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To The A. G. O.

G.R.S. Form #114-B

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1. NAME *COINS, James* SERIAL No. *2429839*

RANK *PFC* ORGANIZATION *92nd Mile. Pk. Co.,*  
*8 DIVISION - 92* *U.S. Corps 92nd Div.*

GRAVE LOCATION *Amer. Plot. Grand Cty. LE MANS (Sarthe) #419 sec A.*  
CTY. NAME NUMBER

*34 sec A.* *Amer.*  
GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION *34 LeMans Sarthe*  
As shown by cemetery directory AGRS GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

*Nov. 26, 1919.*  
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 18, 1919*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME *Ohio*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED *none*

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS *None of record.*  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

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SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR *Stanley J. Grogan*  
STANLEY J. GROGAN, CAPT. INF. USA.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION *8/17/22* *37* *8* *Blk. D*  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

*Oise Aisne American Cemetery #608, Seringes-&-Nesles, Aisne*  
CEMETERY

AUDITED BY

A. G. O.  
JAN 23 1926  
WORLD WAR DIV.

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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.
2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.
3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.
4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form 16, 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.



AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F.  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.  
TO : Mr. Lervis Coins, Huntington, West Va.,  
SUBJECT : Place of Burial.

2 April 1919

Private 1/cl. James Coins, 92nd Division Military Police Corps.  
American Plot, Grand Cemetery, LeMans, Sarthe, France.

I am sure that you will pardon the use of a form letter such as we are sending you to-day, when you try to realize under what great stress this office is working in order to give as prompt advice as possible concerning facts which are of such very vital importance to our sorrowing friends, whose brave men have suffered martyrdom on battle-fields within our sphere of European operation.

It is with great sorrow that I am writing you, and only the urgency of your desire to know, prompts me to push forward this notification when my note is required to be so formal because of the great number to which my name has to be signed.

You have probably already received official advice concerning the death of the one whom you gave to your country and the world for the saving of civilization.

You will be comforted in knowing that his body lies buried in a spot which is under our care and control, and that there will be no danger of its loss or neglect.

We are sending you, herewith, a note which gives general answers to a number of questions which our bereaved friends are often asking, and it will probably give information concerning some of the things you are anxious to understand.

Please be sure of our earnest desire to guard your interests in every possible way, and our satisfaction in being able to care for the resting places of our dead.

CCP/

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Lieut.-Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.

293.3 - Coins, James

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY  
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GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE.

G.R.S. )  
BULLETIN ) INFORMATION FOR THE FRIENDS OF OUR DEAD.  
NO. 10-B ) -----

1. THE GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, a branch of the Quartermaster Corps, is the official organization of the War Department, charged with the acquisition and control of cemeteries in every country embraced within the Field of Operations. It is also responsible for the marking and preservation of all graves. No other organization shares this authority, or has power to effect arrangements or make promises concerning this work. It must be remembered also that this Service does not bury the dead, but confines its operations to the location and control of graves. It is not prepared to give information on other subjects.
2. CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH. The Graves Registration Service does not receive information relative to the circumstances surrounding the death of soldiers, and inquiries under this heading should be addressed to the chaplain of the organization in which the soldier was serving at the time of his death.
3. OUR FIELD FORCE operates within all areas, and every effort is made to perfect identifications and to guard the resting places of our dead. The Government has undertaken to do every thing which is humanly possible, in view of the extreme difficulties involved in the stress or consequence of the greatest war in the history of the world.
4. THE EXACT LOCATION OF A GRAVE is communicated, whenever possible, to the person whom the soldier had previously registered as the proper one to be addressed, in case of casualty. The great mass of information to be gathered, verified, and transmitted, will generally account for delays in notification.
5. FLOWERS, FLAGS, ETC. We are frequently asked to accept commissions to place flowers, flags and other gifts on separated graves, but such requests must necessarily be denied because of the wide extent of our territory, the exhausting nature of the work, and the impossibility of reaching a thousand or more burial places under the difficult conditions which obtain. Such requests are also discouraged for the reason that there should be no inequality in the treatment of our nation's dead.
6. MONUMENTS. For the same reason, in addition to the fact that the Government would eventually be obliged to transport monuments with bodies to designated places of final burial, it is not at present permitted to erect any permanent monument; all graves being temporarily marked with a cross or the regulation headboard, such as is used in National Cemeteries in the United States. No other markers can be authorized until the final disposition of the dead has been made.
7. PERSONAL EFFECTS. Personal effects are not handled by this Service. Inquiries concerning the same should be addressed to The Adjutant General of the Army, Washington, D. C.
8. DISINTERMENTS. The exhumation of bodies is at present prohibited by the laws of the countries in which we are operating. No exception can be made until the War Department shall have completed its plans for the shipment of bodies to the States. This applies also to disinterments for emplacement in metal caskets; such action, for military reasons, having been disapproved.

9. RETURN OF BODIES to the U. S. will be made in due time, except in cases where a specific request to the contrary is made; which request should be addressed to The Adjutant General of the Army, Washington, D. C., who will issue proper instructions. Due announcement of the return of bodies will be made, and the time cannot be hastened by appeals for priority, precedence, or favoritism in the listing of claims. The final disposition of bodies will be considered and executed as an entire project, at such time, probably after the conclusion of peace, as the vastness and difficulty of this almost inconceivable task may make possible.

10. While some of these restrictions may seem unreasonable to friends in the first outburst of their sorrow, experience has shown the same to be necessary, and our people are asked to accept the sacrifice which they impose, in the same spirit in which our men on the world's battle-field have offered up themselves, viz., for the good of a great cause.

By Authority:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Lieut.-Colonel, Q. M. C., U. S. A.,  
Chief, G. R. S.

PHOTOGRAPHY OF GRAVES  
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

1. PHOTOGRAPHY OF GRAVES is entirely controlled by the Chief of the Graves Registration Service. American Expeditionary Forces, France. No photography of graves should be taken except by the special photographers of this Service, who, under the operation of military orders, are assigned to the Staff of its Chief, by the American Red Cross.
2. An officer of the American Red Cross, designated as Director of Photography, is assigned to the Staff of the Chief, Graves Registration Service, for this work, under his direction, and funds are provided through the War Chest contributed by the American people. No funds should be sent to the Graves Registration Service, the Red Cross, or individual officers for this purpose from any private source.
3. Operators are now photographing graves in France, Belgium, Italy, Great Britain and Ireland, and it is expected that within a very few months the finished photographs will be transmitted to the relatives of our dead.
4. Owing to the difficulties of obtaining the necessary technical staff, and the inadvisability of setting up a large photographic laboratory in France, it has been decided to distribute these photographs through the Bureau of Communication, American Red Cross National Headquarters, Washington, D. C., and all applications for pictures should be filed there, as soon as notification of the location of grave has been received by a relative from the Chief, Graves Registration Service.
5. The photographers work under route instructions issued by the Chief, Graves Registration Service, and in the interest of economy and labor-saving, it has been decided that these operators will not be able to make special trips to distant points to take individual photographs in response to urgent request received from the United States or elsewhere. The time so consumed would prolong the period of waiting on the part of many others.
6. It is the desire to furnish the best possible service to sorrowing friends at home, and with this end in view, it is earnestly requested that relatives of our dead will be as patient as possible in awaiting these photographs. It will be appreciated that if requests are forwarded directly to the Graves Registration Service of the Army in France, it will only add to the burden of the work, without achieving the end in view; as, for reasons given above, appeals for priority, precedence or favoritism in the listing of claims cannot be considered, and photographs can only be forwarded from Washington.

By direction of Lieutenant Colonel Charles C. Pierce,  
Chief, Graves Registration Service:

MAURICE B. DIX,  
Captain, American Red Cross,  
Director of Photography,  
Graves Registration Service.

WAR DEPARTMENT.

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

American Expeditionary Forces

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID  
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE \$300.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

Mr. Lervis Coins,

Huntington, West Va.,



HUNTINGTON  
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W. VA.



Cline, James.  
Pfc.

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Party C  
S.S. American Merchant - June 10, 1932

SOUTH CAROLINA  
Greenville County

Brockman, Mrs. Dilsey,  
111 Pinckney St., Greenville, S. C. (C 5)

✓ Lv. Greenville	SoRy	#40	5:20 PM (ET)	June 8
✓ Arr. New York	PaRR	124	12:20 PM (ET)	June 9

Route Going: SoRy Washington, PaRR New York.

Return: PaRR Washington, SoRy Greenville.

Sleeper Greenville to New York.

Elapsed time - 19 hours.

**CANCELLED**

*Rad*

Am. Banker

Coins, James

6-23-33

Ca



I Declines by letter rec'd 2-23-33  
(Accept or decline) the invitation extended  
me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of  
the Government of the United States under the pro-  
visions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Ms. Dilsey Brockman  
(Name)

111 Pinckney St., Greenville, Greenville Co., S.C.  
(Town or City) (State)

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	COINS, James	3	3 3 9
BURIED	CEMETERY 608	1	2
	GRAVE 37	2	37
	ROW 8	2	08
	BLOCK W.	1	4
STATE	Ohio	2	41
RANK	Private	1	2
DIVISION	92	2	92
ORGANIZATION	Mit. Pol. Co.	3	XXX
ARM	Infantry	1	X
MARITAL	Remarried	1	3
NAME	Brockman	3	285-
RESIDENCE	Mrs Dilsey (111 Pinckney St.)	2	46
	STATE SC	2	23
	COUNTY Greenville	3	019
	CITY Greenville	1	1
RELATION	Mother	1	
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE	Black	1	2
ENGLISH	yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Poor	1	2
NO. OF SONS	1	1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO. YR. 1933	1	4
ACCEPTANCE	No age	1	55-

**AUDITED**

DEC 6 1931

Deleted Am Merchant 6-10-32  
 declined Dur 6-23-33

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

February 13, 1933.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Coins, James (CA) X

Mrs. Dilsey Brockman,  
111 Pickney St.,  
Greenville, S. C.

*Decline*

Dear Madam:

No reply has been received to the invitation forwarded you to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe, sailing on the AMERICAN BANKER June 23rd.

In order that arrangements may be completed for the pilgrimage, it is imperative that you accept or decline the invitation. It is requested therefore you complete AT ONCE the card enclosed with the invitation forwarded you, signifying whether you accept or decline the invitation. If you have lost or misplaced the card, please write "Accept" or "Decline" on the bottom of this letter and return it to this office.

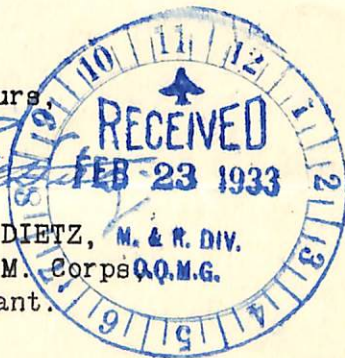
PLEASE REPLY PROMPTLY.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,



CHAS. W. DIETZ, M. & R. DIV.  
Captain, Q. M. Corps Q.M.G.  
Assistant.



"DECLINE."

"DECLINE."

*Her*

*Dilsey X Brockman*  
*mark*

*Witness*

*Mrs. Mamie P. Bailey,*  
*Augusta Rd.*  
*Greenville S.C.*  
*George C. Bailey*  
*Augusta Road*  
*Greenville S.C.*

American Trader

Coins, James Pvt lcl

~~8-26-32~~

OA

*Cancelled - To go 6-10-32*

I ~~accept~~ the invitation extended  
(Accept or decline)

me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of the  
Government of the United States under the provisions of  
the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

*Mrs. Dilsey Brockman*

.....  
Mrs. Dilsey Brockman  
(Name)

*111 Pinckney Street*

~~At Broadus Bailey, Alston G. Turnam Co., Greenville,~~  
(Town or city) Greenville Co. (State) South Carolina

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1928 22679

Witness to signature by name:  
*Rud E. King, Greenville, SC*  
*Mr. George C. Bailey* " "



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JAN 18 1932  
M & R BR.  
O. Q. M. S.

American Merchant

Coins, James Pvt.1cl.

6-10-32

O-A

✓ Declined by letter from  
C.B. Rhodes  
Accept

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(Accept or decline)

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Southeastern Passenger  
Agent

1933

Copy list

Mrs. Dilsey Brockman

(Name)

111 Pinckney St., Greenville, Greenville Co., S.Car.

(Town or city)

(State)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1930

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Send carbon copies of correspondence to  
Lieut Broadus Bailey  
90 Alister S. Fairman, Co, Greenville S.C.



QM 293 A-M  
Coins, James (QA)

May 26, 1932

Lieut. Broadus Bailey,  
% Alester G. Furman Co.,  
Greenville, S. C.

My dear Lieutenant Bailey:

I have your letter of May 23rd, advising that you have interviewed Mrs. Dilsey Brockman but that she maintains she does not desire to make the pilgrimage on June 10th.

While it is probable that Mrs. Brockman will decline the journey in 1933, which is the last year for which the pilgrimage is authorized, an opportunity will be given her to make the journey at that time and it is hoped she will take advantage of the offer.

May I again express appreciation for your continued kindness and the interest you have shown in this case.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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ALESTER G. FURMAN CO.

ESTABLISHED 1886

*Thank you*  
*HC*

ALESTER G. FURMAN  
ALESTER G. FURMAN, JR.  
ROBERT W. HUDGENS  
BROADUS BAILEY

GREENVILLE, S. C.

STOCKS LOANS  
BONDS REAL ESTATE  
INSURANCE

May 23, 1932

*James Cain*  
*608*

Capt. A. D. Hughes,  
War Department,  
Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Captain:

Reference is made to your communication of May 17th.

It seems that the information contained in your letter is correct. Immediately upon receipt of your letter I made contact with the American Legion Auxiliary and one of their members made contact with this colored woman, and reported that she had given up the idea of making the trip.

This morning I called on this colored woman, but was not able to get any other report, than that she was sick and could not make the trip. She did lose all of her personal belongings in a recent fire, but the Auxiliary told her that they would get up the necessary clothing for her to make the trip, but in spite of that she insists that she can not go.

She said something about being able to take the trip next year, but it is my own opinion that next year it will be some other excuse.

It seems that your good office has fulfilled its duty, in that you have done all in your power to make the trip available. I have done all in my power to convince this old ducky that the trip was available for her.

We will be glad, if necessary, to help further, but it is our opinion that this case can be closed.

Yours very truly,

*Broadus Bailey*

BB/mp

QM 293 A-M  
Coins, James (OA)

May 17, 1932

Lieut. Broadus Bailey,  
% Alister G. Furman Co.,  
Greenville, S. C.

My dear Lieutenant Bailey:

Information has been received that Mrs. Dilsey Brockman would not make a pilgrimage to the grave of her son, the late Private first class James Coins during the coming summer, inasmuch as she had recently lost her home by fire and was under the care of a physician.

It is possible that Mrs. Brockman may have been hysterical and may now be in a calmer state of mind and her health improved, and desire to sail on the American Merchant June 10th. This letter therefore is to advise you that should this be the case, arrangements can be made to include her in this group provided this office is notified in sufficient time to permit transportation to New York to be delivered to her.

The name of Mrs. Brockman has been placed on the list of women who will make the pilgrimage in 1933, however, should she now desire to make the pilgrimage on June 10th, it will be appreciated if this office is notified promptly in order that the necessary arrangements may be made.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Coins, James (OA)M

May 13, 1932

Lt. Broadus Bailey,  
c/o Alester G. Furman Co.,  
Greenville,  
South Carolina.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the  
amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, to pay for your meals and incidental  
expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage  
authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

946,859

10.00

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST THIS CHECK BE CASHED  
AND USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT SPECIFIED.

If for any reason, you are not able to sail on  
the date mentioned in your invitation, the check must be  
returned to this office immediately.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

1 Incl.  
Check No.

SOUTHEASTERN PASSENGER ASSOCIATION

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

ROOM 1007, 101 MARIETTA ST.

ATLANTA, GA.

May 10th, 1932.

Please refer to file No. B-9010.

C. B. Rhodes, Chairman

Geo. D. Snow, Secretary

Subject: Gold Star Pilgrimages, Party C, S. S. American Merchant sailing from New York June 10, 1932

Captain R. E. Shannon, Q.M.C.,  
Asst. Quartermaster General,  
War Department,  
Washington, D. C.

*Deleted  
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Am March  
6-10-32  
Deleted for 1933*

Dear Sir:

Referring to schedule April 26th for Gold Star Pilgrims in Party C.

Mr. E. N. Aiken, Assistant Passenger Traffic Manager, Southern Railway System, advises that representative has interviewed Dilsey Brockman (C 5), Greenville, S. C., and was advised that she will not be able to make the trip by reason of the fact that she recently lost her home by fire and all her clothing. She is now ill and under the care of a physician, and desires to make the trip next year instead of this year.

Your further advice will be appreciated.

Very respectfully,

*C. B. Rhodes*  
Chairman *JWS.*

JWS/L

Copy to Mr. E. N. Aiken: Your letter of May 7th, file 19-European Cemeter.

*Miss James P.C. - 0-A*

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Very respectfully,

*C. B. Rhodes*  
Chairman  
*JWS*

JWS/L

Copy to Mr. E. N. Aiken: Your letter of May 7th, file 19-European Cemeter.

*Cover, James PFE - DA*

QM 293 A-M  
Coins, James Pvt 1el (OA) M x

February 26, 1932.

Mrs. Dilsey Brockman,  
111 Pinckney Street,  
Greenville, S. C.

Dear Madam:

I am glad to inform you that it has been found practicable to arrange for the mothers and widows scheduled to sail on the American Trader, August 26th, to make the pilgrimage earlier in the summer at a time of the year when the ocean voyage is most pleasant and the climate and conditions in Europe are more satisfactory. All invitations to sail on the American Trader, August 26th, have accordingly been cancelled and arrangements are being made for you to sail on the American Merchant, June 10, 1932. A formal invitation is enclosed herewith.

In order that there may be no misunderstanding, it is requested you destroy the invitation issued you to sail on the American Trader, August 26th, and complete the card enclosed with the invitation to sail on the American Merchant, June 10th, returning it to this office at your earliest convenience.

In making application for your passport, please present the invitation to sail on the American Merchant, June 10th.

If, for any reason, you are not able to sail on June 10th, you will of course be given an opportunity to make the pilgrimage during the year 1933. It is hoped, however, that you will be able to accept the enclosed invitation and sail on the American Merchant, June 10th.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:  
Invitation  
Card - Env.

MB

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

PLEASE FILL IN THE INFORMATION CALLED FOR BELOW,  
AND MAIL THIS LETTER PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED  
ENVELOPE WHICH REQUIRES NO POSTAGE.

Brockman, Mrs. Dilsey  
~~c/o Lieut. Broadus Bailey,~~  
~~c/o Alister G. Furman Co.,~~  
Quartermaster General, 111 Pinckney St., Greenville, Greenville Co., S. C.  
St. James, James Pvt. 1cl OA M  
Washington, D. C. American Trader 8-26-32

Sir:

In the blank space below you will find the name,  
address, and relationship to me, of the person in the United  
States whom I desire to be notified in case I become  
seriously ill or other emergency arises while I am making  
the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress  
approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. George C. Bailey, President of American  
Name Legion Auxiliary,

Augusta Road, West Greenville, S.C.  
Address

None  
Relationship



Very truly yours,

*Mrs. Dilsey Brockman*  
Your name *marked*

Witnesses to signature by 111 Pinckney St., Greenville, S.C.  
mark: Your address  
*Rid Elias, Greenville, S.C.*  
*Mrs. George C. Bailey*

QM 293 A-M  
Coins, James (CA)

January 12, 1932

Hon. J. J. McSwain,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. McSwain:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 8th, relative to Mrs. Dilsey Brookman, who has been invited to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

There is no information of record in this office to indicate that Private first class James Coins served in the military forces under an alias. The name of Mrs. Dilsey Brookman was furnished this office as being the natural mother of this veteran, and she was communicated with relative to the pilgrimage, whereupon she expressed a desire to make a pilgrimage to the grave of her son, the late Private first class James Coins. Mrs. Brookman has been forwarded a formal invitation to sail on the "American Trader" August 26, 1932, to visit the grave of her son in the Oise Aisne American Cemetery in France.

It may be stated in this connection, that this office does not demand proof of parentage unless there is reason to believe that the matter should be investigated.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JAS. H. LAUBACH,  
Lt. Col., Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

bb

J. J. MCSWAIN  
4TH DIST. SOUTH CAROLINA

DIXON D. DAVIS  
SECRETARY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 8, 1932.

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293 Davis James  
201 Mrs. Brockman

The Quartermaster General,  
War Department,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Please refer to the military service of James  
Coins, AS-2429839, who died at Camp Hospital No. 52, A. E. F.,  
March 18, 1919, and advise me what your records show with  
reference to the relationship between the deceased and Mrs.  
Dilcie Ann Brockman.

My information from a reliable source is that James  
Coins, for reasons known to himself, enlisted under a fic-  
ticious name, whereas his real name should have been Brock-  
man.

I think you can furnish me this data with little  
difficulty because your office has already held that Mrs.  
Dilcie Ann Brockman, as a Gold Star mother, is entitled to  
a trip to France to visit her son's grave. I shall appre-  
ciate a full and comprehensive report showing how you  
arrived at this conclusion that this woman is the mother  
of James Coins.

Yours very respectfully,

J. J. McSwain



DOPE

Dilsey was common-law wife of father of veteran for 10 years - now married to Brockman. Father left insurance to Louis - brother of vet. whose Wife Matilda was made administrator after death of Louis in 1922. Insurance will be divided among heirs, which include several half-brothers and sisters. At present however cannot be paid to anybody as Dilsey has sworn this is not her child and he is not legally born therefore cant be recognized as legally dead. Dilsey can get compensation but evidently wont give in so they can get insurance of her son.

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VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON

November 30, 1931

IN REPLY REFER TO: FCAD

War Department,  
Office of the Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

293 COINS, James  
XC-185,197

Gentlemen:

Your communication of October 22, 1931 with inclosures of photostatic copies of correspondence relative to the pilgrimage of mothers and widows to the cemeteries of Europe has been received.

Appropriate attention will be given thereto.

Respectfully,

*H. L. McCoy*

H. L. McCOY,  
Director of Insurance



QM 293 A-M  
Coins, James -OA-x

October 22, 1931

SUBJECT: Mother of Veteran - XC 185-197, Private 1st cl. James Coins.

TO: Director, Veterans Administration, Washington, DC

1. Reference is made to your letter of September 3rd, with enclosure, relative to the parentage of the late Private first class James Coins.

2. For your information there are enclosed copies of correspondence relative to the pilgrimage of mothers and widows to the cemeteries of Europe, which may aid your office in settling this case.

For The Quartermaster General:

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

Encls:

Copy office lt. 10-9-31  
Copy lt. 10-14-31 (Bailey)  
Copy lt. 10-19-31 (Bailey)  
Copy lt. 10-19-31 (Brockman)

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QM 293 A-M  
Coins, James (OA)x

October 22, 1931

Lieut. Broadus Bailey,  
% Alester G. Furman Co.,  
Greenville, S. C.

My dear Lieutenant Bailey:

I have your letter of October 19th, with enclosures relative to the desire of Mrs. Dilsey Brockman to visit the grave of her son, the late Private first class James Coins during the summer months of 1932.

I am indeed grateful to you for your cooperation in this matter and inasmuch as you have been able to get results where all other efforts have failed, it will be appreciated if you will permit all further communications relative to the pilgrimage of Mrs. Brockman to be addressed to you. These communications will be a formal invitation, setting forth the name of the vessel upon which reservation has been made, which will require an acceptance, and instructions as to obtaining her passport, etc. The invitation will probably be issued about the first of the year and instructions and general information regarding the pilgrimage will be forwarded later.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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October 21, 1931

Quartermaster General,  
War Department,  
Washington, D.C.

*clgd*  
*10-21-31*

In re: QM 293 A-M - COINS, JAMES (OA)x

Dear Sir:    Att:    Capt. Hughes.

Reference is made to yours of October 17th. I have already forwarded to you the paper indicating that the mother of this deceased, Mrs. Disley Brockman (colored) wishes to make this pilgrimage next year.

I have suggested to our American Legion Auxiliary that they interest themselves in this colored woman to the extent of helping her at the proper time secure the necessary clothing and baggage for this trip, and they have practically committed themselves to do this.

I happen to know one of the negroes mentioned in your letter of October 17th, namely; Lizzie Golightly who has made this trip and have made arrangements for Dilsey Brockman to talk to Lizzie Golightly to give her any information that would be helpful.

Personally, I think it will be worked out satisfactorily.

Yours very truly,

*Broadus Bailey*  
BROADUS BAILEY  
First Lieutenant Infantry, E.O.R.L.

*Send all mail to "Dolly" Bailey  
to him Broadus Bailey  
Alester G. Furman Co.  
Greenville SC*



BB:mp

*No Reply*

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Oct. 19, 1931.

The Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

In re: QM 293 A-M

Coins, James (OA) Mx

Dear Sir:

With further reference to your letter to the writer dated October 9th in regard to the above, we enclose herewith your form letter dated October 7th addressed to Mrs. Dilsey Brockman and also the letter for her signature.

The writer communicated with you as of October 14th and gave you this negroes' address as #109 Pinckney Street. We find this is in error as the correct address is #111 Pinckney Street.

If we can be of further service to you, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Yours very truly,  
ALESTER G. FURMAN COMPANY

By *Proctor*



BB/sh  
encs.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON



IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Coins, James (OA) Mx

October 2, 1931.

Mrs. Dilsey Brockman  
745 Wynns Alley,  
Greenville, S. Car.

*Send all mail to  
"Dilsey" in care of  
Lieut Broadus Bailey  
of Alister G. Furman Co.  
Greenville S.C.*

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

In order that the records may be complete, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name, and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	<i>Yes.</i>
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: <i>55</i> Health: <i>Good.</i>
3. Do you speak English?	<i>Yes.</i>
4. What other language do you speak?	<i>None.</i>

*her maid.*  
*Dilsey Brockman*  
Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*A. D. Hughes*

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



Encl:  
Env.

The Quartermaster General,

Washington, DC

Dear Sir:

I (~~do not~~) desire to make a pilgrimage, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, to the grave of my son, the late Private first class James Coins, in the Oise Aisne American Cemetery in France, during the year 1932.

Very truly yours,

*W. J. Jones*  
*Wm. J. Jones*  
*Des. Hunsinger*  
*Greenville S.C.*

*her maid.*  
*Dilsa Brockman.*  
Signature

*111 Parkway Dr.*  
Address  
*Greenville S.C.*

*Oct. 19/31.*  
Date

QM 293 A-M  
Coins, James (OA)x

October 17, 1931

Lieut. Broadus Bailey,  
% Alester G. Furman Co.,  
Greenville, S. C.

My dear Lieutenant Bailey:

I have your letter of October 14th, advising that you had located Mrs. Dilsey Brockman and would advise later the result of your conversation with her.

Your kindness in interesting yourself in this matter is greatly appreciated, and in the event Mrs. Brockman is more or less favorably inclined to make the pilgrimage, it might be advantageous to advise her the names of some women from Greenville who have made the pilgrimage. While the records do not show any colored mothers from Greenville made a pilgrimage this past summer, Mrs. Louise Chaney, Route 4, Box 268, Greenville, Mrs. Lizzie Golightly, 25 Grove St., Greenville, and Mrs. Polly Adair, 107 St. John St., Greenville, made pilgrimages in 1930 and appear to have had an enjoyable journey. Whether or not this information should be furnished Mrs. Brockman however, is left to your discretion.

Awaiting your further reply, I am,

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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October 14, 1931

The Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D.C.

In re: QM-293 A-M - Coins, Jas. (OC) MX -

Dear Sir: Att: Capt. A. D. Hughes.

Reference is made to your communication to the writer dated October 9th. The writer finally located this colored woman by the n/o Disley Brockman, whose present address is 109 Pinckney Street, this City.

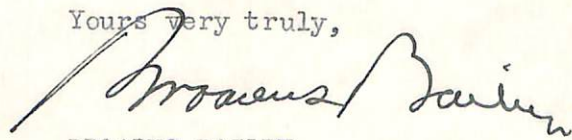
She asked the writer to give her several days in which to study over the matter and she would be in the writer's office on Monday, October 19th, to give us her final answer.

She had your letter of October 2nd, but it meant nothing to her since she is of our typical Southern Negro type, and not having it explained to her she had put your letter aside.

The writer will go into this matter thoroughly with this party and will advise you accordingly.

As you no doubt know from the records, in Washington, the writer is a retired First Lieutenant of the Army, and if at any time he can be of any service to any of the various departments there, he will be only too glad to do so.

Yours very truly,



BROADUS BAILEY



QM 293 A-M  
Coins, James - OA X

October 9, 1931

Mr. Broadus Bailey,  
% Alester G. Furman Co.,  
Greenville, S. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of July 10, 1931, advising that Mrs. Matilda Coins is neither the wife nor mother of the late Private first class James Coins, and that the natural mother has issued affidavits denying her parenthood.

In view of the interest you have shown in this case, I am emboldened to seek your further assistance in locating Mrs. Dilsey Brockman, who appears to be the natural mother and who has denied the parenthood. This office is making every effort to locate all the women eligible to make the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended, and it seems that Mrs. Brockman is eligible. However inasmuch as she has not admitted her parenthood, no communication has been addressed to her relative to the pilgrimage.

It will be appreciated if you will endeavor to locate Mrs. Brockman, whose last known address was 745 Wynns Alley, Greenville, S.C., and bring to her attention the fact that if she is the natural mother of this late veteran, she is eligible to make a pilgrimage to his grave in the Oise Aisne American Cemetery in France at the expense of the Government, and prevail upon her to sign the enclosed letter, advising her wishes in connection with the pilgrimage.

Assuring you that anything you are able to do to clear up this situation will be greatly appreciated, I am,

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encls:  
Lt. to be signed  
Ret. Env.  
Act-amendment  
Regulations

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The Quartermaster General,

Washington, DC

Dear Sir:

I (do not) desire to make a pilgrimage, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, to the grave of my son, the late Private first class James Coins, in the Oise Aisne American Cemetery in France, during the year 1932.

Very truly yours,

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Signature

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Address

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Date

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Coins, James (OA) Hx

October 2, 1931.

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Mrs. Dilsey Brockman,  
745 Wynns Alley,  
Greenville, S. Car.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

In order that the records may be complete, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name, and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:  
Env.



VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

UNITED STATES VETERANS BUREAU

WASHINGTON

September 25, 1931.

THIS LETTER REFERS TO

YOUR FILE NUMBER: QM 293 A-M

IN REPLY REFER TO: MCC-Bb

293

War Department,  
Office of the Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

COINS, James

XC-185 197

Sir:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your communication dated September 9, 1931 asking to be informed of the address of the mother of the above named veteran.

Please be informed the evidence on file in this office discloses that the veteran's mother, Dilsey Brockman's last known address was 745 Wynns Alley, Greenville, South Carolina.

Respectfully,

*George E. Brown*

GEORGE E. BROWN,  
Director of Compensation



QM 293 A-M  
Coins, James

September 9, 1931

**SUBJECT:** Mother of Private first class James Coins  
XC-185,197

**TO:** Director, Veterans Administration, Washington, DC

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 3, 1931, with enclosure, advising the name of the mother of the late Private first class James Coins.

2. It will be appreciated if you will advise the latest known address of the mother of this veteran in order that she may be communicated with relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe.

For The Quartermaster General:

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

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UNITED STATES VETERANS' BUREAU

November 12, 1923

J. E. Downin, Chief, Legal Contact Section,  
C. S. Reading, Examiner, Room 920,  
COINS, James C-185,197.

O-323  
JHW: vls-12

With reference to your memorandum of November 7, you are informed that the evidence in file indicates that the State of residence of the deceased was the State of Ohio, and further, that the party known as Dilsey Brockman, although she denies the fact, is actually the mother of the deceased, and it would appear that her denial was made simply with a view of prohibiting other persons from receiving the benefits of insurance, she being of the opinion that if she would admit that she is the mother and thereby legitimate the child, that other persons will be entitled.

Her opinion, however, is in error because in this case there does not appear to be any brothers and sisters of the deceased, and the State of residence being Ohio, there being no brothers and sisters, the mother would be the only surviving relative, and she would be entitled to the insurance, and the other persons mentioned in the file may be excluded in so far as the insurance benefits are concerned.

However, inasmuch as she continually denies that she is the mother, and her reason for such denial are apparent, it is not advisable for this Bureau to inform her that if she will admit the paternity of the child, which is clearly proven from other evidence in the file, that she would be entitled to the insurance.

As the case now stands, unless she voluntarily admits that she is the child's mother, insurance will of necessity escheat to the United States Government.

U. E. DOWNIN, Chief,  
Legal Contact Section.

per J. H. Welch.

C O P Y



VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON

September 3, 1931.

War Department,  
The Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO: FABF

COINS, James  
XC-185,197.

Sir:

In reply to your communication of August 21, 1931, your reference QM 293 A-M COINS James, you are advised that this Administration has for a long period of years been investigating this claim to determine the parentage of the deceased veteran. There is a great deal of conflicting evidence and uncertainty as to the mother of the deceased veteran.

There is enclosed a portion of a report received in this Administration on November 12, 1923 which is the best evidence now on file. This evidence is personal and confidential, and is requested by this office to not be disclosed in view of the fact that no insurance has been paid on the claim, pending definite evidence as to the parents of the deceased veteran.

All future communications relative to this case should bear the veteran's name and refer to the Number XC-185,197.

Respectfully,

Enclosure  
report

*H. L. McCoy*

H. L. McCOY,  
Director of Insurance.



QM 293 A-M  
Coins, James

August 21, 1931

SUBJECT: Mother of Veteran, - G 185-197  
TO: Director, Veterans Administration, Washington, DC

1. The name of Mrs. Matilda Coins was furnished this office in connection with the pilgrimages of mothers and widows to the cemeteries of Europe. However, the following information was furnished:

"Matilda is neither wife nor mother of James Coins. The writer learned that his wife has re-married several years ago. His mother issued several affidavits we are told denying his parentage."

2. In order that the records of this office may be correct, it is requested you advise what your records show in this case as to the relationship of Mrs. Matilda Coins to the late Private first class James Coins, 92nd Mil. Pol. Co, and whether or not this veteran is survived by a mother.

For The Quartermaster General:

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

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QM 293 A-M  
Coins, James - 608

July 22, 1930

Mr. Broadus Bailey,  
% Alister G. Furman Co.,  
Greenville, S. C.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 10th regarding the pilgrimage of mothers and widows to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

Your cooperation in this matter is very much appreciated, and in view of the circumstances as stated by you, the case will be closed.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Ask receipt  
Thank him and  
Close file

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Captain  
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          INSURANCE

July 10, 1930

The Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

In re: QM-293 A-C - Coins, James - 608 Admx.

Dear Sir:

You have forwarded to Mrs. Matilda Coins in our care 3 letters in regard to the Gold Star Mothers or Widow's pilgrimage to France.

When your first letter arrived the writer scoured our community and finally located Matilda Coins. Matilda is neither wife nor Mother Of James Coins. The writer learned that his wife has re-married several years ago. His mother issued several affidavits we are told denying his parentage. We think under the circumstances that neither of these parties are entitled to make this trip.

The writer is a First Lieutenant retired and has taken especial interest in helping out the Legion and other organizations that might be interested in things of this nature, and our information was obtained partly from negroes in the community and also from the Veteran's Bureau Office.

Under the circumstances the writer's opinion is that so far as this particular file is concerned it could be closed.

Matilda Coins acted as Administratrix for this ex-service man's estate and had no other connection with this ex-service man so far as the writer is able to learn.

We are returning the correspondence received from your office dated July 8th.

Yours very truly,  
ALESTER G. FURMAN COMPANY

By *Broadus Bailey*

BB:mb  
Enc.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Coins, James - 608 Admx.

July 8, 1930

Mrs. Matilda Coins  
C/o Alester G. Furman  
Agt. Fidelity & Deposit Co. of Md.  
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Madam:

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

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

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1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

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

If so, give her name and address:

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


If so, give her name and address:

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Coins, James 608

March 18, 1930

Mrs. Matilda Coins,  
% Alester G. Furman,  
Agt. Fidelity & Deposit Co. of Md.,  
Greenville, South Carolina.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the administrator of the estate of the late Pvt. 1st Cl. James Coins, 92nd Mil. Pol. Co., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried?
2. If so, give her complete address.
3. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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

*File*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

DATE 2/11/30

NAME RANK SERIAL ORGANIZATION DATE OF DEATH  
COINS, James Pvt. 2/cl 2429839 92nd Mil. Pol. Co. Mar. 18/19

STATE Ohio CTY. NO. 608 GRAVE 37 ROW 8 BLOCK D

	<u>Check relationship</u>	<u>Living - Deceased</u>	
NAME	MOTHER	: <i>no</i> :	<i>record adm. of Est of</i>
AND	STEPMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)	: :	<i>deceased Bros -</i>
ADDRESS	MOTHER THRU ADOPTION (For the year prior to commencement of service)	: :	<i>Mrs. Matilda Coins</i>
	MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS (For the year prior to commencement of service)	: :	<i>% Alister G. Swinson</i>
	WIDOW (Who has not remarried)	: :	<i>agt. Fidelity + Deposit Co. of Maryland</i>
	<i>single man</i>	: :	<i>Greenville So. Car.</i>

Veterans Bureau Claim Number  
29/156

C. 185-197

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 24 , 1929.

Coins, James

Mrs. Matilda Coins,  
% Alister G. Furman,  
Agt. for Fidelity & Developing  
Co. of Maryland,  
Greenville, S.C.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are ~~the~~ a relative of the late Pvt. 1st Cl. James Coins, M.P.Co., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, 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.

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Coins, James (QA)M

May 13, 1932

Lt. Broadus Bailey,  
c/o Alester G. Furman Co.,  
Greenville,  
South Carolina.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the  
amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, to pay for your meals and incidental  
expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage  
authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST THIS CHECK BE CASHED  
AND USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT SPECIFIED.

If for any reason, you are not able to sail on  
the date mentioned in your invitation, the check must be  
returned to this office immediately.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Check No.

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QM 293 A-M  
Coins, James (QA)

May 26, 1932

Lieut. Broadus Bailey,  
% Alester G. Furman Co.,  
Greenville, S. C.

My dear Lieutenant Bailey:

I have your letter of May 23rd, advising that you have interviewed Mrs. Dilsey Brockman but that she maintains she does not desire to make the pilgrimage on June 10th.

While it is probable that Mrs. Brockman will decline the journey in 1933, which is the last year for which the pilgrimage is authorized, an opportunity will be given her to make the journey at that time and it is hoped she will take advantage of the offer.

May I again express appreciation for your continued kindness and the interest you have shown in this case.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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1932 MAY -27- AM 9:59

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QM 293 A-M  
Coins, James (OA)

May 17, 1932

Lieut. Broadus Bailey,  
% Alester G. Furman Co.,  
Greenville, S. C.

My dear Lieutenant Bailey:

Information has been received that Mrs. Dilsey Brockman would not make a pilgrimage to the grave of her son, the late Private first class James Coins during the coming summer, inasmuch as she had recently lost her home by fire and was under the care of a physician.

It is possible that Mrs. Brockman may have been hysterical and may now be in a calmer state of mind and her health improved, and desire to sail on the American Merchant June 10th. This letter therefore is to advise you that should this be the case, arrangements can be made to include her in this group provided this office is notified in sufficient time to permit transportation to New York to be delivered to her.

The name of Mrs. Brockman has been placed on the list of women who will make the pilgrimage in 1933, however, should she now desire to make the pilgrimage on June 10th, it will be appreciated if this office is notified promptly in order that the necessary arrangements may be made.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M  
Coins, James Pvt lcl (OA) M x

February 26, 1932.

Mrs. Dilsey Brockman,  
111 Pinckney Street,  
Greenville, S. C.

Dear Madam:

I am glad to inform you that it has been found practicable to arrange for the mothers and widows scheduled to sail on the American Trader, August 26th, to make the pilgrimage earlier in the summer at a time of the year when the ocean voyage is most pleasant and the climate and conditions in Europe are more satisfactory. All invitations to sail on the American Trader, August 26th, have accordingly been cancelled and arrangements are being made for you to sail on the American Merchant, June 10, 1932. A formal invitation is enclosed herewith.

In order that there may be no misunderstanding, it is requested you destroy the invitation issued you to sail on the American Trader, August 26th, and complete the card enclosed with the invitation to sail on the American Merchant, June 10th, returning it to this office at your earliest convenience.

In making application for your passport, please present the invitation to sail on the American Merchant, June 10th.

If, for any reason, you are not able to sail on June 10th, you will of course be given an opportunity to make the pilgrimage during the year 1933. It is hoped, however, that you will be able to accept the enclosed invitation and sail on the American Merchant, June 10th.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:  
Invitation  
Card - Env.

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

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QM 293 A-M  
Coins, James (OA)

January 12, 1932

X 281  
Hon. J. J. McSwain,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. McSwain:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 8th, relative to Mrs. Dilsey Brockman, who has been invited to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

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1932 JAN - 12 - PM 2:07  
O Q M G M & R E B N  
There is no information of record in this office to indicate that Private first class James Coins served in the military forces under an alias. The name of Mrs. Dilsey Brockman was furnished this office as being the natural mother of this veteran, and she was communicated with relative to the pilgrimage, whereupon she expressed a desire to make a pilgrimage to the grave of her son, the late Private first class James Coins. Mrs. Brockman has been forwarded a formal invitation to sail on the "American Trader" August 26, 1932, to visit the grave of her son in the Oise Aisne American Cemetery in France.

It may be stated in this connection, that this office does not demand proof of parentage unless there is reason to believe that the matter should be investigated.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JAS. H. LAUBACH,  
Lt. Col., Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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QM 293 A-M  
Coins, James (OA)x

October 22, 1931

Lieut. Broadus Bailey,  
% Alester G. Furman Co.,  
Greenville, S. C.

My dear Lieutenant Bailey:

I have your letter of October 19th, with enclosures relative to the desire of Mrs. Dilsey Brockman to visit the grave of her son, the late Private first class James Coins during the summer months of 1932.

I am indeed grateful to you for your cooperation in this matter and inasmuch as you have been able to get results where all other efforts have failed, it will be appreciated if you will permit all further communications relative to the pilgrimage of Mrs. Brockman to be addressed to you. These communications will be a formal invitation, setting forth the name of the vessel upon which reservation has been made, which will require an acceptance, and instructions as to obtaining her passport, etc. The invitation will probably be issued about the first of the year and instructions and general information regarding the pilgrimage will be forwarded later.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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1931 OCT - 23 - PM 8:30

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QM 293 A-M  
Coins, James -OA-x

October 22, 1931

SUBJECT: Mother of Veteran - XC 185-197, Private 1st cl. James Coins.

TO: Director, Veterans Administration, Washington, DC

1. Reference is made to your letter of September 3rd, with enclosure, relative to the parentage of the late Private first class James Coins.

2. For your information there are enclosed copies of correspondence relative to the pilgrimage of mothers and widows to the cemeteries of Europe, which may aid your office in settling this case.

For The Quartermaster General:

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

Encls:

Copy office lt. 10-9-31  
Copy lt. 10-14-31 (Bailey)  
Copy lt. 10-19-31 (Bailey)  
Copy lt. 10-19-31 (Brockman)

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Oct. 19, 1931.

The Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

In re: QM 293 A-M

Coins, James (OA) Mx

Dear Sir:

With further reference to your letter to the writer dated October 9th in regard to the above, we enclose herewith your form letter dated October 7th addressed to Mrs. Dilsey Brockman and also the letter for her signature.

The writer communicated with you as of October 14th and gave you this negroes' address as #109 Pinckney Street. We find this is in error as the correct address is #111 Pinckney Street.

If we can be of further service to you, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Yours very truly,  
ALESTER G. FURMAN COMPANY

By *Provenus*

BB/sh  
encs.

The Quartermaster General,

Washington, DC

Dear Sir:

I (~~do not~~) desire to make a pilgrimage, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, to the grave of my son, the late Private first class James Coins, in the Oise Aisne American Cemetery in France, during the year 1932.

Very truly yours,

*10 lines*

*Wm. H. Hunsinger  
Greenville S.C.*

*her maid.*

*Wilsent Brockman*  
Signature

*111 Parkway Dr.*  
Address

*Greenville S.C.*

*Oct. 19/31*  
Date

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October 14, 1931

The Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D.C.

In re: QM-293 A-M - Coins, Jas. (OC) MX -

Dear Sir: Att: Capt. A. D. Hughes.

Reference is made to your communication to the writer dated October 9th. The writer finally located this colored woman by the n/o Disley Brockman, whose present address is 109 Pinckney Street, this City.

She asked the writer to give her several days in which to study over the matter and she would be in the writer's office on Monday, October 19th, to give us her final answer.

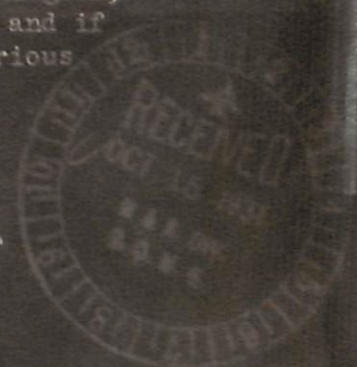
She had your letter of October 2nd, but it meant nothing to her since she is of our typical Southern Negro type, and not having it explained to her she had put your letter aside.

The writer will go into this matter thoroughly with this party and will advise you accordingly.

As you no doubt know from the records, in Washington, the writer is a retired First Lieutenant of the Army, and if at any time he can be of any service to any of the various departments there, he will be only too glad to do so.

Yours very truly,

*Broadus Bailey*  
BROADUS BAILEY



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QM 293 A-M  
Coins, James (OA)x

October 17, 1931

Lieut. Broadus Bailey,  
% Alester G. Furman Co.,  
Greenville, S. C.

My dear Lieutenant Bailey:

I have your letter of October 14th, advising that you had located Mrs. Dilsey Brockman and would advise later the result of your conversation with her.

Your kindness in interesting yourself in this matter is greatly appreciated, and in the event Mrs. Brockman is more or less favorably inclined to make the pilgrimage, it might be advantageous to advise her the names of some women from Greenville who have made the pilgrimage. While the records do not show any colored mothers from Greenville made a pilgrimage this past summer, Mrs. Louise Chaney, Route 4, Box 268, Greenville, Mrs. Lizzie Golightly, 251 Grove St., Greenville, and Mrs. Polly Adair, 107 St. John St., Greenville, made pilgrimages in 1930 and appear to have had an enjoyable journey. Whether or not this information should be furnished Mrs. Brockman however, is left to your discretion.

Awaiting your further reply, I am,

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M  
Coins, James - OA

October 9, 1931

Mr. Broadus Bailey,  
% Alester G. Furman Co.,  
Greenville, S. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of July 10, 1931, advising that Mrs. Matilda Coins is neither the wife nor mother of the late Private first class James Coins, and that the natural mother has issued affidavits denying her parenthood.

In view of the interest you have shown in this case, I am emboldened to seek your further assistance in locating Mrs. Dilsey Brockman, who appears to be the natural mother and who has denied the parenthood. This office is making every effort to locate all the women eligible to make the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended, and it seems that Mrs. Brockman is eligible. However inasmuch as she has not admitted her parenthood, no communication has been addressed to her relative to the pilgrimage.

It will be appreciated if you will endeavor to locate Mrs. Brockman, whose last known address was 745 Wynns Alley, Greenville, S.C., and bring to her attention the fact that if she is the natural mother of this late veteran, she is eligible to make a pilgrimage to his grave in the Oise Aisne American Cemetery in France at the expense of the Government, and prevail upon her to sign the enclosed letter, advising her wishes in connection with the pilgrimage.

Assuring you that anything you are able to do to clear up this situation will be greatly appreciated, I am,

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encls:  
Lt. to be signed  
Ret. Env.  
Act-amendment  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Coins, James (OA) Mx

October 2, 1931.

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Mrs. Dilsey Brockman,  
745 Wynns Alley,  
Greenville, S. Car.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

In order that the records may be complete, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name, and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:  
Env.

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

QM 293 A-M  
Coins, James

August 21, 1931

SUBJECT: Mother of Veteran, - C 185-197  
TO: Director, Veterans Administration, Washington, DC

1. The name of Mrs. Matilda Coins was furnished this office in connection with the pilgrimages of mothers and widows to the cemeteries of Europe. However, the following information was furnished:

"Matilda is neither wife nor mother of James Coins. The writer learned that his wife has re-married several years ago. His mother issued several affidavits we are told denying his parentage."

2. In order that the records of this office may be correct, it is requested you advise what your records show in this case as to the relationship of Mrs. Matilda Coins to the late Private first class James Coins, 92nd Mil. Pol. Co, and whether or not this veteran is survived by a mother.

For The Quartermaster General:

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

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QM 295 A-M  
Coins, James - 608

July 22, 1930

Mr. Broadus Bailey,  
% Alester G. Furman Co.,  
Greenville, S. C.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 10th regarding the pilgrimage of mothers and widows to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

Your cooperation in this matter is very much appreciated, and in view of the circumstances as stated by you, the case will be closed.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Coins, James - 608 Admx.

July 8, 1930

Mrs. Matilda Coins  
C o Alester G. Furman  
Agt. Fidelity & Deposit Co. of Md.  
Greenville, South Carolina

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

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

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

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

If so, give her name and address:

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

If so, give her name and address:

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Coins, James 608

March 18, 1930

Mrs. Matilda Coins,  
c/o Alester G. Furman,  
Agt. Fidelity & Deposit Co. of Md.,  
Greenville, South Carolina.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the administrator of the estate of the late Pvt. 1st Cl. James Coins, 92nd Mil. Pol. Co., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried?
2. If so, give her complete address.
3. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Coins, James  
608

Aug. 29, 1929.

Mrs. Matilda Coins,  
c/o Alester G. Furman,  
Agt. for Fidelity & Developing  
Co. of Maryland,  
Greenville, S. C.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 24, 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

June 24, 1929.

Goins, James

Mrs. Matilda Goins,  
% Alester G. Furman,  
Agt. for Fidelity & Developing  
Co. of Maryland,  
Greenville, S.C.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are ~~the~~ a relative of the late Pvt. 1st Cl. James Goins, M.P.Co., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, 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.

2 incs.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

Coins \_\_\_\_\_ James \_\_\_\_\_ 2, 429, 839 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Surname.) (Christian name in full.) (Army serial number.)

Pvt 1cl \_\_\_\_\_ 13th Div. M.P. Corps \_\_\_\_\_  
(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased \_\_\_\_\_

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you } \_\_\_\_\_  
wish them interred in a national cemetery? } (Yes or no.)

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of person to receive remains.) (Express office.) (Telegraph office.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Number and street.) (City or town.) (State.)

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Number and street or rural route.) (City, town, or post office.) (State.)

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

COINS, James - Pvt. 1/c

April 15, 1924

Mrs. Matilda Coins  
c/o Alester G. Furman,  
Agent for Fidelity & Developing Co. of Maryland,  
Greenville, S.C.

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,

Dear Madam:

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.

Assistant.

R.P. HARBOLD

RD  
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O.Q.M.G.  
Central Mail & Files Div.



APR 15 1924  
B.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Dec 8, 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

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1. Name <u>COINS, James</u>	10. Name _____
2. No. <u>2429839</u>	11. No. _____
3. Rank <u>PFC</u>	12. Rank _____
4. Org. <u>M.P. Corps 92nd Div.</u>	13. Org. _____
5. D.D. <u>March 18, 1919</u>	14. (a) D.D. _____
6. C.D. <u>Br oncho-Pneumonia</u>	(b) D.B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. <u>34</u> Sec. <u>A</u>	15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
8. Plot <u>Amer.</u> Row _____	16. Plot _____ Row _____
9. _____	17. <u>No discrepancy.</u>

18. Cemetery Amer. Plot. Grand Cty. 19. Commune or town LE MANS

20. Dept. or County Sarthe 21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. #419

23. Disinterred (Date) Dec 7, 1921. By J.A. Lee.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name <u>Coins, James.</u>	Serial No. _____
Rank <u>PFC.</u>	Organization <u>M.P. Corps 92nd Div.</u>

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes. On body? Yes.

*Thomas L. Collins*  
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).  
None.

27. Condition of body Decomposed, unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Wooden coffin and uniform.

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 Dec 7, 1921. By J.A. Lee.

31. Casket sealed by J.A. Lee.

HEB Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor *J. Lee*)  
*AUDITED BY*  
*1/30/24*

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-17402

32. Designation of body:

Name James COINS Serial No. 2429839

Rank PFC Organization M.P. Corps 92nd Div.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne, Amer. Cty #608, SERINGES-et-NESLES (Aisne)

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Dec 7, 1921. By J.A. Lee.

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 W.F. Brown, Capt., QMC.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Dec 7, 1921.

To point of Concentration Le Mans Morgue.

Convoyer A. DeWash. Signature Shipping Officer W.F. Brown, Capt., QMC.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Dec 7, 1921.

By G.R.S. Representative M.B. Birdseye, 1st Lt., QMC.

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 12 DEC 1921

To Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne Amer Cty 608.

Convoyer P.E. [unclear] Signature Shipping Officer W.F. Brown, Capt., QMC.

40. Received: Date 13 DEC 1921

G.R.S. Representative G.F. WAGG

41. Reinterred 8-17-22. Oise-Aisne Cem. 608. Seringes et Nesles. Aisne. (Date)

42. Grave No. 37 Section

43. Plot Blk. D. Row 8

G.R.S. Representative C.J. Blake, Capt., QMC.

EL.

Place Le Mans Sarthe.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Dec 7, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF Coixins, James. SERIAL NUMBER 2429839.  
RANK PFC. ORGANIZATION M.P. Corps 92nd Div.

2. Disinterred (date): Dec 7, 1921. From (give complete location): Grave 34, Sed A. Cem 419.

By: Group 2 Unit Sed 6.

3. Reburied (date): 8-17-22. In (give complete location): Gr. 37, Blk. D. Row. 8. Oise-Aisne Cem. 608. Seringes et Nesles. Aisne.

By: Group Re-burial. Unit -- Nature of reburial Lined. Casket.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Wooden coffin and uniform.  
Decomposed, unrecognizable.

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) Imp to det.

(c) Hair—Color App black.

Quantity Medium.

Characteristics App Kinky.

(d) Hair on face—Color None visible.

Location None visible.

Quantity None visible.

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) None visible.

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

None visible.

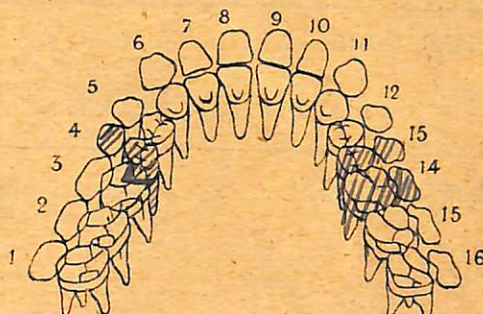
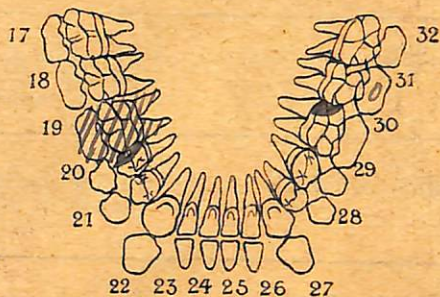


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



Cavities 3, 20, 31.  
MBD 4, 13, 14, 19.  
Sil Fill 30.

7. Disinterment supervised by

Approved: W.F. Brown.

(Title) Capt., OMC.

8. Reburial supervised by

Approved: L.D. Hays.

(Title) Capt., OMC.

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

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

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.

2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.

3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.

4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.

5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".

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

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

**MISSING TEETH**

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



**CROWNED TEETH**

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



**BRIDGE WORK**

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



**FILLINGS**

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



**CARIES (CAVITIES)**

Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:



**DENTURES (PLATES)**

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

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

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

G.R.S. Form No. 115

COUNTRY FRANCE

Cemetery No. 419

Sheet No. 109

File No. 100443

*1/27 Examined  
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for Concentration  
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att 5/19/22*

COMPILATION N/R REQUESTS

I. DATA COMPILATION

A. Location Index Card:-

(1) Name COINS, James Ser. No. 2429839 ) TYP. HDP  
 (2) Rank Pvt. 1/c Organization 92nd Div. Mil. Pol. Corps ) CKR. DS  
 (3) Date of death 3-18-19 )

B. Registration Card:- (Check Reg. Card Inf. against Loc. Ind. Inf.)

(4) Cause of death Broncho Pneumonia ) TYP. JDB  
 (5) Grave No. 34 Row -- Plot 20 Sect. A ) CKR. CH

II. FILES EXAMINATION

A. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; No card

B. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD Date of receipt No card in file as 4-19-20

(6) Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
 (7) Name Card unclaimed  
 (8) Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 (9) Desires remains brought to U. S.? \_\_\_\_\_  
 (10) Desires remains brought to U. S. and interred in National Cemetery at \_\_\_\_\_  
 (11) If brought back, what shipping instructions? \_\_\_\_\_

C. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE Date of communication \_\_\_\_\_

(12) Does correspondence Change or qualify request as made on A.G.O. card? If so, specify such information.

*No correspondence*

(13) A. G. O. Files EXAMINED by J.L. (Date) 4-19-20

D (14) G. R. S. Files - Correspondence. (Has reference been made to File No. Cancellation memos? Yes M.H. Does such correspondence, if containing request for disposition, reconcile with that of A. G. O.? - M.H. (Specify "Yes or "No".) If "No", give date of communication, the name, address, and relationship and substance of request.

*No request for disposition*

(15) G. R. S. Files EXAMINED by M.H. (Date) 4-19-20

*checked (over)  
M.H. 10-1-20*

III. FINAL ACTION

A. MEMORANDUM to D. M. O. in E. made (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

(16) Removal of Remains (within custody of G.R.S.) to \_\_\_\_\_

(17) Instructions that remains be left undisturbed \_\_\_\_\_

(18) Typed by \_\_\_\_\_ Checked by \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

B. G. R. S. FORM NO. 114 made (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

(19) Typed by \_\_\_\_\_ Checked by *SSM* (Date) *4.20.20.*

C. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*11/17/20 Form 120 to Mr. Louis Coins,  
Abbeville, South Carolina  
Form # 120 to Mr. Louis Coins Abbeville, S.C.  
returned unclaimed 12-13-20 ECL*

D. Dispatched (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ (Let. Trans. No. **APR 24 1920**)

*Do not to be returned P&E*

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_

(Date) \_\_\_\_\_

*E. A. Lewis Coins (Brother) war Risk E/a 11/6/20  
Huntington, West. Va. Mr. Louis Coins (brother)  
Abbeville, S. Car.*

*July 21/20 MR & Jim  
Louis Coins  
Greenville, S.C.*

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Cemeterial Division

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December 21st, 1920.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div., Cor.Branch.  
(COINS, James)

Postmaster,  
Abbeville,  
South Carolina.

Sir:

Please endeavor to locate Mr. Louis Coins, whose address at one time was Abbeville, South Carolina, and secure a signed statement from him as to whether his brother, the late Private First Class James Coins, Serial Number 2429839, 92nd Div. Mil. Pol. Corps, is survived by widow, children, father, mother or older brother than himself, giving their names and addresses.

If the deceased is not survived by the above mentioned persons, he is requested to state in writing whether he desires the remains of his late brother left in France for burial in a permanent National Cemetery, returned to the United States and shipped to him, or interred in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia.

Your co-operation in regard to this matter will be appreciated.

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 21st, 1920.

File No. 222.8 Com. Div., Cor. Branch.  
(COINS, James)

Postmaster,  
Abbeville,  
South Carolina.

Sir:

Please endeavor to locate Mr. Louis Coins, whose address at one time was Abbeville, South Carolina, and secure a signed statement from him as to whether his brother, the late Private First Class James Coins, Serial Number 2428230, 32nd Div. Mil. For. Corps, is survived by widow, children, father, mother or other brother than himself, giving their names and addresses.

If the deceased is not survived by the above mentioned persons, he is requested to state in writing whether he desires the remains of his late brother left in France for burial in a permanent National Cemetery, returned to the United States and shipped to him, or interred in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia.

Your co-operation in regard to this matter will be appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

Special Division  
Chief of Subject Sub-Section

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BY:

J. R. BURTON,  
Lieutenant, Quartermaster Corps

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

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*See Form 115  
att 5/19/22*

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name Coins, James Ser. No. 2429839 TYP. HDP  
 (b) Rank Pvt. 1/c Organization 92nd Div. Mil. Pol. Corps DS  
 (c) Date of death 3-18-19 Cause of death Broncho Pneumonia

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

(a) Grave No. 34 Row --- Plot 20 Sect. A TYP. JDB LM ees  
 (b) Emerg. Address --

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

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

*No request as to disposition 10/11/20 acc.*

*1/2a Lewis Coins (brother) Huntington W. Va. War Risk 7/1/20 Louis Coins Greenville S.C.*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by - (cable on --- 192  
 (letter of transmittal on 4-24 1920)

*Par ~~1~~<sup>not</sup> - To be returned*

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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

VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S., Hoboken, N.J. 192

COUNTRY France CEMETERY NO. 419 SHEET NO. 109  
 G.R.S. FORM 115-A  
 August 1920

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(101) 10-12-20

Hoboken, N. J.

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERY DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION

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NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER		CEMETERY NO.	DATE
COINS, James	Pvt. 1/c	419 - 109	10/19/20

SERIAL NUMBER	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
2429839	92nd Div. Mil. Pol. Corps	3/18/19

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE 11/6/20.

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

Mr. Louis Coins,

Address

Abbeville, South Carolina.

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RELATIONSHIP

(Brother)

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

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

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APR 24 1920

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.G.  
TO: Lervis Coins, Huntington, West Va.  
SUBJECT: Disposition of remains of Pvt. 1/c James Coins

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Records of this office show your request to be as follows:

Remains to be not expressed  
~~Remains to be~~ insured  
~~Shipped to~~

If any modifications of the foregoing are desired please write same fully on the other side of this sheet.

The nearest living relative may choose between, (1) return of remains to homes for burial; (2) interment in Arlington, Va., National Cemetery; or (3) remain in France.

You are requested to fill out the following without delay and return in enclosed penalty envelope, which does not require postage.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Widow			
Children (Name oldest first)			
Father			
Mother			
Brothers			
Sisters			

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Date ..... Signature .....  
Address ..... Relationship .....

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The transfer of bodies will be made  
entirely at Government expense.

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U.S. Form 100  
Military Property

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

APR 21 1921

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, D.C.

TO: Army Detachment, Washington, D.C.

SUBJECT: Disposition of remains of ...

Records of this office show your records of ...

has ...

If any notification of the location of the remains ...  
with you (fill in the other side of this sheet)  
The nearest living relative may choose between (1) return  
of remains to home for burial; (2) interment in Arlington  
National Cemetery; or (3) remain in transit.  
You are requested to fill out the following without delay  
and return in enclosed envelope, which does not require  
postage.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

THOMAS ...  
Colonel, U.S. Army

NAME OF	NO. A STREET	CITY	STATE
Widow			
Children (Name and address)			
Father			
Mother			
Brothers			
Sisters			

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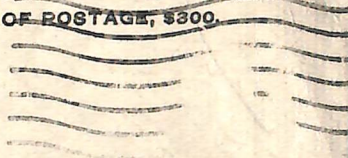
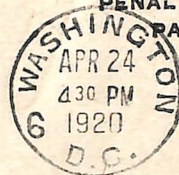
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WASHINGTON D. C.

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Mr. Lewis Coine,

Huntington, West Va.



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

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

*Rush Answer*

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

419-109

TO: Mr. Louis Coins, Greenville, So. C.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. 1/cl. James Coins.

The records of this office show that you have ~~reported that you~~  
~~xxxxxxx~~ not expressed your wish as to disposition of the remains

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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
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Soldier's Widow

Soldier's Children 1.  
 (Name oldest first) 2.  
 3.

Father

Mother

Brothers 1.  
 (Name oldest first) 2.

Sisters

Date

Signature

Address Relationship

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

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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.

Hoboken, N.J.

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION

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NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER		CEMETERY NO.	DATE
COINS, James	Pvt. 1/c	419 - 109	10/19/20

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SERIAL NUMBER	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
2429839	92nd Div. Mil. Pol. Corps	3/18/19

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WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

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Address

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Washington, D.C.

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Mr. Louis Coins,  
Greenville,  
So. C.

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FROM GREENVILLE, S. C.  
Do not use this envelope again.

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Orations Project Sub-Section

December 21st, 1920.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div., Cor. Branch.  
(COINS, James)

Postmaster,  
Abbeville,  
South Carolina.

Sir:

Please endeavor to locate Mr. Louis Coins, whose address at one time was Abbeville, South Carolina, and secure a signed statement from him as to whether his brother, the late Private First Class James Coins, Serial Number 2429639, 92nd Div. Mil. Pol. Corps, is survived by widow, children, father, mother or older brother than himself, giving their names and addresses.

If the deceased is not survived by the above mentioned persons, he is requested to state in writing whether he desires the remains of his late brother left in France for burial in a permanent National Cemetery, returned to the United States and shipped to him, or interred in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia.

Your co-operation in regard to this matter will be appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

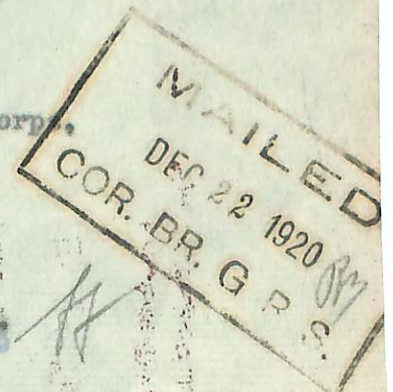
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R. E. SHANNON, 1851  
Captain, Quartermaster Corp.,  
Officer in Charge.

BY:

*JhM*  
J. P. BUTLER, IS  
1st Lieutenant, Infantry.

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TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FROM THE SAC, [illegible]

RE: [illegible]

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Yours faithfully,

[Illegible signature]

[Illegible typed text]

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

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*BR*

November 17, 1920.

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C.  
To: Mr. Louis Coins, Abbeville, South Carolina.  
SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. 1/c James Coins, Ser. No. 2429839, 92nd Div. Mil. Pol. Corps

The records of this office show that you have ~~requested that his body~~ not expressed your  
desires as to the disposition of remains

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

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

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

NAME OF--	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
<b>WAS SOLDIER MARRIED?</b>			
Soldier's widow.....			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1.....		
	2.....		
	3.....		
Father.....			
Mother.....			
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1.....		
	2.....		
	3.....		
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1.....		
	2.....		
	3.....		

*Widowed*  
*12/13/20*  
*Widowed*

Date..... Signature.....

Address..... Relationship.....

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

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

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.
2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name.)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (R. R. station.) \_\_\_\_\_ (State.)
3. To be returned to the U. S. and buried in \_\_\_\_\_ National Cemetery.
4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

1. If definite instruction as to the disposition of a body are not received from the nearest relative within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.
2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.
3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT of kin IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.
4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.
6. If YOU are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
7. If YOU are not the nearest living relative and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.
8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

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OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

WAR DEPARTMENT.

Graves Registration Service,

Pier 2, Hoboken, N.J.

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Mr. Louis Coins,  
Abbeville, South Carolina





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Overseas Project Sub-Section

War Risk- 2/9/24.

Brother-Louis Coins ,deceased.

"

Mrs. Matilda Coins, Care of-  
Alester G. Furman, Agnt. for Fidelity &  
Dev. Co. of Maryland. Greenville, S.C. "  
-receiving compensatio n.

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*The American Red Cross*  
*National Headquarters*  
*Washington, D. C.*

*With deep sympathy in your loss.*

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Coins, 2429839, James  
Pvt. 1/cl Military Police Corps, 92nd Div.

Find this man's place of enlistment and see if he has any relatives.

AGO-2/2/24.  
Place of enlistment-  
Akron, Ohio. Apr. 6, 1918.

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*The American Red Cross*  
*sends you the photograph of the grave of*  
*this American Soldier*  
*who gave his life for his country*

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

**Coins 2429839 James**

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

**Pvt 1st Div 92nd M.P.C.**

(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: **Camp Hosp. # 52**

CAUSE OF DEATH: **Broncho Pneumonia**

DATE OF BURIAL: **March 21st 1919**

PLACE OF BURIAL: **Grand Cimetiere Lellans**

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

**Plot 20 Section A.**

GRAVE NUMBER: **34**

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

Headboard? **No**..... Bottle? **No**.....

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?

**419**

NEAREST RELATIVE: **Lorris Coins**

ADDRESS: **Huntington West Va.**

RELATIONSHIP: **Brother**

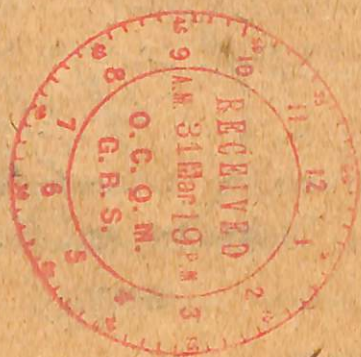
REPORTED BY:

*Carroll B. Brown Chapman, Lt. Col.*

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Coins 2429839 James

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

Pvt 1st Div 92nd. M.P.C.

(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Camp Hosp # 52

CAUSE OF DEATH: Broncho Pneumonia

DATE OF BURIAL: March 20<sup>th</sup> 1919

PLACE OF BURIAL: Grand Cimetiere Le Mans Sarthe

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

Plot 20 Section A.

GRAVE NUMBER: 34

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Yes Cross? Yes

Headboard? No Bottle? No

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 mark should be given here

NEAREST RELATIVE: Lervis Coins

ADDRESS: Huntington West VA.

RELATIONSHIP: Brother

REPORTED BY:

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

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

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COINS 2429839 James

Pvt. Icl. <sup>Sw</sup> 92 M.P.C.

D.D. 18/3/19

D.B. 20/3/19

Buried Grand Cemetery

LE MANS SARTHE Grave No. 84.

419

B 889

Coins James

#2429839

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Pvt.1/c 92 M.P.C.

DD 3/18/19

DB 3/20/19

BURIED AMERICAN E.F. CEMETERY #419

Grave 34

419

B 863

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CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
REGISTRATION SECTION

Date 9/5/20

MEMORANDUM:

To: Registration Files Sub-Section.

Subject: Adjustments made on Registration Files.

**FILE**

1. Charges as checked have been made in the Registration Files which will necessitate a corresponding change in the Classification Files.

	COPE.	ADD. DATA		COOR.	ADD. DATA
File Number			Date of Burial		
Name			Date of Reburial		
Serial Number			Burial Information		✓
Rank			Nearest Relative		
Organization			Notified Nearest Relative		✓
Cause of Death			Blue Card thrown out		
Date of Death			White Card set up		
Casualty Cablegram Number					

O.K. Alphabetical Files 9-10-20-EW

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~~O.K. State Files.~~ \_\_\_\_\_

✓ Card Dept  
Cemetery Audit Department  
Investigation & Adjustment Dept.

By C.H.R.

1 Cards attached.

Miss Greenberg

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION.

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File 100443

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

Coins, James, Pvt. 1/c

419 - 109

July 14, 1920

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

2429839

92nd Div. Mil. Pol. Corps.

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

OK  
over

DATE July 19, 1920

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

Louis Coins  
Greenville, S. C. ?

RELATIONSHIP

Brother

Address:

NS-8438/JC

✓

G.R.S. Form No. 121

Classification

Adjustment \_\_\_\_\_

CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
REGISTRATION SECTION

File # 100443

*Qty 419*

Date 7/27/20

MEMORANDUM:

To: Registration Files Sub-Section

Subject: Adjustments made on Registration Files

1. Changes as checked have been made in the Registration Files which will necessitate a corresponding change in the Classification Files.

	CORP.	ADD. DATA		CORP.	ADD. DATA
File Number			Date of Burial		
Name			Date of Reburial		
Serial Number			Burial Information		
Rank			Nearest Relative	4X6	✓
Organization			Notified Nearest Relative		
Cause of Death			Blue Card thrown out		
Date of Death			White Card set up		
Casualty Cablgram Number					

O.K. Alphabetical Files H. E. S. 8-2-20

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~~O.K. State Files~~ \_\_\_\_\_

<input type="checkbox"/>	Cemetery Audit Department
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Investigation & Adjustment Dept.

By Johnson

1 Cards attached.

Coins, James-Deceased

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
WASHINGTON.

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CARD  
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Mr. Louis Coins,  
Greenville, S. Car.

Dear Sir:

The War Department desires to ascertain the wishes of the families of officers, enlisted men, and civilian employees regarding the permanent disposition of the bodies of those who have died overseas.

The original plan of the Department was to deliver the body in every case at the home address of the deceased to the person legally entitled to dispose of the remains. A desire has been expressed, however, in numerous instances to have the body remain abroad, and General Pershing is likely soon to enter into negotiations with the French and Allied Governments with the view of establishing permanent cemeteries for members of the American Expeditionary Forces. Marshal Petain in a most courteous letter has informed General Pershing that "France would be happy and proud to retain the bodies of the American victims who have fallen upon her soil."

A bill is now before Congress for the establishment of "Fields of Honor" abroad, which will insure future care by the United States Government as national cemeteries are now cared for. Burials have been made heretofore in cemeteries of the Allied nations or at or near the battle field in land set apart for this purpose as a cemetery, and religious services in accordance with the rites of the Protestant, Catholic, or Hebrew faith have been held at the grave.

In case the remains of a deceased soldier are returned to the United States they will be interred either at the former home of the deceased or at a national cemetery, according to the wishes of the one authorized to direct the disposition of the remains, and all expenses, including transportation, casket, shipping case, flag, and the preparation of the remains for shipment, will be paid by the United States. Hire of a hearse and other burial expenses incurred at the home of the deceased may be paid, on application by the relatives, by the Bureau of War Risk Insurance, Treasury Department.

In order that the proper disposition of the remains may be made, and that such disposition be directed by the person entitled to do so, the War Department will recognize the right to direct the disposition of remains in the following order:

In the case of an unmarried man—

- (1) Father; (2) mother, if father is dead; (3) brother, if both parents are dead; (4) sister, if both parents are dead and there are no brothers.

In the case of a married man—

- (1) Wife; (2) parents or children and other relatives in order set forth above.

It is desired that the information indicated on the inclosed card be furnished concerning the person named thereon at the earliest practicable date. If the card is received by some one not authorized to direct the disposition to be made of the remains, please deliver this circular and the card to the person who is entitled to do so.

The Department is unable to state when it will be possible to begin the removal of the remains of the soldiers, but the information requested is being collected at this time in order that there may be no delay when the time comes for such removal.

In returning the card please use the inclosed addressed penalty envelope, which requires no postage.

Very respectfully,

P. C. HARRIS,  
*The Adjutant General.*

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Coins, James

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1. On letter, ret'd

Mr Louis Coins,

Greenville, S.C.

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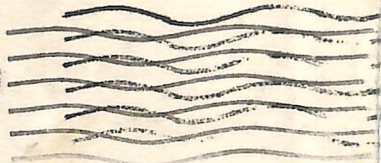
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