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AUDITED BY  
10w 1-824

Place Gievres,

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date October 29, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF Cotton, Vandee SERIAL NUMBER 32 71 451  
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. D 335th Lab Bn

2. Disinterred (date): October 29, 1921. From (give complete location): Gr. 1414 Cem. 331  
By: Group 4 Unit Sec 5

3. Reburied (date): 9/11/22 In (give complete location): Gr. 12, Blk. B. Row 39.  
Cise-Aisne Cem. 608 Cise-Aisne-Cem. 6. Seringes-et-Nesles, (Aisne)  
By: Group reburial group Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial metal lined casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable, uniform and pine box

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? yes On grave marker? yes  
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:  
none

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) imp. to det.

(b) Weight (estimated) -do

(c) Hair—Color none visible

Quantity -do

Characteristics -do

(d) Hair on face—Color -do

Location -do

Quantity -do

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

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

none  
R W Saylor  
Shipped November 1921.

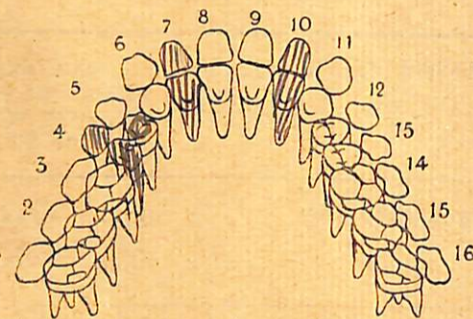
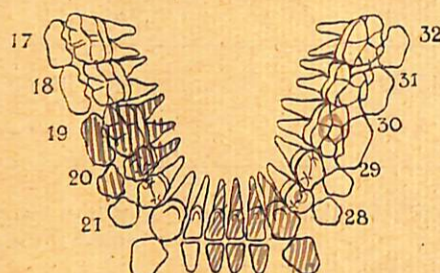


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



4 7 10 MAD 5 cav. 19 MBD  
20 MAD ~~21~~ 30 28 cav  
24 25 26 27 MAD

7. Disinterment supervised by J F Madine  
J F Madine, Supervising Emb

Approved: S H Hunsicker  
S H Hunsicker  
(Title) 1st Lieut QMC






8. Reburial supervised by I. D. Hays  
I. D. Hays

Approved: C. J. Blake  
C. J. Blake,  
(Title) Capt. QMC

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

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

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

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

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

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

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File--100363

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name COTTON, Vandee Ser. No. 3271451  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. D 335th Labor Bn.  
 (c) Date of death 3-13-19 Cause of death Broncho Pneumonia

*11/18/21 Exhumed for concentration in Amer. City. Also Aisne, 605 12-1-21*

TYP MML  
 AW  
 LM  
*RE*

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

(a) Grave No. 1414 Row -- Plot -- Sect. --  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Vandee Cotton (wife) Pine Bluff, Ark.

TYP ILL

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases.....no card..... CKR AW

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

*DLW said Mrs. Careen Cotton (Wife)  
 RR3 Box 32 Pine Bluff, Ark. request to body  
 not returned. *RE* NOV 27 1920*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 192  
 (Letter of transmittal on 5-26-1920

Not to be returned DLW

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. *Dec 1 NOV 30 1920* 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken
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VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. 192

COUNTRY France  
 G.R.S. FORM 115-A  
 August, 1920

CEMETERY NO. 331

SHEET NO. 41

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

MAY 22 1920

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*Hoops*

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.  
TO: Mrs. Caren Cotton, R.R. #3, Box 32, Pine Bluff, Ark.  
SUBJECT: Remains of Private Vandee Cotton

The records of this office show that you have requested that his  
body ~~be~~ remain in France.

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow			
Soldier's Children			
(Name oldest first)	1.		
	2.		
	3.		
Father			
Mother			
Brothers			
(Name oldest first)	1.		
	2.		
Sisters			

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Instructions on the reverse side of this sheet should be carefully read  
before filling out this paper.

(OVER)

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Division  
Central Postal Directory  
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT

1. This paper MUST be signed by the person who is the NEXT of kin in the order shown in the square on other side of this sheet.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. If YOU are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
5. 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.
6. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
7. Use the enclosed envelope - pay no postage.

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G.R.S. Form #120  
Shipping Inquiry.

(Revised) OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON

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Handwritten: 2nd/120 H

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.  
TO: Mrs. Caren Cotton, R.R.#3, Box 32, Pine Bluff, Ark.  
SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Vandee Cotton, Co. D., 335th Labor Bn., (3271451)

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

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. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow			
Soldier's Children	1.		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
	3.		
Father			
Mother			
Brothers	1.		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
	3.		
Sisters	1.		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
	3.		

Date.....

Signature.....

Address.....

Relationship.....

IMPORTANT: CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper.

(OVER)

I, the undersigned, am the \_\_\_\_\_ and nearest living relative of the within  
 (Relationship)  
 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 as to the disposition of a body are not received from the nearest relative within 2 weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9. Use the enclosed envelope - pay no postage.

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December 24, 1920.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div., Cor.Branch.  
(COTTON, Vandee)

Mrs. Caren Cotton,  
R.R. #3, Box 32,  
Pine Bluff, Ark.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete in the matter of final disposition of remains of the late Private Vandee Cotton, Serial Number 3271451, Company D, 355th Labor Bn., it is necessary that you state definitely if you wish the remains of your husband left in France for burial in a permanent National Cemetery, returned to the United States and shipped to you, or interred in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia.

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, Quartermaster Corps,  
Officer in Charge.

BY:

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

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December 24, 1920

File No. 222,600, Div. of Investigation  
(Boston, Vermont)

Mrs. Owen Cotton,  
Rt. 25, Box 55,  
Five Rivers, Ark.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete in the matter of final disposition of remains of the late Private James Cotton, 2nd Inf. 28th Div., Company A, 285th Labor Bn., it is necessary that you state definitely if you wish the remains of your husband left in France for burial in a permanent National Cemetery, returned to the United States and buried at your or husband's in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia.

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

By authority of the War Department General:

J. T. BARNER,  
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,  
Officer in Charge.

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GRAVE LOCATION BLOCK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

100363

Cotton 3271451 Van D.  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Private Co "D" 335 Labor Bn.  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Camp Hospital # 43

CAUSE OF DEATH: Broncho-pneumonia

DATE OF BURIAL: March 14 1919

PLACE OF BURIAL: C.E.F. 331, Giverny, France  
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department). Map references must specify clearly what map is used.

GRAVE NUMBER: 1414

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?

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NEAREST RELATIVE: Mrs Van D. Cotton

ADDRESS: Pine Bluff, Ark.

RELATIONSHIP: Wife

REPORTED BY:

W.C. Harper  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

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

Office Post Quartermaster.  
G.I.S.D., A.P.O. 713.



March 19, 1919.

From: Post Quartermaster, G.I.S.D., A.P.O. 713.  
To: Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington, D.C.  
(Through the Chief Quartermaster, A.E.F.)  
Subject: Report of the disposition of the remains of Private  
Cotton-3271451-Van D.

1. Private Cotton-3271451-Van D., Co. D. 335th Labor Btn.  
Buried in G.I.S.D. Cemetary, A.P.O. 713.
2. Private Cotton, Van D., was buried without expense to  
the Government.
3. Personal effects were forwarded as per G.O. 40, 1918  
A.E.F.

By Direction:

*F.H. Crane*  
F.H. Crane  
Capt. Inf. U.S.A.  
Ass't. to Post Q.M.

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Office Post Quartermaster.  
G.I.S.D., A.P.O. VTS.

March 19, 1919.

From: Post Quartermaster, G.I.S.D., A.P.O. VTS.  
 To: Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington, D.C.  
 (Through the Chief Quartermaster, A.S.P.)  
 Subject: Report of the disposition of the remains of Private  
 Cotton-Servias-Van D.

1. Private Cotton-Servias-Van D., Co. D. 385th Labor Bn. buried in G.I.S.D. Cemetery, A.P.O. VTS.
2. Private Cotton, Van D., was buried without expense to the Government.
3. Personal effects were forwarded as per G.O. 40, 1918.

A.S.P.

By Direction:

W. M. Crane  
 Capt. Inf. U.S.A.  
 Asst. to Post Q.M.

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1. Private Cotton-3271451-Van D., Co. D. 335th Labor Btn.  
Buried in G.I.S.D. Cemetery, A.P.O. 713.

2. Private Cotton, Van D., was buried without expense to  
the Government.

3. Personal effects were forwarded as per G.O. 40, 1918  
A.E.F.

By Direction:

R.H. Crane  
Capt. Inf. U.S.A.  
Ass't. to Post Q.M.



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Office Postmaster.  
A.P.O. V.I.S.

March 19, 1919.

From: Postmaster, A.P.O. V.I.S.

To: Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington, D.C.  
(through the Chief Quartermaster, A.P.O.)

Subject: Report of the disposition of the remains of Private  
Gotton-327151-Van D.

1. Private Gotton-327151-Van D., Co. D. 338th Labor Bn.,  
killed in A.P.O. Cemetery, A.P.O. V.I.S.
2. Private Gotton, Van D., was buried without expense to  
the Government.
3. Personal effects were forwarded as per G.O. 40, 1918  
A.P.O.

By Direction:

1st Grade  
Capt. Int. U.S.A.  
Asst. to Post M.

