

Coleman,

(Surname.)

Matthew F

(Christian name in full.)

2,562,762

(Army serial number.)

Pvt

Co

M

18th Inf

(Rank and organization.)

9m.m.

State your relationship to the deceased

wife

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

yes

(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery?

No.

(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:

Mrs. Laura Coleman - National - Western Union

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

1010 E. Carpenter St., Jerseyville, Illinois

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Mrs. Laura Coleman

R. R. # 5

Alton,

Illinois

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

New. B. 21

Mrs Laura Coleman

1907 Helen Ave

Detroit, Michigan

checked
70-3-29-21

GR 4-6-20

Drawn by L. G.

1232-S-16-49

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To The A. G. O.

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G.R.S. Form #114-B

JUN 1 - 1926

Matthew Soldiers Sig

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FULL NAME COLEMAN, Mathew F.

RANK Pvt. SERIAL 2662762

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION Co.M, 18th Inf.

DATE OF DEATH Oct 6 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Ill

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 31 3 E
Date Grave Row Block

Meuse-Argonne, #1232

Cemetery

Robert C. Davis,
Major General,
The Adjutant General,
By RVD
JUN 10 1926

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M e R. BRANCH
O. C. M. G.

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

WASHINGTON

IN REPLY
REFER TO WW/AI/1-208

May 16, 1927

SUBJECT: Verification

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

1. A reexamination of the records in the case of Matthew F. Coleman, army serial #2662762, shows that the correct date of his death was October 6, 1918, and that at that time he was serving with the 1st Div.

By order of the Secretary of War:

JOHN DALTON
Adjutant General.

1 Inclosure
GRS Form 114-B

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LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Coleman - **2662762** - **Mathew**
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

(Rank).

(Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: **cheppy**

CAUSE OF DEATH: **wounds**

DATE OF BURIAL: **Oct. 7, 1918**

PLACE OF BURIAL: **Cheppy Meuse**

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

Am. G.R.S. Cemetery

GRAVE NUMBER: **68**

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

Headboard?

Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? **yes**

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

Frank H. Schubert, Chaplain

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

2662762

Column ~~2~~ Matthew F. (Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt. M, 18th Inf (Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL Oct. 7, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL Coepts House

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

American G.R.S. Cemetery

GRAVE NUMBER 88

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Yes Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes

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

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

REPORTED BY:

Chaplain Frank A. Arbuckle

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

This portion to be forwarded to Adj. Gen'l, G. H. Q., A. E. F.

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF
Coleman - 2662762 - Mathew F

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

Put C.M. - 18 Inf

(Rank).

(Organization).

cheppy

PLACE OF DEATH:

hounds

CAUSE OF DEATH:

Oct. 7, 1918

DATE OF BURIAL:

Cheppy House

PLACE OF BURIAL:

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

Am. G.R.S. Cemetery

68

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ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

Frank A. Double, Chaplain

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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16 JAN 1919
G.H.O., A.E.R.

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17 JAN 1919

Co M 18th Inf.
1st Division

COLEMAN, Mathew F.- Pvt. 2662762

Sgt. Cisek claims that he saw this soldier wounded in the head on Hill 240 Meuse-Argonne, and that he stayed on the Hill about 24 hours and that when he passed the spot where he had been laying, he was gone.

INFORMANT : Cisek, Julian - Sgt. 48445
Co M 18th Inf.

SIGNED : Albert Mathews,
Capt. 18th Inf.

A/A/

CO. H 18th Inf.

COLEMAN Matthew F Pvt.

Missing in action October 1-11th 1918.

Coleman was killed in Argonne between Oct. 1st and 7th and buried Oct. 7/18 by chaplain Arbuckle in the G.R.S. cemetery at Chessey Meuse, in grave No. 68.

Chessey

G/C.

Enquirer :

Pvt. Clyde E. Griffith

Co D 312nd Water tank train.

Informant : W R Fay 1st Division Searcher
April 9, 1919.

Date 7th, June, 1919

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: COLEMAN, Mathew F.

Number: 2662762

Rank: Unkn

Organization: Unkn

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

5/3/19

Grave #68 B.A.Cty., CHEPPY, MEUSE

Map 35 S.E. - E 305.25 N 273.3

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

5/3/19

Grave #50 Section #16 Plot #1

ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY, #1232

ROMAGNE, MEUSE

1232

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

Burial good. Body buried in uniform. Body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes

What other means of identification were found on the body? None

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Note:

CONFIRMED N° D 10548

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct, as is required by G. O. 170, G.H. 2, 1918., after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, G.R.S.

Supervised by: Lt. Armitage

R. H. ROSENTHAL

C.O. Group 2nd Lieut. Unit C.U.S.A.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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ADDRESS YOUR MAIL TO AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE
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Alton Ill

Mrs. Laura Coleman,

2220 Locust St.,

Alton, Ill.

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OCT 5 1922
M. & R. BRANCH
Q. Q. M. & C.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

September 12, 1922.

FILE: 293.8 C-R #55274-

SUBJECT: Permanent Grave Location of Private Matthew F. Coleman,
Company M, 18th Infantry.

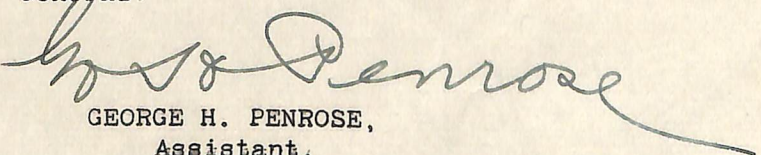
TO: Mrs. Laura Coleman, 2220 Locust St., Alton, Ill.

1. The permanent grave of this soldier is No. 31 Row 3 Block E, Meuse-Argonne American cemetery at Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse, France.

2. This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, organization and date of soldier's death. The headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.

3. In effecting removal, the utmost care and reverence were exacted and more than willingly accorded by those performing this sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

For the Quartermaster General:


GEORGE H. PENROSE,
Assistant.

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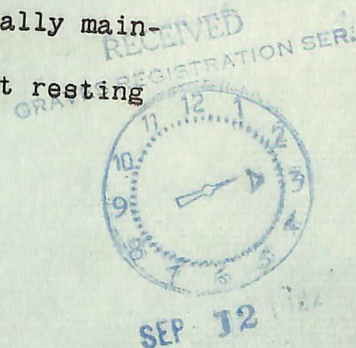
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1. NAME COLEMAN, Mathew F SERIAL No. 2662762

RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Co M 18th Inf

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne, Amer. Cty. ROMAGNE-s-MONTFAUCON #1232 sec16
CTY. NAME Meuse NUMBER

50 sec16 1
GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 68 Cheppy (Meuse)
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES 35SE, 273.5N, 305.25E

CONCENTRATED TO 5.8.19 50 16 1
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Meuse-Argonne 1232.
CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on cross and body

Data Form 1

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

rf DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

M. B. Birdseye

M. B. BIRDSEYE
1st Lt., Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 1/23/22 51 3 E
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

X PLOT
BLOCK.

Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse
CEMETERY

AUDITED BY
SER 8/14/22

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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.

Place Romagne 1232.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Jan 19, 1922.

1. REMAINS OF COLEMAN, Mathew F. SERIAL NUMBER 2662762

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. M. 18th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : Jan 19, 1922 From (give complete location) : gr 50, sec 16, plot 1, Cty. 1232.

By : Group M. sine. Unit sec 1

3. Reburied (date) : January 23 1922 In (give complete location) : Messe Argonne Cemetary #1232 Grave 31 Block "E" Row 3

By : Group Reburial S. Unit Nature of reburial Unlined Casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment : wooden box and burlap and U.S. uniform, body decomposed, unrecognisable.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks : body tag agrees.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) impossible to determine.

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

Quantity do

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) do

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) none visible.

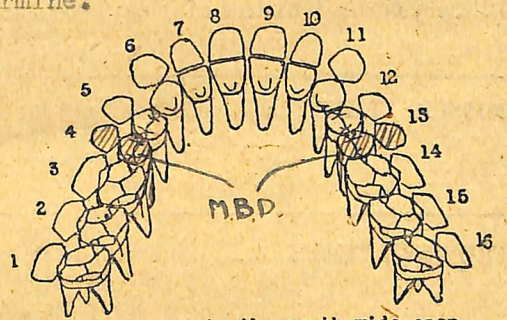
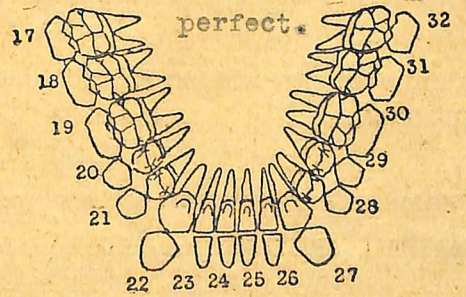


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



perfect.

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7. Disinterment supervised by E. Maire

Approved : [Signature]
R. J. Worthington, 1st Lt. U.S.M.C.
(Title)






8. Reburial supervised by W. E. Sheila

Approved : [Signature]
James W. Younger,
Captain, G.M.C.
(Title)

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

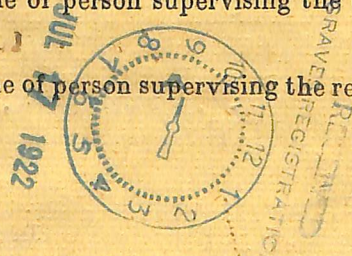
Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Question 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

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

<p>MISSING TEETH.....All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :</p>	
<p>CROWNED TEETH.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :</p>	
<p>BRIDGE WORK.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :</p>	
<p>FILLINGS.....Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :</p>	
<p>CARIES (CAVITIES).....Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :</p>	
<p>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."</p>	

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

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



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Jan 19 1922

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

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Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy Found upon exhumation of body

1. Name COLEMAN, Mathew F
 2. No. 2662762
 3. Rank Pvt
 4. Org. Co M 18th Inf
 5. D.D. Oct 3rd
 6. C.D. DOWRIA

10. Name _____
 11. No. _____
 12. Rank _____
 13. Org. _____
 14. (a) D.D. _____
 (b) D.B. None

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 50 Sec. 16
 8. Plot 1 Row _____
 9. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
 16. Plot _____ Row _____
 17. None

18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne, Amer.

19. Commune or town ROMAGNE-s-MONTFAUCON

20. Dept. or County Meuse

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. #1232 sec16

23. Disinterred (Date) Jan 19 1922

By Edmo Maire.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Mathew F Coleman
 Rank Pvt

Serial No. 2662762
 Organization Co M 18th Inf

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

C. Smyth O'Meara
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant
 C Smyth O'Meara

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 Badly decomposed features unrecognizable

28. Nature of burial US Uniform burlap and box

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 Jan 19 1922 By Edmo Maire

31. Casket sealed by Edmo Maire.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor *Edmo Maire*
 Edmo Maire

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-22502

32. Designation of body:

Name Mathew F COLEMAN Serial No. 2662762

Rank Pvt Organization Co M 18th Inf

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse-Argonne, Amer #1232, ROMAGNE-S-MONTFAUCON (Meuse)

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Jan 19 1922 By Edmo Maire.

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector *R C Worthington*

36. Remarks R C Worthington 1st Lt. QMC

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Jan 19 1922 cc

To point of Concentration Morgue Romagne (Name)

Convoyer W J Royed Signature Shipping Officer *G F Spann*

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date G F Spann, Capt. QMC

By G.R.S. Representative _____

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date _____

To Permanent Cemetery _____ (Name)

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer _____

40. Received: Date _____

G.R.S. Representative _____

41. Reinterred Meuse Argonne Cemetery #1232 January 23 1922 (Date)

42. Grave No. 31 Section _____

43. ~~Plot~~ Block "T" Row 3

G.R.S. Representative *James W. Younger*
James W. Younger,
Captain, Q.M.C.

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made _____, 1920.

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 1920
letter on 4-6-, 1920

Section # 16

*Par. 2 - Not to be returned (JEN)
Coleman, Matthew F.*

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*Let. 4-17-22 from Mother, Mrs. John Coleman, R.F.D.#1, Jerseyville, Ill. requests inf. regarding Paris grave.
Let. 4-22-22 to Mother advising body will not be removed from the Amer. Cty. of the Meuse-Ardenne where it is now interred but will later be re-arranged & the m/fk will be duly advised after change is reported by the European Office. (ALS-4-22-22)*

Name
Rank
Serial No.
Org.
Remarks

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A.G.O. Card & Corr.
Discrepancies

Name
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G. R. S. Corr.
Discrepancies

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Checkers
Discrepancies

Name
Rank
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Remarks

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Alton, Ill.,

R.F.D. #5,

Jan. 16, 1919

Mr. Harris, Adjutant-General's Office
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Two weeks ago, a telegram came to my mother-in-law, Mrs. John L. Coleman, that her son, Private Mathew F. Coleman, Infantry, died of wounds received in action. He was previously reported as missing in action from Oct. 1 to Oct. 11. Both telegrams were signed by you and sent to his mother while I, his wife, received no direct word of his letter to writer 1-21-19

death. He carried an identification card with my name and address on it but no word was sent me.

What I want to know is - will any other information that is received be sent to me? I would like to know where he died, where he was buried, and if his body will be shipped back. I am his wife and any information that can be obtained, should, I think, come direct to me. ✓

His home address was Kane, Ill., and we boarded in Alton after our marriage, though he registered at Kane. That may

account for word being sent to his mother instead of to me. If anything else is found out, I will be very grateful if you will communicate with me direct, and I can let his mother know immediately. If you are married, you will understand how I feel for the wife comes first.

My husband's serial number was 2,1062,702, and his address Pvt. Mathew F. Coleman, Co. M, 18 Inf, A. S. F., France.

If you will do this for me I will be very, very grateful

Sincerely,

Mrs. Laura Coleman

18 JAN 20 1919
Stamped addressed envelope R. F. D. #5

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JAN 20 1919

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① A.S. 193.8 Coleman, Mathew T.
+201
+995 Coleman, Laura (wife).

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Date _____ Sig. _____

295.8 Colonna, Mathew F.
(Misc. Div.) GFB:WMS

January 21, 1919.

Mrs. Laura Colonna,
R. F. D. #5,
Alton, Ill.

Dear Madam:

In reply to your letter of January 16, 1919, relative to the return of the body of your husband, Private Mathew F. Colonna, American Expeditionary Forces, I beg leave to invite your attention to the inclosed Memorandum of Information.

With reference to particulars concerning his death and burial it is suggested that you communicate with the Chaplain, Company K, 16th Infantry, American Expeditionary Forces.

It is desired to express to you, the deep sympathy of the Department on account of the loss of your husband, and to commend you for the sacrifice and the contribution you have made to the cause for which he gave his life.

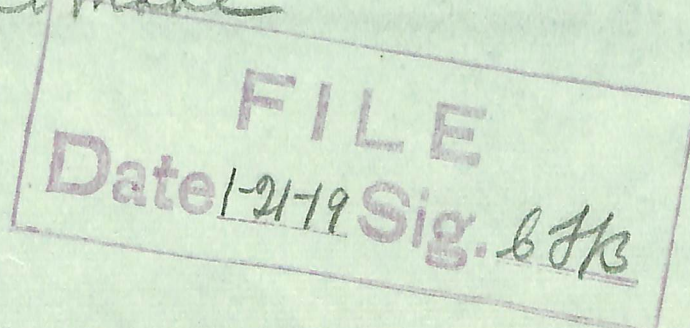
Very respectfully yours,

J. C. Ashburn

1 Incl.

Adjutant General.

Card Made



IN REGARD TO: PVT. MATHEW F. COLEMAN
DECEASED
COMPANY M 18 INFANTRY.
SERIAL NO. 2,662,762

Alton, Ill.

R. F. D. # 5.

APR 13 1919
ENLISTED DIVISION

The Adjutant General,
Washington,
D. C. ✓



Dear Sir:

About a week ago I send
your office the card to be filled
out regarding the disposal of the
remains of my husband,
Pvt. Mathew F. Coleman who died
Oct. 7, 1918, and was a member of
Co. M, 18th Infantry, A. E. F. The
card was sent to my mother-in-
law, Mrs. John L. Coleman, Kane, Ill.
R. R. # 2, who forwarded it on to
me to fill out.

In filling out this card

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in the place "Person to receive remains", & filled in my mother-in-law's name. Since then I have seen her and she advises that she doesn't want it that way.

Would you be put to too much trouble to either change the card or destroy it and send me another to be filled in? Jacoby Bros., Undertakers, Jerseyville, Ill., will take charge of his body, and if any notification is sent regarding it, I should be notified at my Alton address, R. R. # 5.

Mrs. Coleman doesn't care about being bothered with any of the details, so if you will kindly help me to get

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this straightened out, I will
be very grateful.

I should very much
appreciate a reply, and a new
card to fill out, if possible.

Very sincerely,

Mrs. Laura S. Coleman

4 Received A G O APR 17 1919

JL

2900 Coleman, Mathew J.

May 20, 1919.

Mrs. Laura Coleman,
R.F.D. # 5,
Alton, Illinois.

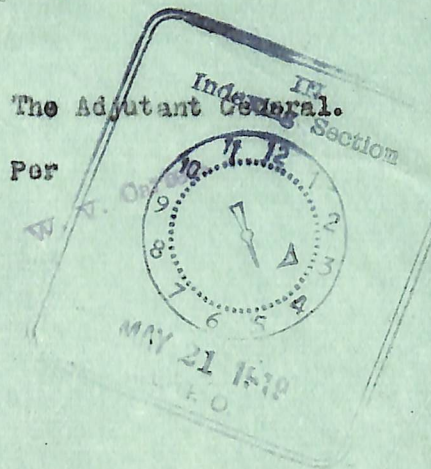
Dear Madam:

Referring to your letter of recent date, the old card previously filed by you is herewith returned, with a new one, as per your request. It is requested that you fill out the new card, showing your present wishes, and return to this office in the inclosed envelope, which requires no postage.

It is desired to express to you the deep sympathy of the Department on account of the great loss which you have sustained.

Very sincerely,

3 incl.



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NUMBER

DATE

PERSON

PLACE

SUBJECT

DATES ON WHICH THIS FILE IS CHARGED OUT

A.G.O. 293.8

COLEMAN, MATTHEW F.

55274
GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Coleman - 662762 - Mathew

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

(Rank).

(Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: cheppy

CAUSE OF DEATH: wounds

DATE OF BURIAL: Oct. 7, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: Cheppy Meuse

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

Am. G.R.S. Cemetery

GRAVE NUMBER: 68

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? yes Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? yes

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

Frank A. Schubel, Chaplain
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

55274

1. G. R. S. Form No. Hq. G. R. S. File

2. Soldier's No. 2662762

3. Coleman Matthew, F.
Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials

4. Pvt.
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. Oct. 7/18
Date of Death Cause, if known

6. Oct. 7/18 A.E.F.
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. Cheppy-sur-Meuse
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. 68
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

9. Name Peg? Cross? JS Headboard? Bottle?
Check Method of Marking

10. Buried with Body? 1 Attached to Grave Marker? 1
Identification Tags

11. If name unknown and tags missing, give marks and description.

12. Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

13. R.W. Schloerb, Chap. Hq. 1st. Div
Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

F. A. Caswell, Sgt. 1cl.
Signed

Group 4 Unit A G. R. S.

Handwritten signature and initials in blue ink.

24 OCT 1918

G.R.S. #106
DISPOSITION OF BODY

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

August 19, 1920.

For information of:

- (a) The Adjutant General of the Army
- (b) G.R.S., Paris, France.
- (c) Office Files.
- (d) Photographic Section.

Case of:

Pvt. Mathew F. Coleman, #2662762,
Co. M, 18th Inf.

Grave Location:

Grave #50, Sec. 16, Plot 1,
Argonne Amer. Cty., Romagne-sous-
Montfaucon, Meuse.

Request for actions checked below:

- (a) Return of Body to the U.S.
- (b) Permanent Burial in France.
- (c) Cancellation of former requests.
- (d) Change of address.
- (e) Photograph of grave.

has been made by:

Mrs. Laura Griffith Coleman,
1907 Helen Ave.,
Detroit, Mich.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Colonel, Q.M.G., U.S.A.
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

NS-2992/L

MVB

G.R.S. #106
DISPOSITION OF BODY

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

April 3, 1920.

For information of:

- (a) The Adjutant General of the Army
- (b) G.R.S., Paris, France.
- (c) Office Files.
- (d) Photographic Section.

Case of:

Private Mathew F. Coleman
Company M, 18th Infantry.

Grave Location:

Reburied - Argonne American Cemetery
Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.
Grave #50, Section #16, Plot #1.

Request for actions checked below:

- (a) Return of Body to the U.S.
- (b) Permanent Burial in France.
- (c) Cancellation of former requests.
- (d) Change of address.
- (e) Photograph of grave.

has been made by:

Mrs. Laura Griffith Coleman
1907 Helen Ave.,
Detroit, Michigan.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES NIERCE,
Colonel, U.S.A.
Chief, Graves Registration Service.
NS-2992/L

35274
April 22nd, 1922.

293.8 C-R #55274- (Coleman, Matthew F. Pvt.) Cty.1232-Sec.15-- 49
The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Graves Registration Service)
Mrs. John Coleman, R.F.D.#1, Jerseyville, Illinois.

Case of Private Matthew F. Coleman.

File 4/22/22 axb

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 17th, 1922 making inquiry regarding the grave of your late son, Private Matthew F. Coleman, Company M., 18th Infantry. The grave of the late soldier is not to be removed from the cemetery at Romagne but in the course of rearrangement of the cemetery the present temporary marker will be replaced by a stone with appropriate inscription indicating name, rank, organization and date of death.
2. When this change is reported by the European office it will be transmitted to the widow of the late soldier, Mrs. Laura Coleman, from whom you can undoubtedly secure the advice or you may upon request to this office, be furnished same direct.
3. Please accept the renewed assurance of the Department's sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

m.
CHARLES J. WYNNE, MAJ
Captain, Q.M. Corps. FCP
axb.

Noted on Form 112
Date 4-22-22-axb

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APR 22 1922

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FILE

August 19, 1920.

No: 293.8-Cem. File #55274 (Coleman, Mathew F. Pvt.)
From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division.)
To: Mrs. Laura Griffith Coleman, 1907 Helen Ave., Detroit, Michigan.
Subject: Permanent burial in France.

1. In reply to your letter of August 9, 1920, you are advised that your former request that the body of your husband, Private Mathew F. Coleman, be returned to you for private interment will be cancelled and instructions will be issued that the body of the deceased remain permanently buried in the Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Major, U. S. Army,
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

BY:

MVB CHARLES J. WYNNE,
Captain, Q. M. C.

JEW

mail
AUG 21 1920

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Jerseyville Ill April 17 1921

War Department adjutant
General Washington D. C.
Dear Sir

I hardly know how to word the
letter about I would like to
know and be very thankful if
I could find out is about the
burial of the American soldier
Bodie for I saw a Dear Pan
buried over there we had decided
if had been so long we would
leave our Boy there providing
they would be left there his
widow that used to be but is
married now had written and
found out all she could and where
her husband was buried the next
and told her he never would
be removed unless we requested it
but I seen a piece in the

Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. O. M. G.
File # 25274

Cherokee Mortuary

APR 15 1921
Date: 4-22-21-als

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daily St Louis globe Democrat
 paper where several thousand of
 the american papering boys bodies
 are brought to Baltimore. stated
 that was the last body were in
 France I have felt so worried that
 is why I am writing to see if I
 can find out if it is so, if your
 Dear Boy was one of those
 with out me being notified
 this is where they wrote and told
 his widow about, I yes that he
 is buried Matthew F. culman
 is buried in the argonne american
 cemetery - roosevelt - Daus -
 man - avenue - grave no 50
 they also stated that it was to be one
 of the cemeteries of honor that the U S
 Government is going to keep up and see
 that it is always taken care of

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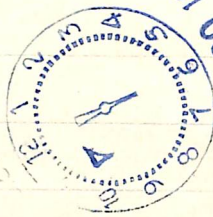
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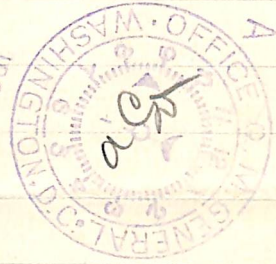
this may have been changed since
 that time they has been so many
 different things told, about what
 was going to be done with the
 location of those Public Buildings
 that a person hardly knows what to
 think I hope you will realize in
 a way how an old mother
 feels about her Dear lost son
 and will be so very very
 thankful to know if his Dear
 body is going to rest where it is
 if not please let me know
 if you get this which I hope
 you will
 yours Respectfully

Mrs John Coleman
 Jerseyville Ill. U. S. A. = 1



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O. O. M. S.

FROM. O. Q. M. G.
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
Munitions Building
Room

PLEASE
EXPEDITE

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A-H
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 3-30-21

File No. Requisition

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

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

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

- a. Surname COLEMAN ✓
- b. Christian name Mathew F.
or (Matthew F.) ✓
- c. Serial Number 2662762 ✓
- d. Organization Co. M, 18th Inf. ✓
- e. Rank Pvt. ✓
- f. Date of death 10-7-18 ✓
- g. Cause of death DWRIA ✓
- h. Authority (C.O.#) 398
- i. Emergency address Mrs John L Coleman, RFD 2 Kane, Ill
- j. Relationship mother

NOTED FORM 115
DATE 4-5-21 - 8 AM

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

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

DENTAL CHARTS
(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

a. Strike out teeth missing	8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
	upper right upper left
	8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
	lower right lower left

Adjustment Made

APR 20 1921

File No.

H. L. ROGERS,
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.

CW

CEMETERY NO: 1232- Sec.16

SHEET NO: 49
TYPED BY:

S/713/LML

BY: *[Signature]*
H. J. CONNER,
1st. Lieut. Q.M.C.

VH *Donnelly Ed Epps W7*
3/31/21

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Date

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ARMY DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington, D.C.

Date: 4-30-51

U.S. Form 8-11-A-4
Information requested of A.G.O.

Requisition No.:

(SPECIAL)

From: The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army, (Commerical Division)
The Adjutant General of the Army, 4th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.
Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

It is requested that the items checked below be completed, Request

a.	Surname	GOLSMAN
b.	Christian name	Matthew T.
c.	Serial Number	5082705
d.	Organization	Co. M, 18th Inf.
e.	Rank	Pvt.
f.	Date of death	10-7-18
g.	Cause of death	INFLUENZA
h.	Authority (G.O.#)	8-47
i.	Emergency address	
j.	Relationship	

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

(See page 42 of the Service Record)

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

THE RECORD

APR 30 1951

Adjustment Made

7 6 5 4 3 2 1

Upper right

Upper left

7 6 5 4 3 2 1

Lower right

Lower left

PHYSICAL CHARTS

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

H. L. ROGERS
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.

W. J. GORMAN
1st Lt. Col. G.M.C.

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON, D.C.

MAIL ROOM

RECORDS SECTION

Am

1907 Helen Ave.,
Detroit, Mich.,
August 9, 1920.

Recorded, Cemeterial Div., U.S.A., M.G.
File # 293.5 55274

Charles C. Pierce,
Lt. Col. Q.M.C., U.S.A.,
Chief, Cemeterial Division,
Washington, D. C.

*Copy 1232
not reported
MMS
8/11/20*

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of July 13th in reply to my letter of June 18th, and wish to advise you that we have decided that it will be best to let the body of my husband, Private Mathew F. Coleman, who is buried in the Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of the Meuse, rest where it is buried.

I want to thank you for the attention you have given me, and, if it is necessary to write me further in regard to this matter, I can be reached at the above address.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Laura Griffith Coleman

Coleman, Mathew F.

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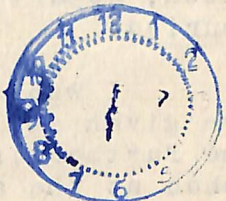
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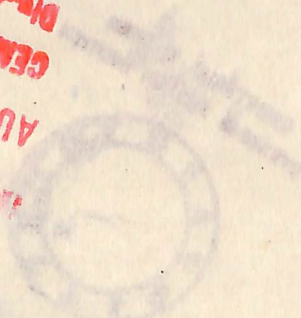
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July 13, 1920.

293.8 Cem. #55274 (Coleman, Magthow, F. Pvt.)

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

Mrs. Laura Griffith Coleman, 1907 Helen Ave., Detroit, Mich.

Information concerning return of Body.

1. In reply to your letter of June 18th, 1920, addressed to The Adjutant General of the Army, you are advised that there is ample time for you to change your request in regard to the removal of the body of your husband.

2. The Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of the Meuse, where the body of your husband, Private Matthew F. Coleman is buried, lies within the "Zone of the Armies", where under a recent agreement with the French Government, operations for the removal of our soldier dead from this area will not begin prior to September 15th, 1920. You do doubt will readily appreciate the fact that after operations begin in this zone, time must necessarily pass before this particular cemetery will be reached. If, however, you desire the body of your husband to remain in France, it is requested that you advise this office definitely in order that your request may be placed on file.

3. It may be of some assistance to you in this matter, to state that the Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of the Meuse, is one of the permanent Fields of Honor, chosen by the Secretary of War for the American dead that are to remain in France. This cemetery will be maintained and cared for by the Government as other National cemeteries in this country.

By order of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Lt. Col. Q.M.C., U.S.A.,
Chief, Cemeterial Division.
By:

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G. R. S. MAILED

JUL 14 1920

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

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TO: Inquiry Section .
From: Overseas Project Sub-Section.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION on Cemetery No. 1232 (furnished by: 108) (date 7-1-20)

Data sent Overseas None

Operations to commence (approx.) City not reported

Operations to be completed (approx.) -

Bodies shipped from European Port -

Bodies arrived at Hoboken -

II. CASE OF Coleman, Matthew F. Pvt Co. M., 18 Inf. #2662762

The following information was abstracted (Date) 7-1-20 from: ago card

SOURCE	CLK.	in OFFICE		CLK.	in OFFICE
A. G. O. Cards	<u>108</u>	<u>Yes</u>	Shppg. Inquiry (sent <u>no</u>)	<u>✓</u>	<u>-</u>
A.G.O. Corresp.	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	To		
G.R.S. corresp. relative to disp.	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	OSP S-S Corresp. (see Remarks.)		

DESIRES as to Disposition.

ago card:

Name of Relative	RETURN.			SPECIAL
	N. C.	Pvt. Int.	REMAIN	
<u>Widow Mrs. Laura Coleman</u> <u>R. R. #5- Alton, Ill.</u>		<u>✓</u>		
Children (Name oldest first)				
Father				
Mother				
Brothers				
Sisters				

Body to be shipped to Mrs. Laura Coleman, R. R. #5- Alton, Ill. was shipped (Date) 108 7-1-20

REMARKS City 1232 has not been reported by the Audit Dept. BFB 7/1-20
Notation on back of A.G.O. card gives widow's new address:
Mrs. Laura Coleman, 1907 Helen Ave, Detroit, Mich

TO:- REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S.

Date 6/28/00.

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

Please furnish information as checked (✓) below regarding the following soldier:

NAME *Coleman, Matthew F* Serial Number

RANK *Priv.* ORGANIZATION *Co M. 18" Inf*

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	1-No. Coleman, Matthew F
2.	Date of Death.	2-10-7-18 2662762
3.	Cause and place of death.	3-10WRDA ✓
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	4-CC-398 SP 61
5.	Date buried.	5-10-7-18
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	6 Reinterred from Grave 68, Plot B - Amer Clj 977, Cheppy ^{sur} Mense ✓
7.	Who reported burial?	Reburied - 5-3-19 in Grave 50, Sec 16, Plot 1 Bigonne Amer. Clj 1232 Armagne - Oms - Montfaucon (France)
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	10 - Yes
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	10 - Yes -
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	11 - Mrs Laverne Coleman 1907 Helen Ave Detroit Mich
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	12-2-28-19
12.	Has been notified? (Give date)	14-10-35600
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	Released by Information Control Dept. Directory Cards 5x8 Cards 4x6
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	
15.	Inquiry made by?	

N.B. All Proper names to be typewritten, or printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.

M. M. E.

No action
taken on 1232
6-24-20
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Amir

1907 Helen Ave.,
Detroit, Mich.,
June 18, 1920

293.8 Lem, 5-5274
Coleman; Mathew D.

War Department, Adjutant General's Office,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

You have in your files a card filled out by myself requesting that the body of my husband, Pvt. Mathew F. Coleman, Company M, 18th Infantry, who was killed in action October 7, 1918, be returned to this country for burial.

After considering this matter over for so long a time, both his mother and myself have come to the conclusion that, as it has been so long a time now since he was killed and his body has not been returned, it would be as well to let his remains rest where they are in France. He is buried in the American Cemetery at Roumange, and was moved there from the cemetery at Cheppy-sur-Meuse, France.

When I wrote you before on this subject, I was residing at Alton, Ill., R. F. D. #5, and requested that I be notified at 610 E. Carpenter St., Jerseyville, Ill., when his body was returned. I will not be back in that State again, but intend to remain at my present address.

I would very much appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible if it will be possible for you to change your records accordingly.

If it were possible to have him brought back any time soon, I would prefer to do so, but if it is to be much longer, it doesn't seem hardly right to move his body again.

Thanking you for an early reply,

I am,

Sincerely,

Mrs. Laura Griffith Coleman



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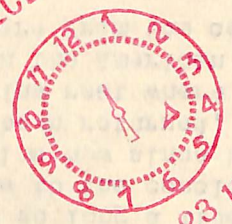
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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From #113

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
WASHINGTON

April 3, 1920.

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No: 55274-(Private Mathew F. Coleman)
To: Mrs. Laura Griffith Coleman, 1907 Helen Ave., Detroit, Mich.
From: Quartermaster General, U.S. Army (Cemeterial Division)
Subject: Grave Location.

1. In reply to your inquiry we beg to say that the records of the Cemeterial Division contain the following information as to grave location:

Case of: Private Mathew F. Coleman
Company M, 18th Infantry.
Place of burial: Reburied - Argonne American Cemetery
Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Dept. of Meuse.
Grave #50, Section #16, Plot #1.

2. The grave has been registered and suitably marked for present purposes, pending the adoption of a more permanent monument by the National Fine Arts Commission, which now has the matter under consideration.

3. While it is a sad duty on our part to convey information concerning the burial of men who were our valient comrades it is a satisfaction to answer the queries of those who suffer so grievously by the casualties of War.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE
Colonel, U.S. Army
Chief, Cemeterial Division

By:

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

In regard to photographs note paragraph 11 of inclosed bulletin.

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TO:- REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S.

Date 4/2/20

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

Please furnish information as checked (✓) below regarding the following soldier:

NAME Coleman, Mathew F.

Serial Number

RANK Pvt.

ORGANIZATION Co. M, 18th Inf.

NO	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	(1) Yes. (ser # 2442762),
2.	Date of Death.	(2) 10/7/18.
3.	Cause and place of death	(3) D.W.R.I.A.
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	(4) 398 SP 61.
5.	Date buried	(5) 10/7/18.
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	(6) Grave 48, Plot B, Am. Cty. # 977. Cheppy, ^{sur} Meuse. Re: - 5/3/19.
7.	Who reported burial?	Graves 30, sec. 16, Plot 1, Argonne - Am - Cty. 1232, Romagne-Sous-Montfaucon.
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	(10) - a. yes. (Meuse), (10) - b. yes.
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	(11) Mrs. Laura Coleman (wife) 2220 Locust St., Aton, Ill.
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	(12) 2/28/19.
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	(12) 1/20/20
12.	Has above been notified? (Give date)	Released by Information Control Dept.
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Directory <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cards 5 x 8 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cards 4 x 6
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	
15.	Inquiry made by?	

N.B. All Proper names to be typewritten, or printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.

E.R.

no Form 16

Received - - Inq. Dept.

1907 Helen Ave.,
Detroit, Mich.,
March. 29, 1920.

War Dept.,
Office of the Quartermaster General,
Graves Registration Service,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:- Re: G. P. S. Bulletin
No. 10-C:W.

The above bulletin was received
by me some little time ago, and
wish to advise you that, my
present address is 1907 Helen Ave.,
Detroit, Mich. The bulletin was
sent to me at 2220 Locust St.,
Alton, Ill.

Received - - Imp. Dept

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Office of the Registrar
Washington, D. C.

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In case of any further correspondence, please address me at my Detroit address as this will be permanent.

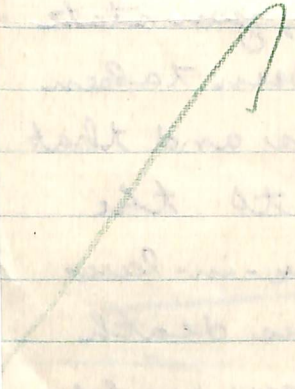
I am the widow of Pvt. Mathew F. Coleman, Company M, 18th Infantry, who was killed in the Argonne Forest Battle.

I notice under item #11, you state that photographs have been taken of the graves of our boys and that they will be distributed to the next of kin. My mother-in-law received the notice of his death but I feel that it is my right to receive the picture of his



In case of any further correspondence
please address me at my
present address on this wall in
the morning

I am the widow of Mr. [Name]
of [Address] [City] [State]
and I am writing you to
advise you that [Name]
has been [Action]



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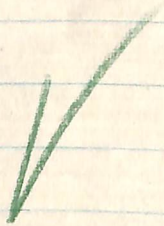
grave. Will you not please advise
me whether or not I will receive
this?

Thanking you for your
consideration, I am,

Sincerely,

//

Mrs. Laura Griffith-
Coleman



Will you not please advise
me whether or not I will receive
this?

Thanking you for your
kind attention,
Sincerely,
J. J. [unclear]

Mr. James [unclear]
[unclear]



Reference: 55274.

55274
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F.
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

May 6th, 1919.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.
TO : Private Clyde E. Griffith, Co.D., Water Tank Train # 302, A.E.F.
SUBJECT: Private Mathew F. Coleman, Co.M., 18th Infantry.

In reply to your letter of inquiry, with reference to the regretted death of this soldier, according to the records at these headquarters he is buried in Grave # 68, American Cemetery, CHEPPY-sur-MEUSE, Department of MEUSE.

By direction:

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

MBD/cac.
Encl. 10.B. & 004.5

Per

MAURICE B. DIX,
Captain, American Red Cross
Representative assigned to
Graves Registration Service.

55274

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

April 14, 1919.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.
TO : Mrs. Laura Coleman, Alton, Illinois.
SUBJECT : Mathew F. Coleman, Pvt. Co. M. 18th Inf.

In reply to your letter of inquiry, with reference to the regretted death of this soldier, according to the records at these headquarters he is buried in Grave # 68, American Cemetery, Cheppy-sur-Meuse. Department of the MEUSE.

According to the records on file at these headquarters Private Coleman died October 7th 1918 of wounds received in action.

By direction

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

mbd/lw.

Enc. G.R.S. .004.5.
Bulletin # 10.B.

Per MAURICE B. DIX,
Captain, American Red Cross
Representative assigned to
Graves Registration Service.

55274

TO: - REGISTRATION BRANCH, R.S.

FILE NUMBER

FROM: - *Kec.*

DATE: 4/4/19

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME COLEMAN - MATHEW. F. NUMBER 2662762

RANK PVT. ORGANIZATION Co M, 18 INF.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	(1) yes.
2.	Date of Death.	(2) 10/7/18
3.	Cause and place of death.	(3) W/A.
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	(4) cc # 398 ✓
5.	Date buried.	(5) 10/7/18
6.	Grave Location (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required	(6) ETY - AMER - CHEPPY - # 5UR - MEUSE - 68 MEUSE -
7.	Who reported burial:	(7) Frank. Arbuckle CHAP.
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	(8)
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	(9) Cross - Name Reg.
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	(10) 1 Buried with Body. 1 Attached to Name Marker,
11.	Who is nearest relative?	(11) Mrs. Lanna Coleman 220 Sunset St. Attain. Ill.
12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	(12) 2/28/19
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record).	
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	

N.B. All Proper names to be printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.

Hq. 1st. Div. 18th. Inf.

Feb. 24, 1918

From : Chaplain J. L. Hughes, 18th. Inf. 55274
To : Graves Registration Service
Subject: Burial of Mathew F. Coleman, Co. M, 18th. Inf.

1. Attached find letter from Mrs. Hanna Coleman relative to burial of her husband. Records here show he was wounded in the Argonne (Oct. 4-11) but as to hospital or date of his death, we have no information. Your action is requested in this matter.

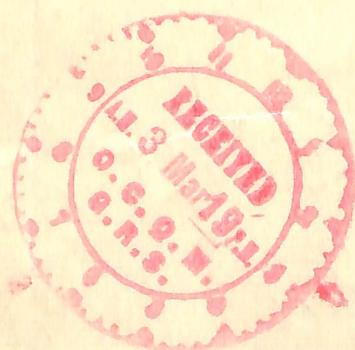
J. L. Hughes,
Chaplain 18th Inf.



From
To
Resident of
M. W. 1844

I received your letter from
and relative to the
has been in the
to hospital or
Your
I

J. L. ...
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55274
Alton, Ill.,
R. F. D. #5,
Jan. 31, 1919.

Chaplain Co. M, 18th Infantry,
American Expeditionary Forces,
France.

Dear Sir:-

About two weeks ago, I wrote you regarding my husband, Pvt. Mathew F. Coleman, Co. M, 18th Infantry, but am not sure that I addressed the letter right. Since then, I received a letter from the Adjutant General's Office telling me to write to you for particulars of my husband's death and burial.

Matt was at first reported missing in action from Oct. 1 to Oct. 11. This telegram was received on Nov. 23. On Jan. 3, another telegram came stating that he died from wounds on Oct. 7. No further word has been received either by his mother or myself, and we don't know where he died, where he is buried, or anything about it except that he died on Oct. 7 from wounds.

I had written, O, so many letters to him, and he didn't ever get a one of them. They have never come back though I had my return address on each one of them. I was talking to a boy from home that was in the 18th Infantry and was wounded and sent home, and he said that he was talking to my husband on Oct. 5. Can there be a chance that he is still alive? O, if you could only give me a little hope, I will be eternally grateful to you.



Satisfied
Gladly
5/16/19

When my husband was in France
I had written, O, so many letters
to him, and he didn't ever get a one
of them. They have never come back
though I had my return address on
each one of them. I was talking
to a boy from home that was in
the 18th Infantry and was wounded
and sent home, and he said that
he was talking to my husband
on Oct. 5. Can there be a chance
that he is still alive? O, if you
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ACTIVE SERVICE

WITH THE

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

April 7, 1919

Grave Registration Service
Tours France.

Sir I am writing
to try and find the place where
Pvt Mathew H. Coleman of Co M.
18th Infantry was buried. Pvt
Coleman was reported as having
died of wounds on Oct 7th. His wife
has ask me to try and locate his
grave. I was referred to you by
the chaplain of his company.

Hoping to hear from you soon
I remain sincerely yours

Pvt Clyde E Griffith
Co D Water Tank Train # 2
ame C. H. France





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NAME

FILE NUMBER

55274

Mathew F. Coleman,

SERIAL NUMBER

RANK
Private

ORGANIZATION
M, 18th, Infantry

NO.

REPLY

1. Do particulars of soldier given above agree with records?

① Mathew F. Coleman.
Pvt. Co. - M - 18th Inf.

2. Date of Death

3. Grave Location:

② Coy. #592 Shore #68
Cty. Amer. ChERRY-SUR-Meuse, (Meuse)

4. Who reported burial?

5. Confirmed by G.R.S.?

⑤ yes

6. How is grave marked?

7. Identification Tags:

(a) Buried with Body?

(b) Attached to grave Marker?

8. Emergency address:

9. Has above been notified? (Give Date)

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ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY

Flowers, flags, etc.

(Par. #5, Bul. 10-B)

Effects (G.R.S. Form Nos. 7&7-A)

Monuments (Par. #6, Bul. 10-B)

Accrued pay (G.R.S. Forms Nos. 19&22)

Disinterrments (Par. #8, Bul. 10-B)

Liberty Bonds (G.R.S. Forms Nos. 21&22)

Circumstances of death (G.R.S. Form No. 6)

War Risk Insurance (G.R.S. Forms Nos. 20&22)

Photograph requested (File 004.5)

Disposition of Remains (a) Return to U.S. (Form 23)

Grave Location *Mex*

(b) Remain in France (Form 24)

(c) Miscellaneous (Letter)

Remarks:

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Coleman, Mathew F. - 1232 W

July 8, 1930

Mrs. Laura C. Smith
8545 Helen Avenue
Detroit, Mich.

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.

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

(Coleman, Matthew F.)

Oct. 10, 1929.

Mr. Wm. P. Coleman,
RFD#2,
Kane, Ill.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the administrator of the estate of the late Pvt. Matthew F. Coleman, Co. M, 18th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

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

2. If so, give her complete address.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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(Coleman, Matthew F.)

Oct. 10, 1929.

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8545 Helen Ave.,
Detroit, Mich.

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The records of this office show that you are the widow of the late Pvt. Matthew F. Coleman, Co. M, 18th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

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

2. If so, give her complete address.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Coleman, Matthew F.
1232.

Sept. 5, 1929

Mrs. Laura Coleman,
2220 Locust St.,
Alton, Ill.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 29, 1929, making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Coleman, Matthew F.

August 14, 1929

Mr. John Coleman,
R. F. D. #2,
Kane, Illinois

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late **Pvt. Matthew F. Coleman, Co. M. 18th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.**

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

Write answers in space below:

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Coleman, Matthew F.

August 13, 1929

Mrs. Laura C. Smith,
8545 Helen Avenue,
Detroit, Michigan

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 widow of the late Pvt. Matthew F. Coleman, Co. M. 18th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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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
(Coleman, Matthew F.)

June 29 , 1929.

Mrs. Laura Coleman,
2220 Locust St.,
Alton, Ill.

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 widow of the late Private Matthew F. Coleman, Co. M, 18th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish her full name and address in order that action may be taken to extend an invitation to her 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 relationship is that of a stepmother, mother through adoption or a woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. In case you have 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,

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
(Coleman, Matthew F.)

June 29, 1929.

Mrs. John Coleman,
Jerseyville, Ill.
Route #1.

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 mother of the late Private Matthew F. Coleman, Co. M, 18th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is 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,

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

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	<i>Coleman</i>	3	<i>3502</i>
BURIED	<i>Matthew F.</i>	1	<i>1</i>
	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	2	<i>31</i>
	GRAVE <i>31</i>	2	<i>03</i>
	ROW <i>3</i>	1	<i>5</i>
	BLOCK <i>E</i>	2	<i>13</i>
STATE	<i>Ill.</i>	1	<i>2</i>
RANK	<i>Priv.</i>	2	<i>01</i>
DIVISION	<i>1</i>	3	<i>018</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>18</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>3</i>
MARITAL	<i>(Rem. Widow) Remarried</i>	3	
NAME	<i>Mrs Laura C. Smith</i>	2	
RESIDENCE	<i>8545 Helen Ave. Detroit, Mich.</i>	2	
	<i>no FM</i>	2	
	<i>no loco</i>	3	
RELATION	<i>mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Dead-1925</i>	1	<i>6</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Coleman, Mathew F. - 1232 W

July 8, 1930

Mrs. Laura C. Smith
8545 Helen Avenue
Detroit, Mich.

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.

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

No.

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

If so, give her name and address:

No. I have remarried and so forfeit my right to visit his grave. He

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?

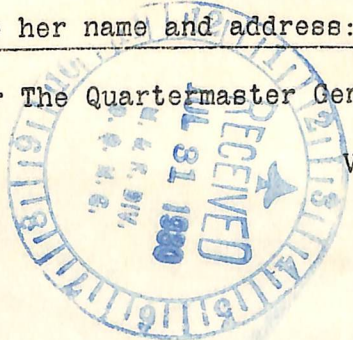
If so, give her name and address:

had no sister, either, and his mother has been dead for about five years.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:
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A. D. Hughes

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

Laura Smith

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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The records of this office show that you are the administrator of the estate of the late Pvt. Matthew F. Coleman, Co. M, 18th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

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

No

2. If so, give her complete address.

His wife is married

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.

*His mother is dead
died Feb. 28. 1925*

*I am his brother
Wm. P. Coleman
R.F. D. 1.*

*Jerseyville
Illinois*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

(Coleman, Matthew F.)

Oct. 10, 1929.

Mrs. Laura Coleman Smith,
8545 Helen Ave.,
Detroit, Mich.

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 widow of the late Pvt. Matthew F. Coleman, Co. M, 18th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

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

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Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Coleman, Matthew F.
1232.

Sept. 5, 1929

Mrs. Laura Coleman,
2220 Locust St.,
Alton, Ill.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 29, 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

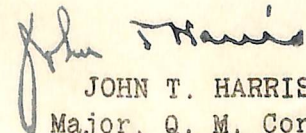
1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried? If so, give her complete address:

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,


JOHN T. HARRIS,
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Coleman, Matthew F.

August 14, 1929

Mr. John Coleman,
R. F. D. #2,
Kane, Illinois

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Pvt. Matthew F. Coleman, Co. M. 15th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JOHN T. PARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Coleman, Matthew F.

August 13, 1929

Mrs. Laura C. Smith,
8545 Helen Avenue,
Detroit, Michigan

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 widow of the late Pvt. Matthew F. Coleman, Co. M. 18th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

1. Have you remarried since the death of the above named veteran?

yes

2. If not, do you desire to make the pilgrimage?

3. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

no. She has been dead about five years.

4. If so, give her name and complete address.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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John T. Harris
JOHN T. HARRIS,
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John Coleman,
R.F.D. # 2,
Kane, Ill

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
(Coleman, Matthew F.)

W. remarried
Mrs. Laura C. Smith
8545 Helen Ave.,
Detroit, Mich.

June 29, 1929.

Mrs. Laura Coleman,
2220 Locust St.,
Alton, Ill.

X 2 - 118796
7/29

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 widow of the late Private Matthew F. Coleman, Co. M, 18th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.


Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish her full name and address in order that action may be taken to extend an invitation to her 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 relationship is that of a stepmother, mother through adoption or a woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. In case you have 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,
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
(Coleman, Matthew F.)

June 29, 1929.

Mrs. John Coleman,
Jerseyville, Ill.
Route #1.

Dear Madam:

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The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Matthew F. Coleman, Co. M, 18th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is 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,

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

M. Wm. P. Coleman
adm. of cert. of veteran
R. F. D. - 2, Kane
Ill.

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
(Coleman, Matthew F.)

June 29 , 1929.

mother died 2-28-25

Mrs. Laura Coleman, Smith (Re-married)
2220 Locust St.,
Alton, Ill.

85-45 Helen Ave.

Detroit, Mich.

12-7-26

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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 widow of the late Private Matthew F. Coleman, Co. H, 18th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish her full name and address in order that action may be taken to extend an invitation to her 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 relationship is that of a stepmother, mother through adoption or a woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. In case you have remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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