

G.R.S. Form #114-B CAUSE OF DEATH *175a.*

LIST AS; CUSANO, GUISEPPE

FULL NAME. CUSANO, Joseph *OK.*  
*Reduced from Cpl. 5/12-15*RANK. *Pvt. 1cl. OK.* SERIAL. 550583 *OK.*DIVISION & ORGANIZATION. *Company E. 38th Infantry. OK 3rd Div.*DATE OF DEATH. 7/15/1918 *OK.*STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME. *Conn*MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED. *none*FINAL GRAVE LOCATION. 4/27/25 26 12 B  
Date Grave Row Block*5/25/27*  
*9466-3*  
Aisne-Marne American Cemetery. # 1764 2118  
Cemetery 2118

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Cusano	3	3 12 0
	Joseph		1 9
BURIED	CEMETERY 1764	1	4
	GRAVE 26	2	26
	ROW 12	2	12
	BLOCK B	1	2
STATE	Conn	2	06
RANK	Priv 1/c	1	2
DIVISION	3	2	03
ORGANIZATION	38	3	038
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARITAL	No	1	2
NAME	Cusano Mrs	3	3 12 0
	Angela Vaccaro Vedro		1 9
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	
	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Foreign	1	4
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QMs 293, A Joseph

June 12 1929.

Mr. Joseph Oretta,  
41 Oakino Street,  
Derby, Conn.

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 late Private Joseph Oretta, Co. B, 88th Inf. whose remains are now interred in the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, Aisne, 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,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

FILE UNDER NO.

293 Cusano, Joseph

## INDEX SHEET

SYNOPSIS

Change to Guiseppe Cusano

DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO.

293 Cusano, Guiseppe

INSTRUCTIONS.—Under "Synopsis" make brief entry showing <sup>mm</sup> date of communication and from whom received and synopsis sufficient to identify the papers. When these index sheets become numerous under a subject they will be entered on the consolidated index sheet and then destroyed.

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Cusano, Joseph

changed to

Cusano, Giuseppe

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cusano, Joseph  
1764

Aug. 22, 1929.

Mr. Joseph Oretta,  
41 Oakline St.,  
Derby, Conn.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 12, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Cusano, Joseph

June 12 1929.

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Derby, Conn.

Dear Sir:

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The records of this office show that you are the uncle of the late Private Joseph Cusano, Co. E, 59th Inf. whose remains are now interred in the Aisne Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, Aisne, 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,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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G.R.S. FORM #114-A.

STATION \_\_\_\_\_

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE April 27th, 1925.

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 <u>CUSANO, Joseph Guiseppa</u> | 10. Name _____     |
| 2. No. <u>550583</u>                   | 11. No. _____      |
| 3. Rank <u>Pvt.</u>                    | 12. Rank _____     |
| 4. Org. <u>Co.E, 38th Inf.</u>         | 13. Org. _____     |
| 5. D.D. <u>July 15, 1918.</u>          | 14. (a) D.D. _____ |
| 6. C.D. <u>KIA.</u>                    | (b) D.B. _____     |

Isolated grave, edge of small woods near railroad tracks, Commune of Moulins (Marne), map coord. Meaux 49 NE, E-192.560, N-260.580.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

- |                                       |            |                                    |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|------------|
| 7. Grave No. _____                    | Sec. _____ | 15. Grave No. _____                | Sec. _____ |
| 8. Plot _____                         | Row _____  | 16. Plot _____                     | Row _____  |
| 9. _____                              | _____      | 17. _____                          | _____      |
| 18. Cemetery <u>---</u>               | _____      | 19. Commune or town <u>Moulins</u> | _____      |
| 20. Dept. or County <u>Marne</u>      | _____      | 21. Country <u>France</u>          | _____      |
| 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. <u>---</u> | _____      | _____                              | _____      |

23. Disinterred (Date) Jan. 21st, 1925 By Edmo Maire
24. Inscription on grave marker: \_\_\_\_\_
- Name None Serial No. None
- Rank None Organization None

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

Edmo Maire  
 EDMO MAIRE, Chief Investigator.  
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).  
Shoes (estimated) 4 1/2 or 5. U.S. Uniform, wrapped in blanket,
27. Condition of body Flesh on body decomposed, (Skeleton Only)
28. Nature of burial Made grave about 2 1/2 feet deep, Uniform & blanket.
29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None
30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date April 27th, 1925 By Edmo Maire

31. Casket sealed by Edmo Maire  
 Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) Edmo Maire  
 EDMO MAIRE, Chief Investigator.

AUDITED BY  
 \$4.00  
 6/15/26

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-32935

32. Designation of body:

Name CUSANO, Joseph Serial No. 550583

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. E, 38th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Aisne-Marne American #1764, Belleau (Aisne).

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) April 27th, 1925 By Adolph G. Kaess

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 ADOLPH G. KAESS, Caretaker.

36. Remarks

Designation on the above remains were changed to read from UNKNOWN U.S. SOLDIER U-1659, to read Pvt. Joseph Cusano, 550583, Co. E, 38th Inf., in compliance with instructions received from Chief, A.G.R.S., C.M.C. in E., Paris, (Seine) France in letter dated April 8th, 1925.

Adolph G. Kaess Caretaker.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date)

To point of Concentration

(Name)

Convoyer 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

To Permanent Cemetery

(Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred. April 27th, 1925. AISNE-MARNE AMERICAN CEMETERY

(Date)

42. Grave No. 26 Section Block B

43. Plot Row 12

Signature of G.R.S. Representative ADOLPH G. KAESS Caretaker.

Place Moulins, Aisne

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Jan. 21st, 1925

CUSANO, Joseph. Guiseppe

1. REMAINS OF ~~Unidentified U.S. Soldier U-1659~~ SERIAL NUMBER 5505183.

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. F. 38th Infantry.

2. Disinterred (date) : Jan. 21st, 1925 From (give complete location) : Isolated grave, edge of small woods near railroad tracks, Commune of Moulins, Dept. of the Aisne, Map COOR Meaux 49 N.E. East 192.560 North 260.580

By : Group Maire Unit Chateau Thierry-Soissons Sector

3. Reburied (date) : \_\_\_\_\_ In (give complete location) : \_\_\_\_\_

~~HELD IN AISNE FARM - AMERICAN CHARITY HOSPITAL - FOR FUTURE IDENTIFICATION~~  
April 27th, 1925. Grave Twenty-Six (26), Row Twelve (12) Block B, Cty. 1764

By : Group Carotaker. Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial Blanket & Metallic Casket.

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

Made grave about two and half feet deep. U.S. Uniform, wrapped in blanket. Flesh on body badly decomposed.

5. (a) Identification tags : Buried with body ? No. On grave marker ? No.

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

Shoes (estimated) 4 1/8 or 5

Effects found on body consist of a Fountain pen and four pieces of French money which are being sent to Paris Headquarters.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) 57 inches

(b) Weight (estimated) 110 lbs.

(c) Hair—Color Imp. to Det.

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

Characteristics \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Hair on face—Color \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

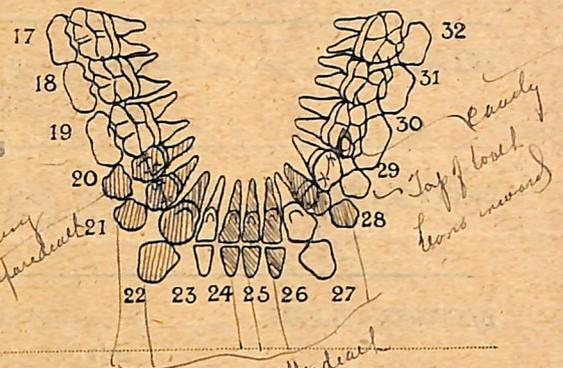
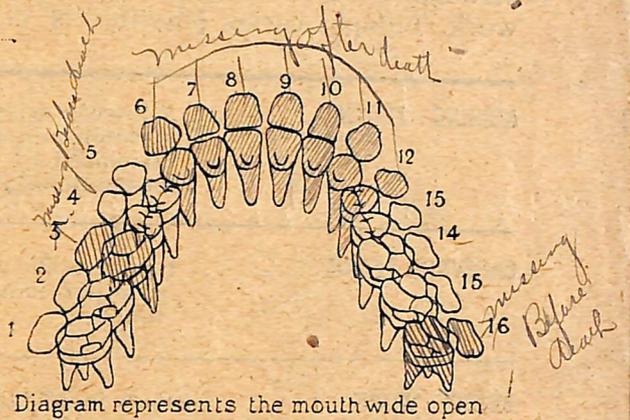
(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities,

or missing parts) Bones very small, and looks

like those of a young boy, rather than those of a man.

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

Head of Left Humerus, Forward arm of Left Scapula fracture caused by bullet



7. Disinterment supervised by Edmo Maire  
Edmo Maire  
Chief Investigator

Approved: Edmo Maire  
Edmo Maire  
Chief Investigator  
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by Adolph Kaess  
Adolph Kaess  
Carotaker.

Approved : \_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)

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

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

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

<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.

QM 293 A-C

Cusano, Joseph, Pvt.

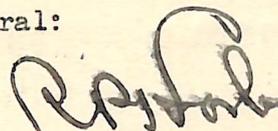
1st Ind.

War Dept., OQMG, Washington, D.C., March 11, 1925--To Chief, AGRS, QMC., in Europe.

1. Unknown U. S. Soldier U-1659, now in the mortuary in cemetery #1764, has been identified as the late Private Joseph Cusano, 550583, Co. E, 38th Inf.

2. The body is to remain buried in Europe. When reburial has been accomplished, concentration forms will be forwarded to this office.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

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



✓ 293 Cusano, Joseph.

2nd Ind.

Hqrs. American G.R.S., Q.M.C., in E., 20 rue Molitor, Paris, France, April 30, 1925. To: The Quartermaster General, Munitions Bldg., Washington, D.C.

1. In compliance with above instructions, forwarded herewith are G.R.S. Forms 114-A, 16-A and 1-A, covering permanent concentration of the remains of this late soldier in Grave 26, Row 12, Block B, Aisne-Marne American Cemetery #1764.

2. Following personal effects found on remains are also forwarded herewith:

1 Fountain Pen,  
4 pieces French money.



  
Wm. O. Smith,  
Lieut. Col., Q.M. Corps,  
Chief.

✓ 4 encls.

encl. 1-GRS Form 114-A,  
encl. 2-GRS Form 16-A,  
encl. 3-GRS Form 1-A,  
encl. 4-env. containing personal  
effects listed in par. 2.

293 Cusano, Joseph

HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE Q.M.C. IN EUROPE

IN REPLYING

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE SERVICE

PLEASE ADDRESS:

20 RUE MOLITOR

CHIEF, AMERICAN GRAVES

REGISTRATION SERVICE.

FILE NO. 293 Unknown U.S. Soldier U-1659.

PARIS, FRANCE January 30, 1925

Subject: Recovery.

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

1. Forwarded herewith is Form 16-A for the remains of Unknown U.S. Soldier U-1659 (believed to be the remains of Private Joseph Cusano, 550583, Co.E, 38th Infantry) located by the Research personnel of this office.

2. This body was found while conducting a search for remains of Pvt. Cusano along railroad near Marne River, Commune of Moulins, which corresponds to locality in which said soldier was reported killed. Grave was located as result of inquiries among inhabitants. It is recommended that comparison of data herewith be made with that on file in Washington in effort to identify body as that of Pvt. Cusano.

3. Personal effects noted as forwarded are on hand at these Headquarters.

4. These remains are being held in the Aisne-Marne mortuary pending receipt of advice from your office as to identification and disposition.



✓ 1 encl.

*W. O. Smith*  
W. O. Smith  
Lieut. Col., M. Corps,  
Chief. *15*

GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE  
WASHINGTON

CLAIMS DIVISION

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE  
JWR-711  
621971

July 17, 1925.

Quartermaster General,  
Munitions Building,  
Washington, D.C.

Sirs:

You are advised that the personal effects of the late Joseph Cusano, who was a Private 1st class, Company E, 38th Infantry are being forwarded to the mother as of this date. A carbon copy of letter is enclosed as per your request.

Respectfully,

J.R. McCarl,

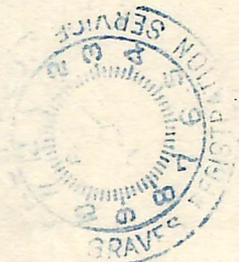
Comptroller General,

By

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July 17, 1925.

Quartermaster General,  
Munitions Building,  
Washington, D.C.

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Respectfully,

J.R. McCarl,

Comptroller General,

By



JWR-711  
621971

July 17, 1925.

Angelo Vaccaro,  
Piazza del Popolo,  
Scafati, (Prov. Salerno),  
Italy.

Madam:

This office is in receipt of your communication of recent date in which you request the personal effects of your late son, Joseph Gusano, who was a Private 1st class Company E, 38th Infantry.

In compliance with your request you are advised that the personal effects of the deceased soldier consist of 1 fountain pen, and four pieces of French money. Said effects are being forwarded by separate registered package. You will please acknowledge receipt thereof for which purpose an official envelope, requiring postage is enclosed.

Respectfully,

J.R. McCarl,  
Comptroller General,

By-

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Gusano, Joseph

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*Joseph*

QM 095 A-A (Cusano, Giuseppe) 2nd Ind.  
War Department, OQMG, Washington, July 11, 1925. - To General Accounting Office,  
Claims Division, Washington, D. C.

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✓ X095 Cusano, Giuseppe



TRANSLATION MADE IN  
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DIVISION  
GENERAL STAFF.

BY M.K. 7/6/25.

To War Department,

General Accounting Office.

Reply to N. 621971 - JWR 711.

In reply to the communication bearing the above No., I have the honor to inform your office that I shall be immensely pleased to receive the personal effects of my beloved son, Giuseppe Cusano, who was killed in the war.

My postoffice address is the following:

Angela Vaccaro,  
Piazza del Popolo,  
Scafati,  
(Prov. Salerno),  
Italia.

I take this occasion to thank you most sincerely for your courtesy.

Respectfully,

Angela Vaccaro Cusano.

QM 095 A-A (Cusano, Giuseppe) 1st Ind.  
War Department, OQMG, Washington, July 2, 1925. -- To The Assistant Chief of  
Staff, G-2.

Requesting translation and return.

For The Quartermaster General:

D. K. MITCHELL,  
Major, Q.M.G.,  
Assistant.

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QM 293 A-C

Cusano, Joseph, Pvt.

May 16, 1925.

Mr. Angelo Cusano,  
Prozzo del Popolo, Scafati,  
Province di Salerno, Italy.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that a recent search over the battlefields by the Field Forces of the European Office, has resulted in the recovery of many of our Soldier Dead whose graves had not heretofore been found, and among others so recovered, we are glad to inform you, was the body of your deceased son, Private Joseph Cusano, Company E, 38th Infantry. His remains were found buried in an isolated grave in the Commune of Mezy-Moulin, Department of Aisne, France, and now repose in Grave 26, Row 12, Block B, Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, Belleau Wood, Department of Aisne, France.

This cemetery is under the care and protection of the United States for all time, and you may rest assured that the grave of Private Cusano will be properly and tenderly cared for. A cross bearing his name and rank has been erected over the grave; the same will eventually be replaced by a permanent marble marker to be likewise inscribed.

There were also found on the remains of Pvt. Cusano a fountain pen and 4 pieces of french money. You may expect to receive these effects within a short time from the General Accounting Office, Claims Division, Washington, D.C.

The Department trusts that your knowledge of the recovery and identification of your gallant son's body, will afford you some measure of comfort and lessen the sorrow incident to his death.

Very truly yours,

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

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Record card.



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QM 293 A-C

Cusano, Joseph, Pvt.

May 16, 1925.

General Accounting Office,  
Claims Division,  
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

The Quartermaster General desires that the inclosed personal effects found on the remains of Private Joseph Cusano, 550583, Co. E, 38th Inf., exhumed from an isolated grave in the Commune of Mezy-Moulin, Department of Aisne, France, and now buried in Grave 26, Row 12, Block B, Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, Belleau Wood, Aisne, France, be forwarded to the father, Mr. Angelo Cusano, Prozzo del Popolo, Scafati, Province di Salerno, Italy., who has this day been notified of the identification.

Kindly furnish this office a copy of the letter of transmittal.

Very truly yours,

R. P. HARROLD,  
Major, Q.M.G.,  
Assistant.

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EKV *EKV*  
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QM 293 A-C

Cusano, Joseph, Pvt.

May 16, 1925.

Mr. Joseph Oretta,  
41 Onking St.,  
Derby, Conn.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General is pleased to inform you that the investigation which has been conducted to locate the grave of your nephew, the late Private Joseph Cusano, Co. E, 38th Inf., has proved successful. The body was recovered from an isolated grave in the Commune of Mezy-Moulin, Department of Aisne, France, and now reposes in Grave 26, Row 12, Block B, Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, Belleau Wood, Department of Aisne, France.

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Mr. Angelo Cusano of Italy, father of the soldier, has this day been notified of the identification of the remains of his son.

Very truly yours,

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

1 incl.  
Record card.

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5/15/25

Case of

Pvt. Joseph Cusano- 550583- Company E, 38th Infantry.

Action requested.

1.. Letter to Angelo Cusano Prozzo del Popolo, Scafati, Prov. di Salerne, Italy, advising him that the remains of his son Private Joseph Cusano, #550583- Company E, 38th Infantry, killed in action July 15, 1918 are now resting in Grave 26, row 12, Block B, Aisne-Marne American Cemetery # 1764, Belleau, Dept. Aisne. For his information the above remains were recovered from an isolated grave in the Cmme. of Mezy-Moulin, Dept. of Aisne, France. The effects of which consisted of a fountain pen and 4 pieces of French money (copper) have been this day forwarded to the General Accounting office, with request that same be forwarded to you.

2.. Letter to Joseph Oretta, 41 Onking St. Derby, Conn. advising him of the location of his nephew Pvt. Joseph Cusano in isolated grave in commune of Mezy-Moulin, Dept. of Aisne, and that the remains have been buried in grave 26, Row 12, Block B, Aisne-Marne American Cemetery # 1764, Belleau, Aisne. Notification of grave location has been forwarded to the father-- etc.

3.. Request the attached effects be forwarded to the Effects Depot- General Accountin Office, room 711, Walker-Johnson Building, 18th & N.Y.Ave. Washington, D.C. advising them that same were found to the remains of Pvt. Joseph Cusano, Company E. 38th Infantry. (recovered Jan 21, 1925) and remains of this soldier recovered from an isolated grave in commune of Mezy-Moulin, Dept. Aisne, and is now buried in grave 26, row 12, Block B, Aisne-Marne American Cty. # 1764, Belleau, Aisne. and request that these be forwarded to the father Angelo Cusano, Prozzp del Popolo, Scafati, Prov. de Salerno, Italy, he has this day been advised that such effects were forwarded to your office with request that they be forwarded to him.

*E. Kensett Vail*

E. Kensett Vail

Investigator.

Call War Risk for next of kin. No Claim number in file.

CUSANO, 550583, Joseph  
Pvt. Co. E, 38th Inf.

C-39375  
(Cusano)

Angelo Cusano

Prozsa del Popolo, Scafati  
Prov. di Salerno Italy.

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Cusano, Joseph, Pvt.

1st Ind.

War Dept., OQMG, Washington, D.C., March 11, 1925--To Chief, AGRS, QMC., in Europe.

1. Unknown U. S. Soldier U-1659, now in the mortuary in cemetery #1764, has been identified as the late Private Joseph Cusano, 550583, Co. E, 38th Inf.

2. The body is to remain buried in Europe. When reburial has been accomplished, concentration forms will be forwarded to this office.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

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

LN  
CS  
GR  
WPR

Noted by Statistical Clerk.  
Date 2/11/25 JPD



293 Unknown U.S. Soldier U-1659.

January 30, 1925.

Subject: Recovery.

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

1. Forwarded herewith is Form 16-A for the remains of Unknown U.S. Soldier U-1659 (believed to be the remains of Private Joseph Cusano, 550583, Co.E, 36th Infantry) located by the Research personnel of this office.

2. This body was found while conducting a search for remains of Pvt. Cusano along railroad near Marne River, Commune of Moulins, which corresponds to locality in which said soldier was reported killed. Grave was located as result of inquiries among inhabitants. It is recommended that comparison of data herewith be made with that on file in Washington in effort to identify body as that of Pvt. Cusano.

3. Personal effects noted as forwarded are on hand at these Headquarters.

4. These remains are being held in the Aisne-Marne mortuary pending receipt of advice from your office as to identification and disposition.

1 encl.



Wm. O. Smith,  
Lieut. Col., Q. M. Corps,  
Chief.

3-5-25

Miss Nicholson

Advise Europe that U 1659 from isolated grave  
Mezy, now in morgue 1764, is identified as Jos. Cusano.

Also advise as to disposition.

CS

# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

## I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File 17058

(a) Name CUSANO, Joseph Ser. No. 550583  
(b) Rank Private Organization Co. E, 38th Inf. } TYP. \_\_\_\_\_  
(c) Date of death 7-15-18 (d) Cause of death K/A } \_\_\_\_\_

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

(a) Grave Morgue 1764 Row \_\_\_\_\_ Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_ TYP. \_\_\_\_\_  
(b) Emerg. Address Joseph Oretta (Uncle), 41 Onkinc St., Derby, Conn.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases \_\_\_\_\_ CKR. \_\_\_\_\_

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

*No record of a H.O. card*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
letter of transmittal on \_\_\_\_\_, 192

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., \_\_\_\_\_, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

CEMETERY No. Morgue 1764 SHEET No. 2888

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COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_ CEMETERY No. Morgue 1764 SHEET No. 2888

O P I N I O N

CASE OF Cusano, Joseph 550583 Q.E. 38  
 GRAVE Unknown 1659 isolated Mezy mounds  
 DECISION is Cusano

DENTAL CHART

Date of Enlistment		Report on Disinterment			
A.G.O.		Emergency Address		Miss A.D.	
Missing	Dental Work	Dental Work	Missing B.D.	Dental Work	Miss A.D.
U.R. <u>3</u>			<u>3</u>		<u>6</u> <u>7</u> <u>8</u>
U.L.			<u>16</u>		<u>9</u> <u>10</u> <u>11</u> <u>12</u>
L.R.			<u>20</u>		<u>21</u> <u>22</u> <u>23</u> <u>24</u>
L.L.					<u>25</u> <u>26</u>

Above discrepancies can be accounted for as follows:

BODY DESCRIPTION

A.G.O. Report	E/A Report	Report on Disinterment
Height: <u>62</u>		<u>57</u>
Weight: <u>118</u>		<u>110</u>
Hair		
Fractures		

IDENTIFICATION TAGS

No Found on Body

No Found on Cross

OTHER IDENTIFYING MARKS

No Found on Body

Found at point of reported burial  
 ORIGINAL BURIAL DATA

Body in this Grave concentrated from Mezy  
 This man reported buried originally  
 Organizations of other men buried around original location 38 Inf. men  
 Investigator Scott

Concur:

APPROVED:

RAJF-

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Jan. 21st, 1925

1. REMAINS OF Unidentified U.S. Soldier U-1659 SERIAL NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
RANK Private ORGANIZATION Co. 38 Inf

2. Disinterred (date) : Jan. 21st, 1925 From (give complete location) : Isolated grave, edge of small woods near railroad tracks, Commune of Moulins, Dept. of the Marne, Map COOR Meaux 49 N.E. East 192.560 North 260.580  
By : Group Maire Unit Chateau Thierry-Soissons Sector

3. Reburied (date) : \_\_\_\_\_ In (give complete location) : \_\_\_\_\_  
HELD IN AISNE MARNE AMERICAN CEMETERY MORTUARY FOR FUTHER INSTRUCTINS  
By : Group \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial \_\_\_\_\_

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :  
Made grave about two and half feet deep. U.S. Uniform, wrapped in blanket. Flesh on body badly decomposed.

5. (a) Identification tags : Buried with body ? NO. On grave marker ? NO.

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

Shoes (estimated) 4 1/2 or 5

Effects found on body consist of a Fountain pen and four pieces of French money which are being sent to Paris Headquarters.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) 57 inches

(b) Weight (estimated) 110 lbs.

(c) Hair—Color Imp. to Det.

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

Characteristics \_\_\_\_\_

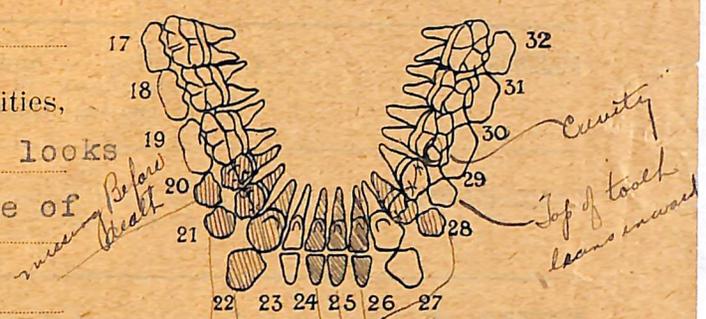
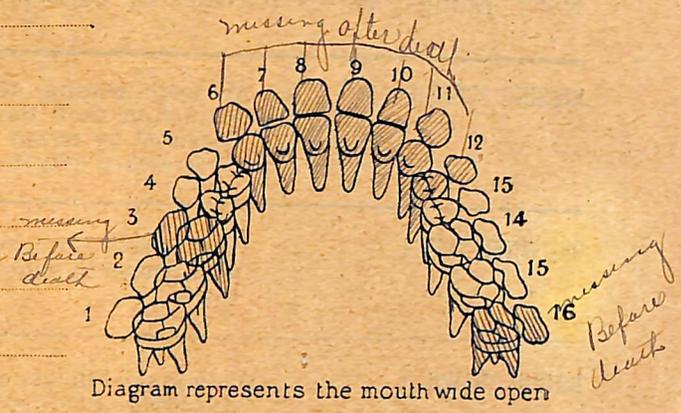
(d) Hair on face—Color \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

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

or missing parts) Bones very small, and looks like those of a young boy, rather than those of a man.



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

Head of Left Humerus, Forward arm of Left Scapula Injured (caused by bullet)

7. Disinterment supervised by Edmo Maire  
Edmo Maire  
Chief Investigator

Approved : Edmo Maire  
Edmo Maire  
Chief Investigator  
(Title)

8. Reburial Supervised by \_\_\_\_\_

Approved : \_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)

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

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

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

<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.

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✓ Cusano, Joseph, Pvt.  
Co. E, 38th Inf.

Feb. 2, 1925.

Mr. Joseph Oretta,  
41 Oakino St.,  
Derby, Conn.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that an investigation is being conducted with a view towards locating the grave of the soldier named above. To assist in the matter, it will be appreciated if you will secure, if possible, a chart from the dentist who may have performed dental work for the soldier prior to enlistment. The chart should include crowns, fillings, bridges, and extractions, if any. Should you be unable to obtain a chart, kindly report which teeth you recall crowned or filled.

The dental information, if received, will be checked with dental description of unknown soldiers found in the locality where this soldier was reported killed and buried.

You may be assured that everything possible will be done by the Department to bring the case to a successful conclusion.

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

Very truly yours,

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

✓ 1 incl. )  
envelope.

✓ X293 Oretta, Joseph  
25/52/ARK



Co. "E" 38th Infantry,  
3rd Division.

CUSANO, Joseph. Pvt. 550583.  
Home. 51 Elisabeth St.  
Derby. Conn.

He was killed instantly by a machine gun bullet on the railroad track where the company was lined up firing at the Germans, and did not say anything after being shot. Moulin, France.

Emergency Address,  
Cretta, Joseph. (Uncle)  
51 Elisabeth St.  
Derby. Conn.

Informant.  
Home.  
Signed.

Morallo, Joseph. Sgt. 550551.  
Co. "E" 38th Infantry.  
517 Carpenter St.  
Philadelphia. Pa.  
By Informant.

**GRAVE LOCATION BLANK**

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

**CUSANO 550583 Joseph** 17058  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

**Pvt Co D 38th Inf**  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: **near River Bank, at Moulins, France.**

CAUSE OF DEATH: **M.G. Bullet.**

DATE OF BURIAL: **unknown**

PLACE OF BURIAL: **unknown**

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

GRAVE NUMBER: **unknown**

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

Headboard?..... Bottle?.....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? **unknown**

Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker?.....

If name unknown and tags missing, description and marks should be given here?

*Mezey (Crosal)*  
CMMF.  
79 4976. ORD  
(C-79) SH

NEAREST RELATIVE: **unknown**

ADDRESS: **unknown**

RELATIONSHIP: *J.B. Conkling*

REPORTED BY: **J.B. Conkling, Captain, 38th Infantry.**

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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



Continental List No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Daily Report No. \_\_\_\_\_

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.

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FROM : ADJUTANT GENERAL.  
TO : C.O., Co. E, 38th Inf  
SUBJECT : Information for burial Register.

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1. You are directed to transmit without delay to the Chief, Graves Registration Service, the information indicated on enclosed Graves Location Blank as necessary for the completion of official records.

By Command of General Pershing:

Robert C. Davis  
Adjutant General.

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Note:

In case this item is checked, you will note hereon:

Nearest relative of deceased:

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Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

RECEIVED  
A.M. 20 Mar 19 P.M.  
O. C. Q. M.  
G. R. S.