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0-1010848

1st. LT. INF. EUR. AREA (TENN.)

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8 April 1949

1st Lt Joe A. Cotten, ASN 01 010 848  
Plot C, Row 18, Grave 15  
Headstone: Cross  
St. Avold (France) U. S. Military Cemetery

Mrs. Barbara G. Cotten  
Due West, South Carolina

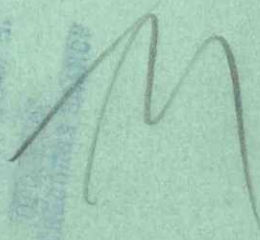
Dear Mrs. Cotten:

This is to inform you that the remains of your loved one have been permanently interred, as recorded above, side by side with comrades who also gave their lives for their country. Customary military funeral services were conducted over the grave at the time of burial.

After the Department of the Army has completed all final interments, the cemetery will be transferred, as authorized by the Congress, to the care and supervision of the American Battle Monuments Commission. The Commission also will have the responsibility for permanent construction and beautification of the cemetery, including erection of the permanent headstone. The headstone will be inscribed with the name exactly as recorded above, the rank or rating where appropriate, organization, State, and date of death. Any inquiries relative to the type of headstone or the spelling of the name to be inscribed thereon, should be addressed to the American Battle Monuments Commission, Washington 25, D. C. Your letter should include the full name, rank, serial number, grave location, and name of the cemetery.

While interments are in progress, the cemetery will not be open to visitors. You may rest assured that this final interment was conducted with fitting dignity and solemnity and that the grave-site will be carefully and conscientiously maintained in perpetuity by the United States Government.

Sincerely yours,



H. FELDMAN  
Major General  
The Quartermaster General

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THE DIRECTOR GENERAL  
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USMC, ST. AVOLD, FRANCE Buried at deceased left:  
Plot C, Row 18, Grave 15  
Date reburied: 25 Jan 49

M.K.

DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

Right: LOEWY MAYER  
32544418 PFC

SECTION A - NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED  
M. R. SWART  
CAPT. QMC

DIRECTIVE NUMBER  
3547 01134

DATE  
15 03 48  
DAY MONTH YEAR

NAME: COTTEN JOE A  
SERIAL NUMBER: 01010848  
RANK: 1 LT  
ARM: 1  
DATE OF DEATH: 15 03 48  
CEMETERY: LIMEX TOUL  
DISPOSITION OF REMAINS: 1 3503 80  
CODE DIST. PT.  
PLOT: J ROW: 6 GRAVE: 133 COUNTRY: FRANCE  
CAUSE OF DEATH: 1

SECTION B - CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE  
ST. AVOLD, FRANCE

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN  
BARBARA G. COTTEN (WIFE) JAN 28 1949  
(Flag sent)  
DUE WEST, SOUTH CAROLINA

SECTION C - DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME: COTTEN, Joe A  
SERIAL NUMBER: 0-1010848  
RANK: 1st Lt.  
DATE OF DEATH: 18 Sept 44  
DATE DISTINTERRED: 10 May 1948  
IDENTIFICATION TAG ON:  REMAINS  MARKER  
ORGANIZATION: USAGF  
RELIGION: P  
IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY: Robert A PITTMAN, Embalmer  
NAME AND TITLE

SECTION D - PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL: Military clothing  
CONDITION OF REMAINS: Disarticulated; fractured lt. tibia & fibula.  
OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION: None  
MINOR DISCREPANCIES: None

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET transfer box

DATE: 11 May 1948 BY: Robert A PITTMAN, Embalmer

CASKET SEALED BY: Forrest L Brown, Embalmer

CASKET BOXED AND MARKED: All markings plates & tags verified by: M. R. SWART, CAPT. QMC

I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct. /except casketing

SIGNATURE OF GRS INSPECTOR: James B JOHNS, 1st Lt. Inf 3337 QM. SV. BN.

1 Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.

RECORDS ANNOTATED  
DATE: 22 Apr 49  
NAME: [Signature]

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

### RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER

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KIND OF CONVEYANCE	NAME OF CONVOYER		
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

# REQUEST FOR DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

GRADE OF DECEASED, NAME, ARMY SERIAL NUMBER AND REPORTED PLACE OF BURIAL

DATE:

1/Lt. Joe A. Cotton, O1 020 848  
Plot J, Row 6, Grave 133,  
United States Military Cemetery  
Lincy, France

21 July 1947

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DO NOT WRITE ABOVE THIS LINE

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B		D	

NOTE.—The next of kin should familiarize himself with the contents of the pamphlet, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," before filling out this form. When the proper part of this form is filled out and properly signed by the next of kin, it should be returned to the OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, MEMORIAL DIVISION, WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON 25, D. C., in the self-addressed postage-free envelope provided for this purpose. If you are the next of kin or authorized representative of next of kin and desire to direct the disposition of the remains, please fill in PART I of this form.

## PART I

I, Barbara Grier Cotton  
(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE NAME OF NEXT OF KIN)

(Please indicate relationship to the deceased by placing an "X" in the proper box.)

- WIDOW       WIDOWER       SON OVER 21 YEARS OLD       DAUGHTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD
- FATHER       MOTHER       BROTHER OVER 21 YEARS OLD       SISTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD
- RELATIONSHIP OTHER THAN ABOVE (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

HAVING FAMILIARIZED MYSELF WITH THE OPTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO ME WITH RESPECT TO THE FINAL RESTING PLACE OF THE DECEASED DESIGNATED ABOVE, NOW DO DECLARE THAT IT IS MY DESIRE THAT THE REMAINS: (Please place an "X" in the box opposite the option you have selected.)

- 1. BE INTERRED IN A PERMANENT AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETERY OVERSEAS. St. Arnold, France
- 2. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES OR ANY POSSESSION OR TERRITORY THEREOF FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY

(NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY)

- 3. BE RETURNED TO \_\_\_\_\_, THE HOMELAND OF THE DECEASED OR NEXT OF KIN, FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY LOCATED AT \_\_\_\_\_

(FOREIGN COUNTRY)

(LOCATION OF CEMETERY SELECTED)

- 4. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES FOR FINAL INTERMENT IN A NATIONAL CEMETERY LOCATED AT \_\_\_\_\_

(LOCATION OF NATIONAL CEMETERY SELECTED)

(Please indicate if your own religious services at a location other than the selected national cemetery are desired by placing an "X" in the proper box)

- YES       NO

THE NAME OF THE DECEASED, THE SERIAL NUMBER AND GRADE ARE CORRECT EXCEPT FOR THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: (If no corrections are necessary, indicate this fact by inserting the word "NONE" in the space below.)

None

D. D. Proc. 3-12-1948-M, K.

Coded 8 March 48  
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**PART I (Continued)**

If on Page 1 of this form you have selected Option Number 2 or 3, or Option Number 4 with your own funeral ceremonies desired at a location other than the selected national cemetery, complete one of these sections.

I, AS THE NEXT OF KIN, DO FURTHER DECLARE THAT I DESIRE THE REMAINS TO BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING PERSON WHO HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE THEM:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station)	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
		TELEPHONE No.

OR

I, AS THE NEXT OF KIN, DO FURTHER DECLARE THAT I DESIRE THE REMAINS TO BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING FUNERAL DIRECTOR WHO HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE THEM:

FULL NAME OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR			
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station)	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS	TELEPHONE No.	

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON NEXT IN LINE OF KINSHIP AFTER ME, AS SET FORTH IN THE PAMPHLET, "DISPOSITION OF WORLD WAR II ARMED FORCES DEAD," IS:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL	RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY

REMARKS OR ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS (For additional space use page 4.)\*

AS EXPLAINED IN THE PAMPHLET, "DISPOSITION OF WORLD WAR II ARMED FORCES DEAD," I AM THE NEXT OF KIN AND THE INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO DIRECT THE DISPOSITION OF THE SAID REMAINS.

I, the undersigned, DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR (OR AFFIRM) that the statements made by me in the foregoing document are full and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Barbara G. Cotten  
(SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)  
BARBARA G. COTTEN  
(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)

Due West South Carolina  
(STREET AND NUMBER)  
(CITY AND STATE)

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant this 26 day of November 1947, at city (or town) of Due West, county of Abbeville, and State (or Territory or District) of South Carolina

\*NOTE.—Page 4 is part of the notarial attestation.

R. B. Brando Jr.  
(SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS)  
Notary Public for South Carolina  
(OFFICIAL TITLE)  
My Commission expires at pleasure of Governor

### PART II - RELINQUISHMENT OF DISPOSITION AUTHORITY

If you are the next of kin and you desire to relinquish your disposition authority, please fill in PART II of this form.

I, THE \_\_\_\_\_, (PLEASE INSERT RELATIONSHIP) \_\_\_\_\_, AS THE NEXT OF KIN OF THE DECEASED NAMED IN PART I OF THIS FORM, DO HEREBY RELINQUISH MY RIGHTS TO DIRECT THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED. THE NEXT EXISTING PERSON IN THE ORDER OF ELIGIBILITY OF DECEDENT'S SURVIVORS IS:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED		
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	STATE OR COUNTRY

WHOM I UNDERSTAND SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO DIRECT FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED.

_____	_____ (DATE)
(SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)	(STREET AND NUMBER)
_____	_____
(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)	(CITY AND STATE)

### PART III

If you are NOT the next of kin authorized to direct the disposition of remains, please fill in PART III of this form.

THIS IS TO NOTIFY YOU THAT I AM NOT THE NEXT OF KIN AUTHORIZED TO DIRECT THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED NAMED ON PAGE 1 OF THIS FORM. THE FOLLOWING PERSON, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, IS THE NEXT OF KIN TO WHOM THIS FORM SHOULD BE DIRECTED.

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED		
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	STATE OR COUNTRY

_____	_____ (DATE)
(SIGNATURE)	(STREET AND NUMBER)
_____	_____
(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)	(CITY AND STATE)



**ADDITIONAL REMARKS AND INSTRUCTIONS**

*All remarks and information entered here will be considered as part of the Notarial Attestation.*



1/Lt. Joe A. Cotten, OI 010 848  
Plot J, Row 6, Grave 133,  
United States Military Cemetery  
Limey, France

21 July 1947

Mrs. Barbara G. Cotten  
Due West, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Cotten:

The people of the United States, through the Congress have authorized the disinterment and final burial of the heroic dead of World War II. The Quartermaster General of the Army has been entrusted with this sacred responsibility to the honored dead. The records of the War Department indicate that you may be the nearest relative of the above-named deceased, who gave his life in the service of his country.

The enclosed pamphlets, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," and "American Cemeteries," explain the disposition, options and services made available to you by your Government. If you are the next of kin according to the line of kinship as set forth in the enclosed pamphlet, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," you are invited to express your wishes as to the disposition of the remains of the deceased by completing Part I of the enclosed form "Request for Disposition of Remains." Should you desire to relinquish your rights to the next in line of kinship, please complete Part II of the enclosed form. If you are not the next of kin, please complete Part III of the enclosed form.

If you should elect Option 2, it is advised that no funeral arrangements or other personal arrangements be made until you are further notified by this office.

Will you please complete the enclosed form, "Request for Disposition of Remains" and mail in the enclosed self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, within 30 days after its receipt by you? Its prompt return will avoid unnecessary delays.

Sincerely,

THOMAS B. LARKIN  
Major General  
The Quartermaster General

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

SECRET

TO: THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
FROM: THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
SUBJECT: [Illegible]

IT IS THE POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO PROTECT THE NATIONAL DEFENSE AND TO PREVENT THE DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION WHICH IS OF A NATURE SUCH THAT ITS DISCLOSURE COULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE NATIONAL DEFENSE.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Approved: [Illegible]  
Special Agent in Charge

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QMCMR 293  
Cotten, Joe A.  
A.S.N. O-1 010 848

22 April 1947

Mrs. Barbara G. Cotten  
Due West, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Cotten:

Inclosed herewith is a picture of the United States Military Cemetery Limey, France, in which your husband, the late First Lieutenant Joe A. Cotten, is buried.

It is my sincere hope that you may gain some solace from this view of the surroundings in which your loved one rests. As you can see, this is a place of simple dignity, neat and well cared for. Here, assured of continuous care, now rest the remains of a few of those heroic dead who fell together in the service of our country.

This cemetery will be maintained as a temporary resting place until, in accordance with the wishes of the next of kin, all remains are either placed in permanent American cemeteries overseas or returned to the Homeland for final burial.

Sincerely yours,

G. A. HORKAN  
Brigadier General, OMC  
Chief, Memorial Division

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Photograph

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O. G. H. C.  
MAIL & TELEGRAPH DIVISION

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НАЦИОНАЛЬНО-РЕВОЛЮЦИОННОГО ВОЙСКА  
С. А. КОСОВ

СЛУЖБА КОМУНИКАЦИОННЫХ СВЯЗЕЙ

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16 December 1946

Mrs. Barbara G. Cotten  
Duewest, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Cotten:

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The War Department is most desirous that you be furnished information regarding the burial location of your husband, the late First Lieutenant Joe A. Cotten, A.S.N. 01 010 848.

The records of this office disclose that his remains are interred in the U. S. Military Cemetery Limey, plot J, row 6, grave 133. You may be assured that the identification and interment have been accomplished with fitting dignity and solemnity.

This cemetery is located eighteen miles northwest of Nancy, France, and is under the constant care and supervision of United States military personnel.

The War Department has now been authorized to comply, at Government expense, with the feasible wishes of the next of kin regarding final interment, here or abroad, of the remains of your loved one. At a later date, this office will, without any action on your part, provide all legal next of kin with full information and solicit their detailed desires.

Please accept my sincere sympathy in your great loss.

Sincerely yours,

T. B. LARKIN  
Major General  
The Quartermaster General

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

DATE: [illegible]

TO: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: [illegible]

SUBJECT: [illegible]

[illegible]

Very truly yours,

[illegible]

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QMGMR 514.6  
Graves Registration  
(European)

*W. M. M. C.*

22 November 1946

*1*  
SUBJECT: Burial Records *conv.*

TO: Commanding Officer  
American Graves Registration Command  
European Theater Area  
APO 887, c/o Postmaster  
New York, New York

1. Request the burial reports and grave markers for the following decedents be changed to read as underscored:

Cemetery: United States Military Cemetery Ligny, France

NAME	RANK GRADE	SERIAL NO.	ORGAN.	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
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Dickson, Ray E., Jr.	2/Lt	01 178 762	<u>Btry A</u> <u>514th FA</u> <u>Inf</u> <u>80th FA Div</u>	H	4	85
Dale, Grover F	<u>Pfc</u>	54 444 755	_____	O	1	15
Daddi, Joseph	<u>Pfc</u>	52 198 761	_____	J	9	205

2. The records of this office have been reverified with the records of The Adjutant General, War Department, and have been found to be correct as indicated above.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

rb

MARTIN G. RILEY  
Major, QMC  
Assistant

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REPatriation RECORDS BRANCH

14 Nov. 1946  
DATE

NAME COTTEN JOE A

SERIAL NO 01 010 848

CEMETERY LIMEY FRANCE

FLOT J

ROW 6

GRAVE 133

LETTER FIELD

Correct Records to Read

RANK

ORG

DATE OF DEATH - 18 SEPT. 1944

M. KALANIK  
SPECIAL CHECKER

*File 46  
22 Nov 46  
V Dougherty  
NAX*

[Faint, illegible handwriting on lined paper, possibly including a date and name.]



SPQYG 293  
Cotten, Joe A.  
S.N. O-1010848

23 May 1945.

Mr. R. C. Grier,  
Erskine College,  
Due West, South Carolina.

Dear Mr. Grier:

Acknowledgment is made of your letter requesting information concerning your son-in-law, the late First Lieutenant Joe A. Cotten.

The official report of interment received in this office reveals that the remains of your son-in-law were interred in the U. S. Military Cemetery, Limey, France, Plot J, Row 6, Grave 133.

Please accept my sincere sympathy in your loss.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

MAYO A. DARLING  
Lt Colonel, QMC  
Assistant

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MEMORANDUM  
FOR THE DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SA [Name]

CCB

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: [Name]

Reference is made to your memorandum dated [Date]

On [Date] [Name] advised that [Name] was employed by the [Name] in [Location] during the period [Date] to [Date]. [Name] advised that [Name] was employed by the [Name] in [Location] during the period [Date] to [Date].

[Name] advised that [Name] was employed by the [Name] in [Location] during the period [Date] to [Date]. [Name] advised that [Name] was employed by the [Name] in [Location] during the period [Date] to [Date].

Very truly yours,  
[Name]

Enclosure  
[Name]  
[Address]  
[City, State, Zip]

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SA [Name]  
[Address]  
[City, State, Zip]

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March 1, 1945

OFFICE OF THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Graves Administration  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am writing to ask if you can give me information  
as to the details of the burial of

293 1st Lt. Joe A. Cotten, O-1010848  
Co. A, 17th Tank Bn., APO 257  
c/o Postmaster  
New York, New York.

He is reported to my daughter, Mrs. Joe A. Cotten,  
as having been killed on the eighteenth of September,  
1944. She would like to know of you exactly where  
he is buried.

In case your office is not the proper authority to  
give this information, please advise us who is.

Yours very truly,

R. C. Grier  
President

RCG:lgl

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MEMORIAL DIVISION



MEMORANDUM  
FOR THE RECORD

DATE: 3/5/45

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-100000)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-100000)

SUBJECT: [Illegible]

RE: [Illegible]

DATE: [Illegible]

BY: [Illegible]

CLASSIFICATION: [Illegible]

1. [Illegible]

2. [Illegible]

3. [Illegible]

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COMMERCIAL COURIER

GRAVES REGISTRATION  
FORM No. 1  
(Revised 1 Sept. 1943)

**REPORT OF BURIAL**

25 Nov 1944

Date

TM 10-630 AND AR 30-1815

01010848

Serial No.

COTTEN

Last Name

Joe

First Initial

Unknown

Rank

95th Div.

Organization

728

S.S.

17 TANK BN.

Unit

Sillegny, France

Place of Death

19 SEPT. P.R.

Date of Death

Sv leg wound KIA

Cause of Death

1500 25 Nov 1944

Time and Date of Burial

U S Military Cemetery

Name of Cemetery

Limcy, France

Name or Coordinates of Location

133

Grave Number

6

Row Number

J

Plot Number

CROSS

Type of Marker

Disposition of Identification Tags: Buried with body Yes  No  Attached to Marker Yes  No

If No Identification Tags

How were remains identified?

What means of identification were buried with the body?

To determine Right or Left use Deceased's Right and Left.

Who is buried on:

Deceased's Right:

EARP

Name

13074109

Serial No.

Unknown

Rank

95th Div

Organization

132

Grave No.

Deceased's Left:

JORVE

Name

37561036

Serial No.

Pvt

Rank

95th Div

Organization

134

Grave No.

Signature of Name, Rank and if possible Organization of person furnishing above Data when other than officer reporting burial.



Emergency Addressee Unknown

Name

Address

Religion Protestant

List only Personal Effects Found on Body and disposition of same:

Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial

JAMES T. PASSMAN Verified by G.R.S. Officer  
Captain QMC  
Commanding 609th QM Gr Reg Co

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# REPORT OF BURIAL IF DECEASED UNIDENTIFIED

GRAVE REGISTRATION  
FORM NO. 1  
(Revised Sept. 1948)

**Take Fingerprints of Both Hands. If unable to obtain a complete set of Fingerprints, Take Those You Can, and fill in the following:**

- |                |                          |
|----------------|--------------------------|
| Height:        | Laundry Marks:           |
| Weight:        | Number of Rifle:         |
| Color of Eyes: | Wear Glasses?            |
| Color of Hair: | Is Tooth Chart Attached? |
| Race:          |                          |

(If possible, have medical personnel take a tooth chart, if no medical personnel present, fill in a tooth chart below.) In space below, locate, and describe any scars, birthmarks, moles, deformities, etc.

Left Hand

Right Hand

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3		
2		
1		
1		
2		
3		
4		

Note below any identifying clues found, such as letters, photographs, probable organization of deceased, etc.:

Thumb						
134	25th Div	Pvt	37561038	Name	JONES	Deceased's Left
135	25th Div	Unknown	1307102	Name	BARR	Deceased's Right

### TOOTH CHART

**If this is an Isolated Burial, make a Sketch of the Location, oriented with Permanent Landmarks. If more space needed attach separate sheet. Indicate North.**

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Upper																
Lower																

Indicate: missing natural teeth by X; crowns by O; fillings by □; Bridges by ◊; missing anchor teeth; replacements by artificial teeth X

Characteristics:

Other Data:

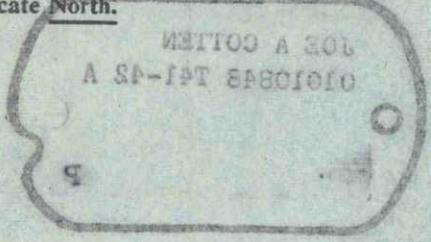
Signature of Officer or other person reporting

Name

Address

Religion

Emergency Address



List only Personal Effects Found on Body and disposition of same.

AG P BR HQ SOS / 22560

Commanding Officer  
Captain  
JAMES T. PARMAN  
Verified by  
JAMES T. PARMAN  
COC

## WAR DEPARTMENT

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.DATE 27 April 1945 jca

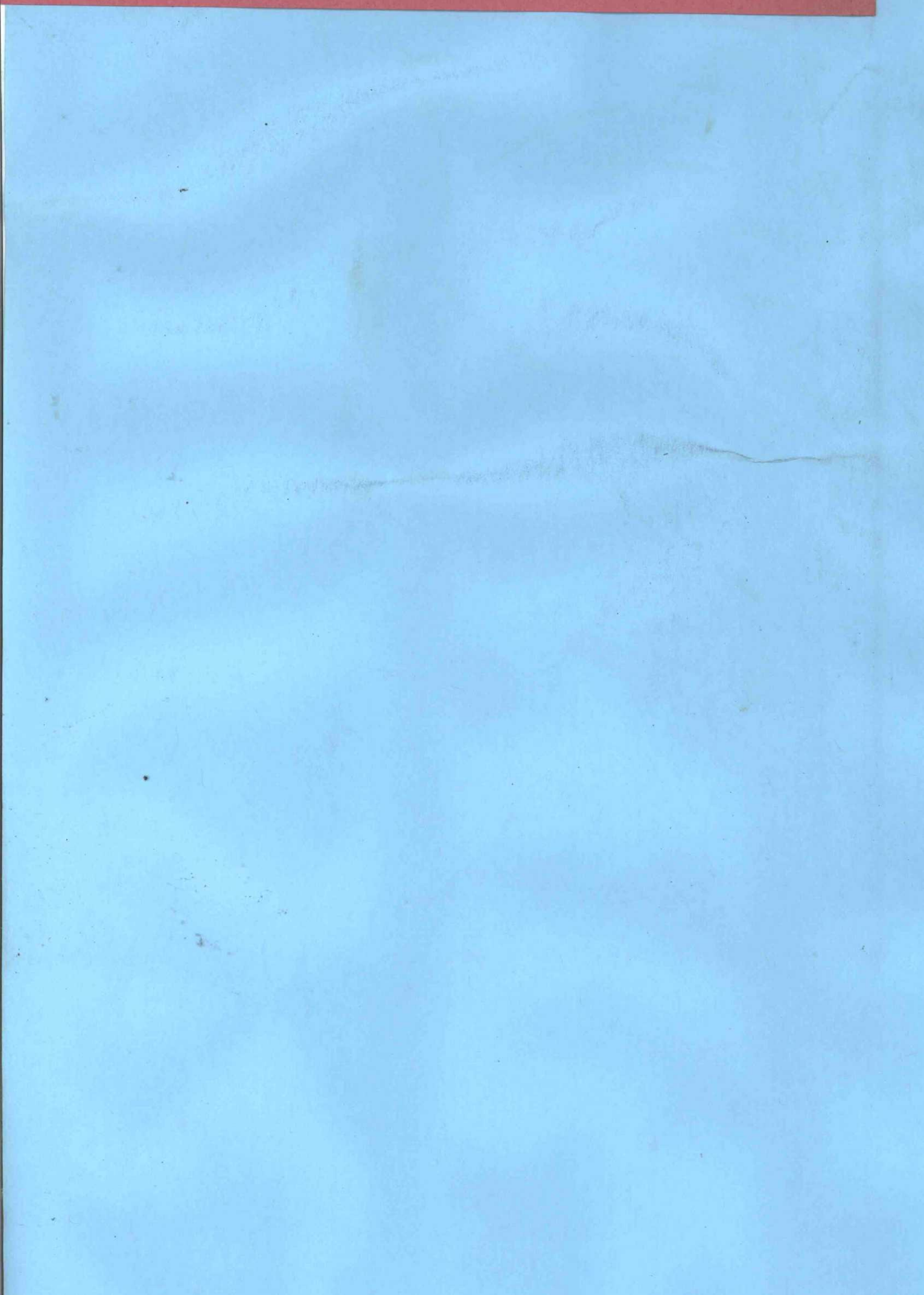
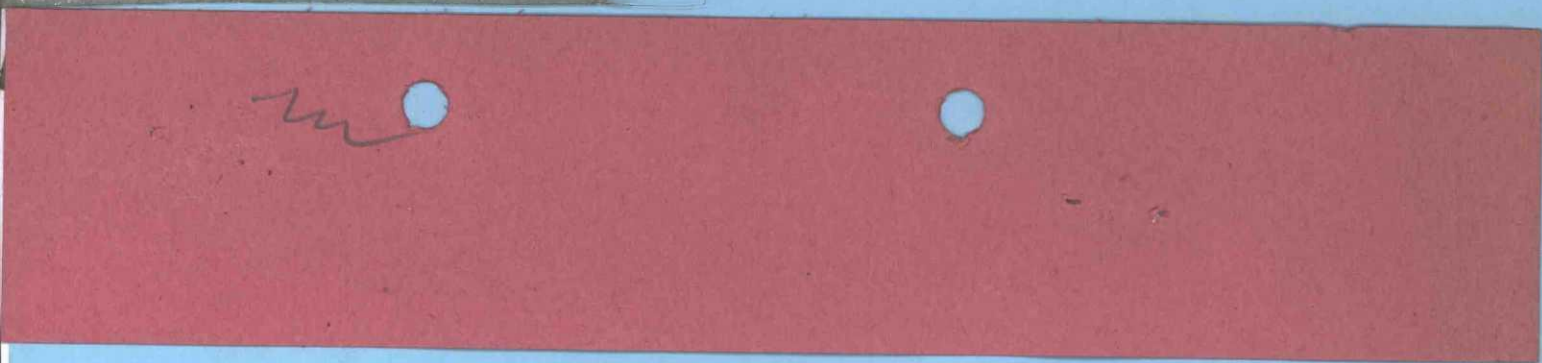
## REPORT OF DEATH

FULL NAME Cotten, Joe A. <i>293 Cotten, Joe A</i>		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 01010848	GRADE 1st Lt.															
HOME ADDRESS Memphis, Tenn.		ARM OR SERVICE Inf	DATE OF BIRTH 13 Sept 1917															
PLACE OF DEATH European Area	CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in action		DATE OF DEATH 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept 1944															
STATION OF DECEASED European Area		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 13 Jun 1942	LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS															
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BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Barbara G. Cotten, wife, same as above.																		
INVESTIGATION MADE?		IN LINE OF DUTY	OWN MISCONDUCT															
YES	NO	YES	NO															
WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE	IN FLYING PAY STATUS															
YES	NO	YES	NO															
OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)		YES																
NO		X																
ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT																		
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		BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR: <i>Elis Fowler</i> ADJUTANT GENERAL																
		2 MAY 1945 <i>file</i>																

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**WAR DEPARTMENT**  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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522281

DATE 27 April 1945 jca

## REPORT OF DEATH

FULL NAME Cotten, Joe A.		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 01010846		GRADE 1st Lt.	
HOME ADDRESS Memphis, Tenn.		ARM OR SERVICE Inf		DATE OF BIRTH 13 Sept 1917	
PLACE OF DEATH European Area		CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in action		DATE OF DEATH 18 Sept 1944	
STATION OF DECEASED European Area		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 13 Jun 1942		LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES	
				YEARS	MONTHS
					DAY
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Barbara G. Cotten, wife, Due West, S. C.					
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Barbara G. Cotten, wife, same as above.					
INVESTIGATION MADE?		IN LINE OF DUTY		OWN MISCONDUCT	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE		IN FLYING PAY STATUS	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
				OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)	
				YES	NO

## ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

 BATTLE  NON-BATTLE

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

*Elis Fowler*

ADJUTANT GENERAL

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ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT

601 HARDESTY AVENUE  
KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI

RTB:VM:vr  
October 5, 1945

IN REPLY REFER TO 522281

Mrs. Barbara G. Cotten  
Due West, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Cotten:

The Army Effects Bureau has received some additional property of your husband, First Lieutenant Joe A. Cotten.

These effects, contained in one footlocker, are being forwarded to you. If delivery is not made within thirty days from this date, please notify me so that tracer action may be instituted.

As previously indicated, personal property is transmitted by this Bureau for distribution according to the laws of the state of the soldier's legal residence.

Sincerely yours,

P. L. KOOB  
1st Lt., QMC  
Officer-in-Charge  
SJ Branch

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OFFICE OF THE  
POST OFFICE  
P. O. BOX

ST. LOUIS, MO.

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ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

SHIP TO:

Mrs. Barbara G. Cotten  
Due West, South Carolina

Effects of: 1st Lt. Joe A. Cotten  
Name  
ASN 0-1010848  
Case No. 522281 D  
Wt.

DATE 5 Oct 1945  
RTB:HL:men

Voncille Marriott  
FOE: Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

         Inclose Bureau Check  
         Acct. No.           
         Amount           
         Inclose "Valuables" item  
         Ship "Valuables" item(s)

         Remove G.I.  
         Note discrepancy in           
         Films removed  
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         Laundry removed

ROUTING:

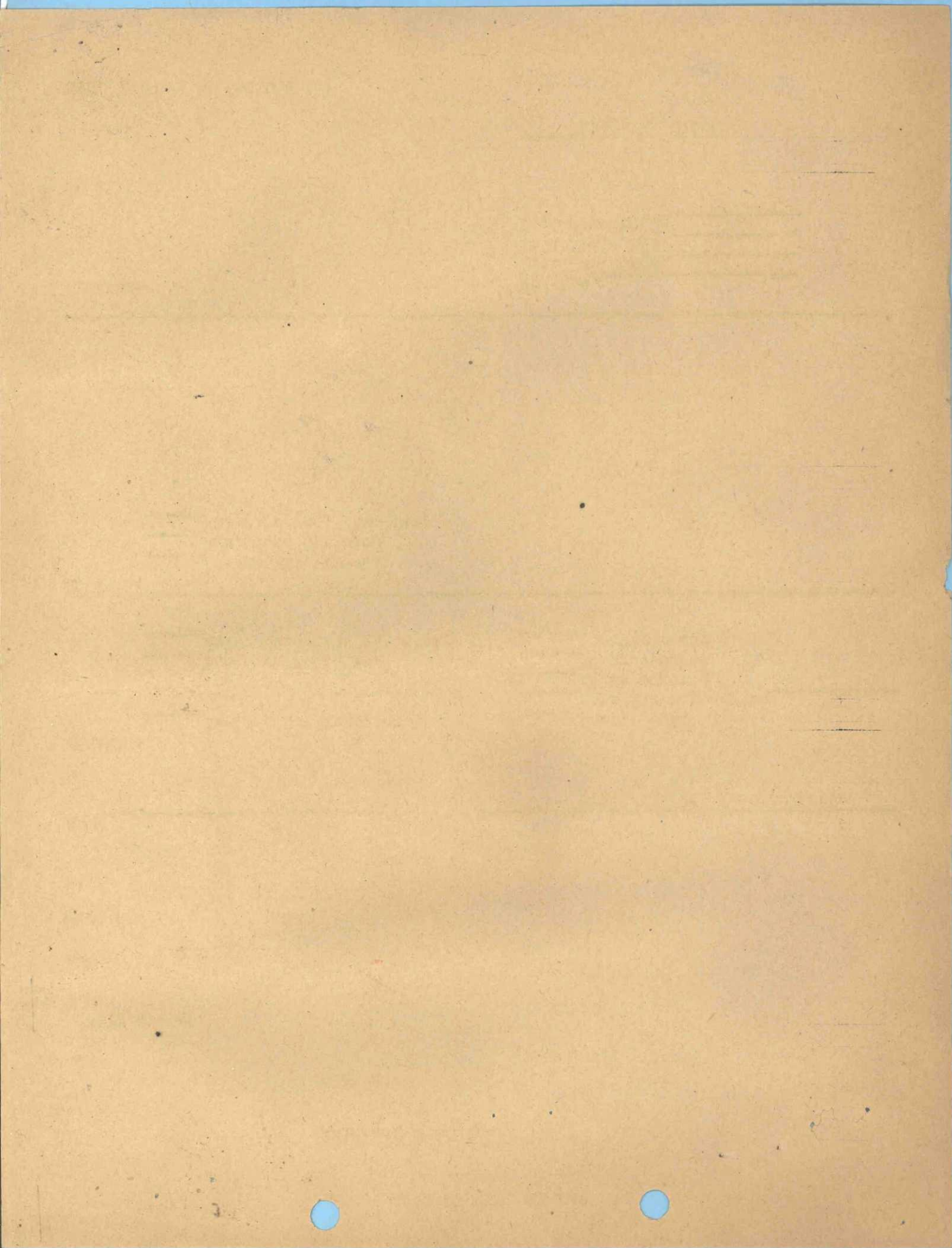
         Accounting Branch  
  1   Warehouse Division  
  2   Files Branch, Adm. Div.

REMARKS:

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No. of packages         

          
Shipping Clerk

OCT 11 1945



ATTACHMENTS			EFFECTS INVENTORY			STATUS		
INBOUND INVENTORY			ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU <i>lu</i>			DECEASED		
G. R. OR SUB GR LABEL						MISSING		
WILL OR POWER OF ATTY.						P. O. W.		
TALLY IN FORM 43						ABANDONED		
Tag <i>✓</i>						UNKNOWN <i>x</i>		
2 BAGS, CLOTH OR TRAVEL			BELT		OVERCOATS			
BELT, MONEY (NO MONEY)			BOOKS, ADDRESS	<i>x</i>	PAPERS, PERSONAL	<i>✓</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>pr. care</i>
BILLFOLD (NO MONEY)			BOOKS, PILOT LOG		PENCIL, MECHANICAL			
BOOKS			BRUSHES		PEN, FOUNTAIN			
BRACELET, IDENT.			CASE		PHOTOS			
CAMERAS			CLOTH, WASH		PIPES			
CLOTHING			COATS	<i>✓</i>	RINGS			
<i>x</i>	MISC. ARTICLES <i>✓</i>		FOOTLOCKER	<i>1</i>	SCARFS	<i>✓</i>		
RELIGIOUS ARTICLES			FOOTWEAR, PR.	<i>3</i>	SHIRTS	<i>✓</i>		
RIBBONS, DECORATION			GLASSES		SOCKS, PR.			
SHORT SNORTER			GLOVES, PR.	<i>x</i>	STATIONERY	<i>✓</i>		
SOUVENIR MONEY			HANDKERCHIEFS		TIES			
SOUVENIRS			HEADWEAR	<i>✓</i>	TOBACCO			
TESTAMENTS			JACKETS	<i>✓</i>	TOILET ARTICLES			
TOWELS & WASHCLOTHS			KITS		TOWELS			
U. S. MONEY (AMOUNT)			KNIVES	<i>1</i>	TROUSERS, PR.	<i>✓</i>		
WATCH			LETTERS		TRUNKS, PR.			
WINGS			LIGHTERS		UNDERWEAR			

CONTAINERS ADDRESSED TO	INFORMATION
<i>None</i>	<i>rechecked</i> <i>None</i>

NAME AND STATUS VARIATIONS: *Called in Joe H. Cotten*  
*Tag & effects show Joe*  
*A. Cotten*

CROSS REFERENCE

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U. S. CURRENCY			TO ISSUING AGENCY
		BANK OR PLACE OF ISSUE	
		PAYEE	<i>bill</i> <i>10-1</i>
		REMITTER OR DRAWER	

T. <i>103</i>	ORIG. NO. OF PKGS. <i>1</i>	EXAMINING DATE <i>7 Sept. 45</i>	BOX NO. <i>—</i>	SHEET <i>1</i>
NAME <i>Joe A. Cotten</i>			A. S. N. <i>0-1010848</i>	OF <i>1</i> SHEETS
ORGANIZATION <i>—</i>			RANK <i>LT</i>	CASE NO.
WAREHOUSE SPACE <i>7-5-19</i>	EXAMINED BY <i>Carr</i>	DIARY REMOVED		
PACKAGE DESCRIPTION <i>#1 footlocker</i>	PACKED BY <i>C. H. ...</i>	PHOTO FILM REMOVED		
WEIGHT <i>62 #</i>	INSPECTED BY <i>B</i>	MOTION PICTURE FILM REMOVED		
	STORED BY <i>#13</i>	SHIPPED		
		DATE <i>OCT 11 1945</i>	BY WHOM <i>[Signature]</i>	



NAME COTTEN, JOE H. L. 0848

BAY	PALLET	BOX	TALLY
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TYPE OF PKG.	WHSE. SPACE	INVENTORIED
F.L.		

Eff. QM Form 43

**FROM**

EFFECTS QUARTERMASTER  
PERSONAL EFFECTS & BAGGAGE DEPOT  
APO 513 U. S. ARMY

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE  
USE TO AVOID PAYMENT  
OF POSTAGE 300.00

TO

ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU  
KANSAS CITY QM DEPOT  
KANSAS CITY, MO., U. S. A.

PERSONAL EFFECTS OF:

Cotten, Joe A. O. 1010848 Lt.

522281

RTB:IB:wms  
September 1, 1945

Mrs. Barbara G. Cotten  
Due West, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Cotten:

The Army Effects Bureau has received from overseas some personal effects of your husband, First Lieutenant Joe A. Cotten.

These effects are being forwarded to you in one carton.

If, by any chance, the property has not reached you at the expiration of thirty days from this date, please notify me and tracer will be instituted.

The action of this Bureau in transmitting personal effects does not, of itself, vest title in the recipient. Such property is forwarded for distribution according to the laws of the state of the officer's legal residence.

Yours very truly,

P. L. KOOB  
1st Lt., QMC  
Officer-in-Charge  
SJ Branch

*hw*



*g*

27 March  
Office of the  
Director  
U.S. Coast Guard

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of the  
inspector of the Coast Guard, dated  
March 1, 1962, regarding the  
operations of the vessel "S.S. [Name]".

The report indicates that the  
vessel was found to be in violation  
of the regulations governing the  
operation of such vessels.

These violations are being referred to you for  
your attention.

A copy of the report is being furnished to you  
for your information.

Very truly yours,

Director  
U.S. Coast Guard

255331

February 7, 1962  
HCB:IB:m

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

SHIP TO:

Effects of:  
Name

Mrs. Barbara G. Cotten  
Due West, South Carolina

ASN

1st Lt. Joe A. Cotten

Case No.

0-1010848

Wt.

522281 D

DATE 1 Sep 1945

RTB:HL:mf

*Wiz*  
*10/1*  
FOR: Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

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ROUTING:

- Accounting Branch
- 1 Warehouse Division
- 2 Files Branch, Adm. Div.

REMARKS:

Franked *✓* **SEP 8 1945**  
Est. Exp. Chgs.           
Est. Frt. Chgs.           
No. of packages         

*J.K.*  
Shipping Clerk

VIA AIR MAIL REGISTERED

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CONTAINERS ADDRESSED TO	INFORMATION
None	Wife Mrs Joe A Cotton One West. S.C.

NAME AND STATUS VARIATIONS	CROSS REFERENCE
Tall in as Joe A Cotton inventory show Joe A Cotton.	

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		REMITTER OR DRAWER	

file on 8.29

TALLY NO. 9700	ORIG. NO. OF PKGS. 1	EXAMINING DATE 27 Aug 45	BOX NO.	SHEET OF SHEETS
NAME Joe A. Cotton			A. S. N. 0-1016848	
ORGANIZATION 17th tank Bn 7th armd Div 1st Lt.			RANK CASE NO.	
WAREHOUSE SPACE 281 X		EXAMINED BY Ford	DIARY REMOVED	
PACKED BY Reddy		INSPECTED BY P	PHOTO FILM REMOVED	
PACKAGE DESCRIPTION #1 CW		STORED BY SMB	MOTION PICTURE FILM REMOVED	
WEIGHT		DATE SEP 8 1945	SHIPPED BY WHOM JK	

ADDITIONAL REMARKS

REMOVALS (other than G.I.)

DAMAGES (List type of damage-extent)

1 Popoima Top Bradley  
 Stained of no value  
 Salvaged (RN)

SHORTAGES

U. S. GOV'T CHECK SHORT

NUMBER

DATE

SYMBOL

AMOUNT

I certify that the above items were not in the containers inventoried by me.

INVENTORY CLERK

SUPERVISOR

G. I. REMOVED

INVENTORY EFFECTS

REMOVED  
 RECORDED  
 INDEXED  
 FILED

NAME COTTON, JOE A. 0848

BAY	PALLET	BOX	TALLY
43	53		9700

TYPE OF PKG.	WHSE. SPACE	INVENTORIED
4 Bags		

Eff. QM Form 43

RESTRICTED2 Oct 1944

(Date)

SUBJECT: Inventory of Personal Effects of:

COTTON

(Last Name)

JOE

(First Name)

A.

(MI)

1st Lt.

(Rank)

01010848

(ASN)

TO: Effects Quartermaster, Communication Zone, APO

US Army

The above named individual of

17th Tank Bn

(Unit)

7th Armored Division

(Organization)

was reported

MIA

(Status-Killed, MIA,

Hospitalized, etc.)

about

18 Sep

(Date)

1944

Designated Beneficiary if information readily accessible \_\_\_\_\_

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

1 Duffle bag containing the following:

1 pr. Shoes ✓  
 3 pr. Garters ✓  
 7 pr. Socks ✓  
 2 Pajamas, suit ✓  
 1 pr. Shoes, bath ✓  
 1 pr. Shoes, tennis ✓  
 2 pr. Pants, pink ✓  
 1 suit Underwear, wool ✓  
 1 Pairo, letter ✓  
 1 Shirt, khaki ✓  
 2 pr. Leggings ✓  
 2 Caps ✓  
 1 Undershirt, cotton ✓  
 1 Blouse ✓

RESTRICTED

R E S T R I C T E D

Money in the amount of None ✓, None, None  
(English Money) (French Money) (U.S. Money)

has been turned into \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of finance officer and symbol number)

Form WDFD 38 enclosed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Names and addresses of any Banks in which accounts may be carried:)

I certify that the above items constitute all of the effects, secured  
by me, of the above named individual and that they were forwarded to the  
Effects Depot by Truck on \_\_\_\_\_ 194\_\_\_\_.  
(Rail, Truck, etc) (Date)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
HAROLD A. PICKFORD  
Rank & ASN 1st Lt QMG o-1016270  
Organization Headquarters  
7th Armored Division

Any additional pertinent information:

R E S T R I C T E D



522281

EDP:HL:mf  
July 14, 1945

Mrs. Barbara G. Cotten  
Due West, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Cotten:

The Army Effects Bureau has received from overseas some property of your husband, First Lieutenant Joe A. Cotten.

This property, consisting of one ring and one knife, is being sent you.

If, for some reason, it has not been received at the expiration of thirty days from this date, please notify me so that tracer may be instituted.

I regret the circumstances prompting this letter, and wish to express my sympathy in the loss of your husband.

Yours very truly,

P. L. KOOB  
1st Lt., QMC  
Officer-in-Charge  
SJ Unit

67

dlh

*Handwritten initials*

*Handwritten initials*

SI UNIT  
OFFICE - W-5045  
1st Fl. 5th  
B. P. 1008

Don't know what...

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Summary Court-Martial  
ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT  
601 Hardesty Avenue  
Kansas City 1, Missouri

JEM:EL:mf  
Case No. 522261  
Date 14 July 1945

SUBJECT: Report of transaction in disposing of the effects of

Joe A. Cotten, 0-1010818 late a  
(Name of deceased) (Army Serial Number)  
First Lieutenant, Infantry who died  
(Grade) (Organization, Army or Service)  
on the 18 day of September, 1944, at European Area

TO : The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington 25, D.C.

1. Complying with A.W. 112, a Summary Court-Martial, convened at Kansas City Mo. Pursuant to S.O., 228 Hq., KCQM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, for the purpose of disposing of the effects of the above-named soldier, or person subject to military law, reports that:

a. No legal representative or widow of decedent being present at decedents camp or quarters, effects of decedent were forwarded to this Summary Court-Martial.

b. Local debtors owed decedent's estate \$ None, of which the sum of \$ None was collected. (If nothing was found due or collected, state "None"; otherwise attach itemized statement of sums owing and collected) (Incl. \_\_\_\_\_.)

c. Decedent owed undisputed local creditors the sum of \$ None which has been paid by the Summary Court-Martial from funds of decedent. (See inclosed receipt \_\_\_\_\_, Incl. \_\_\_\_\_)

d. Disposition of decedent's effects (less money paid creditors, if any) has been made by the Summary Court-Martial by transmittal through the Quartermaster Corps, at Government expense to person found entitled (See Summary Court-Martial FINDING below)

FINDING

Before a Summary Court-Martial which convened at Kansas City, Missouri, on 11 July 1945, pursuant to Special Orders 228, Headquarters KCQM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, the application or affidavit of Mrs. Barbara G. Cotten for the effects of the above-named deceased soldier, or person subject to military law, now in the possession of the United States, with other relevant evidence, was duly considered;

Whereupon, this Summary Court-Martial finds that, under the provisions of A.W. 112, Mrs. Barbara G. Cotten of (Name of person found entitled)

South Carolina, (Number, Street or Avenue) Duo West State of (City, Town or Village)

South Carolina is the Widow of the (Relationship or Capacity)

above-named decedent and appears to be entitled to receive his or her effects.

*JRM*

(Signature of Summary Court Officer)

JOHN R. MURPHY, Colonel, GAC  
(Name, Rank, Organization)  
SUMMARY COURT MARTIAL

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

DATE: 1954

TO: THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

FROM: [Illegible]

SUBJECT: [Illegible]

[Illegible text block]

[Illegible]

[Illegible text block]

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ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

SHIP TO:

Mrs. Barbara G. Cotten  
Due West, South Carolina

Effects of:  
Name 1st Lt. Joe A. Cotten  
ASN 0-1010848  
Case No. 522281 D  
Pt.

DATE 14 July 1945  
RTB:HL:mf

*[Signature]*  
FOR: Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

Inclose Bureau Check  
Acct. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount \_\_\_\_\_  
 Inclose "Valuables" item  
 Ship "Valuables" item(s)

Remove G.I.  
 Note discrepancy in \_\_\_\_\_  
 Films removed  
 Diary removed  
 Laundry removed

ROUTING:

Accounting Branch  
 Warehouse Division  
 2 Files Branch, Adm. Div.

JUL 18 1945

REMARKS:

Ship Damaged Property

Franked **FRANKED**  
Est. Exp. Chgs. \_\_\_\_\_  
Est. Frt. Chgs. \_\_\_\_\_  
No. of Packages \_\_\_\_\_

*[Signature]*  
Shipping Clerk



PACKAGE DESCRIPTION  
*#1 pkg*

ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU INVENTORY

CEASED   
 MISSING   
 P.O.W.   
 ABANDONED   
 TALLY NO. *80341* ✓  
 INV. DATE *1 June 45* ✓  
 Orig. No. OF PKGS. *1*  
 BOX NO. *7*  
 SHEET *1* OF *1* SHEETS ✓  
 ORGANIZATION  
*5th div*

*6/11 OS mm*

522281

NAME *Joe. A. Cotten*  
 A.S.N. *01010848* RANK \_\_\_\_\_

Belt		<u>TOWELS &amp; WASHCLOTHS</u>		<u>WINGS</u>
<del>BELT, MONEY (NO MONEY)</del>		<u>CLOTHING</u>		<u>BAGS, CLOTH OR TRAVEL</u>
Cloth, Wash		<u>BRACELET IDENT.</u>		<u>BILLFOLD, (NO MONEY)</u>
Coats		Brushes		Case
Footwear, Pr.		<u>CAMERAS</u>		Footlocker
Gloves, Pr.		Glasses		<u>KIT, SEW, TLE, OR WRITING</u>
Handkerchiefs	<i>*</i>	Knives ✓		<u>BOOKS</u>
Headwear		Lighters		Books, Address
Jackets		<u>MISC.</u>		Books, Pilot Log
Overcoats		Pen, Fountain		<u>DIARY (REMOVED FOR DUR)</u>
Scarfs		Pencil, Mechanical		<u>FILMS</u>
Shirts		Pipes		Letters
Socks, Pr.		<u>RELIGIOUS ARTICLES</u>		Papers, Personal
Ties		<u>RIBBONS, DECORATION</u>		Photos
Towels	<i>1</i>	Rings ✓		Shoe Shine Articles
Trousers, Pr.		Tobacco		<u>SHORT SHORTER</u>
Trunks, Pr.		Toilet Articles		<u>SOUVENIRS</u>
Underwear		<u>WATCH</u>		<u>SOUVENIR MONEY</u>
				Stationery
				<u>TESTAMENTS</u>
				<u>U. S. MONEY (AMOUNT)</u>

*file  
Bm*

*file  
am  
7-11*

*fw*

DAMAGED

REMARKS *rechecked*  
*no information*  
*\* rusty blades*

ATTACHMENTS  
 FORM #54  
 FORM #100  
*1 inventory* ✓  
*1 burial report* ✓  
*1 sub. gr. label* ✓

C.A.T. *none*

WAREHOUSE SPACE  
*793*

STORED BY  
*me*

DATE SHIPPED  
*JUL 18 1945*

INVENTORIED BY  
*godfrey*

PACKED BY  
*6/11 OS mm*

CHECKED BY  
*E. X.*

ADDITIONAL REMARKS

SHORTAGES

U.S. GOVT. CHECK SHORT

NUMBER

DATE

SYMBOL

AMOUNT

I certify that the above listed items were not in the containers inventoried by me:

INVENTORY CLERK

SUPERVISOR

G. I. REMOVED



NAME COTTEN, JOE A. -- 0848

BAY	PALLET	BOX	TALLY
	4	7	8034

TYPE OF PKG.	WHSE. SPACE	INVENTORIED
PEB		

EE. QM Form 48

RESTRICTED  
INVENTORY FORM

25 Nov 1944  
Date

SUBJECT: Inventory of Personal Effects of:

COTTEN Joe A Unknown 01010848  
(Last Name) (First Name) (MI) (Rank) (ASN)

TO: Effects Quartermaster, Communications Zone, APO 507 US Army

The above named individual of Unknown 5th Div  
(Unit) (Organization)

was reported KIA about 10 Nov (Estimated) 1944.  
Status (KIA, MIA, Hosp. etc.) (Date)

Designated Beneficiary if information readily accessible Unknown

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

- 1 Ring gold color ✓
- 1 Pen knife ✓

No Currency

Money in the amount of None has been turned into \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of finance office and

None Form WDFD 38 enclosed  
symbol number)

Names and addresses of any Banks in which accounts may be carried:

I certify that the above items constitute all of the effects, secured by me, of  
the above named individual and that they were forwarded to the Effects Depot  
by Truck on 28 Nov 1944.  
(Rail, Truck, etc.)

Name James T. Passman  
Rank & ASN Captain 0455018  
Organization 609th QM Gr Reg Co

Any additional pertinent information:

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFICATION AUTHORITY DERIVED FROM:

1. DATE OF REVIEW  
2. REVIEWER'S NAME  
3. REVIEWER'S TITLE

DECLASSIFIED BY: [Name]  
ON: [Date]  
AUTHORITY: [Authority]

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ON: [Date]  
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ON: [Date]  
AUTHORITY: [Authority]

DECLASSIFIED

133 Row 6-J. —  
Cotten, Joe A.  
0-1010848  
—  
R-291



ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT

601 HARDESTY AVENUE  
KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI

522, 2-81

SPOK 314.6

CHC:MD:ch  
16 June 1945

IN REPLY REFER TO \_\_\_\_\_

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Reports of Burial

TO : The Quartermaster General, Memorial Division, Washington 25,  
D. C.Transmitted herewith O.M.C. Forms 1 - O.R.S., Reports of Burial,  
of:

David B. Bromley	42026754	T/5	Unknown
Ben T. Collins	34214523	T/5	Unknown
Joe A. Cotten	01010848	Unk.	Unknown
Harold Fitzpatrick	32806496	Pfc.	Unknown
Harry Gaillard	33938508	Pvt.	Unknown
Sidney Gold	32325864	Pvt.	Inf.
Wallace D. Grady	35408993	Sgt.	Inf.
Charles M. Hester	34677832	Pvt.	Inf.
Darwin H. Kern	33619757	Unk.	Unknown
Gene W. Lyon	36953759	Pvt.	Unknown
Ormer D. Macdonald	36154228	Pfc.	Unknown
Frank Maciejewski	42022290	Pvt.	Unknown
Daniel Mankoff, Jr.	33416068	Pfc.	Inf.
Otto H. New	25673134	Pvt.	Inf.
Earl E. Perkins	37210061	Sgt.	Inf.
Billy C. Pike	16108961	Cpl.	Unknown
S. L. Rich	34881613	Pvt.	Inf.
Amos E. Smith	38593072	Pvt.	Inf.
Marshall L. Taylor	35274634	Sgt.	Inf.
Wayne M. Wayman	39905371	Sgt.	Inf.

For the Effects Quartermaster:

R. T. BROWN  
1st Lt. Q.M.C.  
Asst. to Chief, Adm. Division

20 Incls--a/s



