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G.R.S. Form #114-B

To The A. G. O.

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SEP 1 - 1926

DATE Dec. 22nd 1921.

1. NAME COLEY, Lester H.

SERIAL No. 1933507

RANK Pvt.

ORGANIZATION Co M 327th Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty., Romagne-sous-Montfaucou (Meuse)

1232 Sec. 29
CTY. NAME NUMBER

190

Sec. 29

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GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

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Cernay

Ardennes

Verdun 35NE

GRAVE
297.3E

COMMUNE
281.3N

DEPT.

COORDINATES

CONCENTRATED TO

4/8/19

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Sec 29

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GRAVE

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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 body and cross

data f-1

DATE OF DEATH Oct. 9, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Tenn

pfB

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

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CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

M. B. BIRDSEYE

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

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Dec. 22nd 1921.

DATE

GRAVE

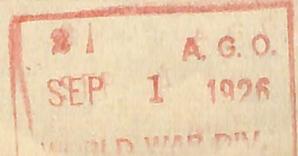
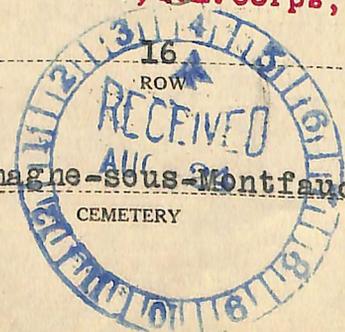
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PLOT
Block

Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucou, Meuse.

CEMETERY



Robert O. Davis,
Major General,
The Adjutant General,
By R.V.C.
SEP 3. 1926

AUDITED BY
M. M. E.
8-27-23

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.





C° M - 327th Infantry -
82nd Division.

COLEY, Lester H. - Private.
Home address: R.F.D. N° 2, Box 60 -
La Fayette - Tenn.

Unable to obtain any details of how this man was killed.

No informant given.

Signed: GEISENBERGER, M. L. - 1st Lieut.
327th Infantry - Comdg. C° "M".

Address next of kin:

Father: Joe W. COLEY -
R.F.D. N° 2, Box 60
La Fayette - Tenn.

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CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	COLEY	3	352
Lester H	CEMETRY 1232	1	1
BURIED	GRAVE 24	2	24
	ROW 16	2	16
	BLOCK G	1	7
STATE	Tenn	2	48
BANK	Pt	1	2
DIVISION	82	2	82
ORGANIZATION	327	3	327
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARTIAL	W	1	2
NAME	COLEY	3	352
Mrs. Julia K	STATE Tenn	2	48
RESIDENCE	COUNTY Macon	2	56
	CITY LaFayette	3	XXX
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER	Father	1	1
ELIGIBILITY	Yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT	Yes	1	1
HEALTH	bad	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	no	1	2
29/514/PJ	Age		70

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Coley Lester H (MA)

July 9 1932

Mrs Julia K Coley
Box 60 R F D 2
LaFayette Tenn

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries Of Europe during the years 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933 for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces who were lost or buried at sea or whose remains are interred in Europe.

Your attention is particularly invited to the fact that this is the last opportunity you will have to make the pilgrimage under the provisions of the above mentioned Act. Unless you take advantage of this LAST chance to make a trip in 1933 you will receive no benefit from the Act. There is no provision of law which will permit the Government to make a money allowance to any mother or widow who does not choose to make the pilgrimage.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU GIVE THE MATTER YOUR MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BEFORE REACHING A DECISION, BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE TRIP AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

In order to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations for the mothers and widows making the journey in 1933, reservations for steamship transportation must be made by this office several months in advance. It is requested that you answer the questions below by writing "Yes" or "No" or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question. When you have answered the question, sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. PLEASE DO NOT DELAY, as it is essential that the information be in this office promptly.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make the pilgrimage during the years 1930, 1931 or 1932. There is enclosed a circular of information WHICH YOU SHOULD READ VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING YOUR DECISION.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933? no

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) Julia K. Coley

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Coley, Lester H. (M-A) M

Oct. 13, 1931

Mrs. Julia K. Coley,
Box 60, RFD #2,
LaFayette, Tenn.

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Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter forwarded you under recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, wherein you advise that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

Competent personnel will be provided to care for the mothers and widows from the time of their arrival in New York until their return thereto. Medical attendants and all other necessities will be arranged for and in the event you decide to make a pilgrimage, you are assured everything possible will be done for your care and welfare. During the summers of 1930 and 1931 many mothers of advanced age and in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited therefrom.

Your name is being placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make a pilgrimage in 1933. However, should you change your mind in view of the above, and desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, it is requested you advise this office in order that arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Coley, Lester H. (M-A) M

September 29, 1931.

Mrs. Julia K. Coley,
Box 60, R. F. D. #2,
LaFayette, Tennessee.

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.

I would like to see my boys grave if I could see him
1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage
in 1932? *but owing to my health and age*

2. Please state your age and condition
of health: *i cant type*

Age: *70*

Health: *not good*

3. Do you speak English? *The Trip*

4. What other language do you speak?

Mrs. Julia K. Coley
Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes

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

Encl:
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Coley, Lester H. Pvt. (M-A) M

June 16, 1931.

Mrs. Julia K. Coley,
Box 60, R.F.D. #2,
LaFayette, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1932 to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question.

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? _____

Write answer here

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Coley, Lester H. - 1232 M

June 7, 1930.

Mrs. Julia K. Coley,
Box 60, R F D #2,
LaFayette, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

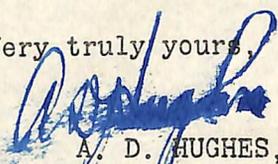
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank space following the question.

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope, which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all mothers and widows who are not making the pilgrimage in 1930, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


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



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? Yes

(Write answer here)

on count of belt age sent to Mrs. Julia K. Coley
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Coley, Lester H.
1232.

Sept. 5, 1929

Mr. Joe Washington Coley,
Box 60, R. F.D. 2,
LaFayette, Tenn.

Dear Sir:

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:

No

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.

Mother, Julia K. Coley
LaFayette, Tenn.

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

No, On account of her age health and not being allowed someone to help her on the trip.

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

Coley, Lester H.

June 29, 1929.

Mr. Joe Washington Coley,
Box 60, RFD 2,
LaFayette, Tenn.

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 Private Lester H. Coley, Co. M, 327th 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 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,

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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-M

Coley Lester H (MA)

July 9 1932

Mrs Julia K Coley
Box 60 R F D 2
LaFayette Tenn

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries Of Europe during the years 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933 for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces who were lost or buried at sea or whose remains are interred in Europe.

Your attention is particularly invited to the fact that this is the last opportunity you will have to make the pilgrimage under the provisions of the above mentioned Act. Unless you take advantage of this LAST chance to make a trip in 1933 you will receive no benefit from the Act. There is no provision of law which will permit the Government to make a money allowance to any mother or widow who does not choose to make the pilgrimage.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933? _____

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Coley, Lester H. (M-A) M

Oct. 13, 1931

Mrs. Julia K. Coley,
Box 60, RFD #2,
LaFayette, Tenn.

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Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter forwarded you under recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, wherein you advise that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

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Your name is being placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make a pilgrimage in 1933. However, should you change your mind in view of the above, and desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, it is requested you advise this office in order that arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Coley, Lester H. (M-A) M

September 29, 1931. AL

Mrs. Julia K. Coley,
Box 60, R. F. D. #2,
LaFayette, Tennessee.

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.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

June 16, 1931.

Coley, Lester H. Pvt. (M-A) M

Mrs. Julia K. Coley,
Box 60, R.F.D. #2,
LaFayette, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1932 to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question.

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? _____

Write answer here

Sign here

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 7, 1930.

Coley, Lester H. - 1232 M

Mrs. Julia K. Coley,
Box 60, R F D #2,
LaFayette, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank space following the question.

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope, which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all mothers and widows who are not making the pilgrimage in 1930, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? _____

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Coley, Lester H 1232. M

Mrs. Julia K. Coley,
Box 60, R. F. D. #2,
LaFayette, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress not later than December 15, 1929. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

In order that the report referred to may be made and plans completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested that you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office by return mail in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes)	(No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age (Years)	Health (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No) Other language (Specify language spoken)	

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Coley, Lester H.
1232.

Sept. 5, 1929

Mr. Joe Washington Coley,
Box 60, R. F.D. 2,
LaFayette, Tenn.

Dear Sir:

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

Coley, Lester H.

June , 1929.

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Mr. Joe Washington Coley,
Box 60, RFD 2,
LaFayette, Tenn.

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 **Private Lester H. Coley, Co. M, 327th 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 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.

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

In reply refer to:
293 C-R

June 28, 1923.

Mr. Joe Washington Coley,
Box #60, R.F.D. #2,
LaFayette, Tenn.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of Private Lester B. Coley, Company B, 87th Infantry, is Grave 24, Row 16, Block G, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

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, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. 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.

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.

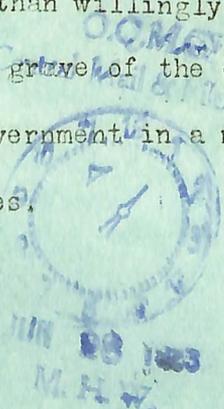
Very truly yours,

H. J. Conner,
Assistant.

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #68536

(a) Name COLEY, Lester H. Ser. No. 1933507
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co.M, 327th Infantry
(c) Date of death 10/9/18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. DMA
CKR. [initials]

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

(a) Grave No. 190 Row - Plot 4 Sec. 29 TYP. DMA
(b) Emerg. Address Joe Washington Coley (father) Box 60 RFD 2, Lafayette, Tenn.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

CKR. [initials]

A.G.O. 201 3-12-20 confirms (L.F. 4-15-21)

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt no card in file PF 4-15-21

(a) Name (b) Relationship
(c) Address
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.?
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at
(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S.
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S.

Examiner's Initials PF Date 4-15-21, 1920

V. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from

dated confirming request in Par. IV., item, above, or requesting that

Examiner's Initials PF Date 4-15-21, 1920

VI. G. R. S. FILES, CORRESPONDENCE—shows as follows:

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes PF

Examiner's Initials PF Date 4-15-21, 1920

COUNTRY FRANCE

CEMETERY No. 1232-Sec. 29 SHEET No. 32

JUN 15 1921

H.S.

Checked by H.S. 6-15-21

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 5/23/21, 1920

Section # 29
Par # 2 - Not to be returned - H.D.

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: *B/a. W.R. Mrs. Julia K. Coley (m)*
Lafayette, Tenn. R.D. #2. Box 60
6-11-21-H
Joseph W. Coley, (F)
R.D. #2. Box 60, Lafayette, Tenn.
6-11-21-H

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

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V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
 letter of transmittal on 5/23/21, 192

Section # 29
par # 2 - Not to be returned - AD

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., _____, 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

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

COUNTRY _____ CEMETERY No. _____ SHEET No. _____

Place Rom. ous Montfaucon

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Dec. 21, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF GOLEY LESTER H. SERIAL NUMBER 1933507
 RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co., M. 327th Inf.

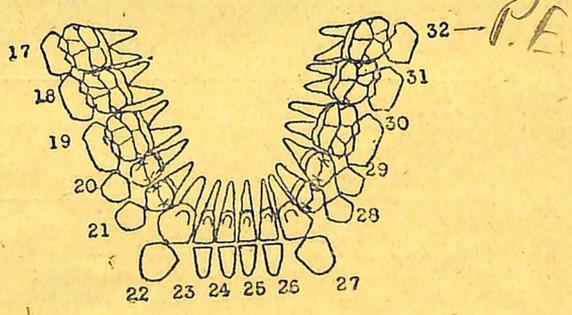
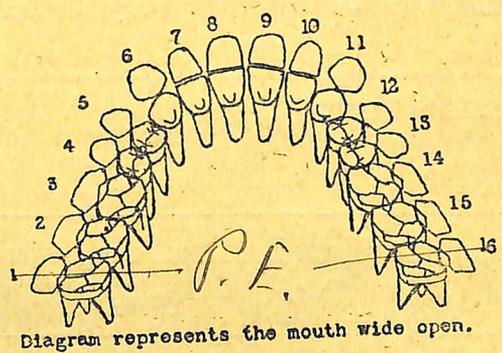
2. Disinterred (date): Dec. 21, 1921. From (give complete location):
Gr. 190 sec 29 pt 4 Cem., #1232.
 By: Group 5 Unit Sec. 1

3. Reburied (date): Dec. 22, 1921, grave 24, block G, row 16, Cem. 1232 In (give complete location):
 By: Group Reburial Sec. Unit unlined casket Nature of reburial unlined casket

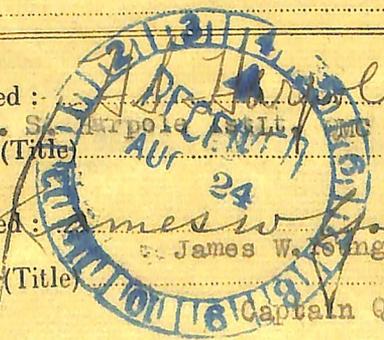
4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
wooden box, in uniform, body badly decomposed features unrecognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? Yes peg.
 (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) Dup to det.
 (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) 15 teeth cut in upper jaw.
 (f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty)
None visible



7. Disinterment supervised by H. E. Strong Approved: H. S. [Signature]
H. E. Strong (Title) 4th
 8. Reburial supervised by [Signature] Approved: James W. [Signature]
concentration (Title) Captain QMC.
 pfb A. U. Dufault



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 style="text-align: center;">TOOTH MISSING TOOTH MISSING</p>
<p>CROWNED TEETH.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD CROWN PORCELAIN CROWN</p>
<p>BRIDGE WORK.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD AND PORCELAIN BRIDGE GOLDBRIDGE</p>
<p>FILLINGS.....Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">SILVER FILLING GOLD FILLING</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD FILLING GOLD FILLING</p>
<p>CARIES (CAVITIES).....Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">CAVITY DECAYED DECAYED</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 Dec 21 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

1. Name COLEY Lester H.

2. No. 1933507

3. Rank Pvt.

4. Org. Co M 327th Inf.

5. D.D. Oct. 17th 18

6. C.D. KIA

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

10. Name _____

11. No. _____

12. Rank _____

13. Org. _____

14. (a) D.D. _____

(b) D.B. None

7. Grave No. 190 Sec. 29

8. Plot 4 Row _____

9. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____

16. Plot _____ Row _____

17. None

18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer.

20. Dept. or County Meuse

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232 Sec. 29

19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Montfaucon

21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) Dec 21 1921

By H E Strong

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Lester H Coley

Rank Pvt

Serial No. 1933507

Organization Co M 327th Inf

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

L. B. Ayers
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

L B Ayers.

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 Wooden box 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 21 1921

31. Casket sealed by H E Strong

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

H E Strong

H E Strong



AUDITED BY

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-21189

32. Designation of body:

Name Lester H. COLEY Serial No. 1933507

Rank Pvt. Organization Co M 327th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. #1232,
Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse)

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Dec 21 1921 By H E Strong

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 H S Harpole
H S Harpole 1st Lt. QMC

36. Remarks _____

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Dec 21 1921 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 G Spann, Capt. QMC Date

By G.R.S. Representative _____

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

To Permanent Cemetery _____ (Name)

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer _____

40. Received: Date _____

G.R.S. Representative _____

41. Reinterred Meuse Argonne Cemetery 1232, Dec. 22, 1921
24 (Date)

42. Grave No. _____ Section _____
G 16

43. ~~Plot~~ Block _____ Row _____

G.R.S. Representative James W. Younger
James W. Younger
Captain QMC.

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

P. P. [unclear]

Bristol.
NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER
CEMETERY NO. DATE
Coley, Lester H., Pvt.
SERIAL NUMBER ORGANIZATION DATE OF DEATH
1933507 Co. M, 327th Inf. 10/9/18

Copy forwarded to
Adjustment Department
Date 6-13-21-H

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

C-146600
DATE T-108792

~~TWENTY EIGHT 75/100~~ DOLLARS \$28.75
PERSON NAMED BY SOLDIER TO BE BENEFICIARY OF INSURANCE RELATIONSHIP
MRS JULIA K COLEY I-108792

LAFAYETTE M
ADDRESS
R D 2 BX 60 TENN

PERSON RECEIVING COMPENSATION RELATIONSHIP

NO VALUE

WASH COUNTY

STATE OF TENNESSEE

TWENTY-EIGHT 75/100 DOLLARS \$28.75

JOSEPH W COLEY

I-108792

LAFAYETTE

F

R D 2 BX 60

TENN

UNRECORDED

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No 1933507

Sketch No

36

Name COLEY L.H.

Rank X Co X (Corp) X (Regt) X

Date of Death, Oct. 14th, 1918

Place CORNAY ARDENNES

Cause Killed in action

Date of Burial, Oct. 18th, 1918

Grave No, 2 Plot 1

Cemetery

Identified By, Tags

Map Ref, 20yds.S.of road, 300yds.S.of
Cornay.

N.W. Verdun 297.3 E x 281.3 N.

Field record made by, *Carl J. Scott*
Q.M. Sgt. Sr. Gr.

Group 3 Unit 305 G.R.S

For additional data use reverse side.

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REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

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Remains of:

Name: COLEY, L. H.

Number: 1933507

Rank: Unkn

Organization: Unkn

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group _____ Unit _____

Disinterred (Date) _____ From: (Give complete location)

8th, April, 1919. Amer. B/A Cty. Grave 2.

CORNAY ARDENNES.

35 NW E 297.3 N 281.3

Reburied (Date) _____ in: (Give complete location)

8th, April, 1919. Grave #190 Sec. 29 Plot 4. Amer. B/A Cty. #1232.

ROMAGNE MEUSE.

35 NE E 308.16 N 284.87

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

Burial good. Buried in uniform. Greatly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? No.

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

CONFIRMED No. D. 10702

10702

Note:

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, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Lt. Gordon.

R. H. ROSENTHAL
2nd Lieut. O.M.C.U.S.A.
C.O. Group _____ Unit _____



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Feb 19, 1919.

Central Records Office
Bourges

Retel Croks 1754 period Records show Pvt Lester H Coley 1933507 Co M
327th Inf killed in action Oct 17th comma 1918 and buried Oct 18th
in grave 2 Plot 1 American Battle Area Cemetery Cornay (Ardennes)
grave marked with cross one tag attached to grave marker and one
buried with body.

O. B.

CARSON.

C.M. NOETZEL
2ND Lieut: OMC.
ACL/ WK
2:50 PM

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G R S
Sgt Daly Original

file
ca

Signal Corps, United States Army.
Telegram.

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Received at

207 CR NP 39 OB

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BOURGES FEB 17 1919

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

TOURS

C R O K S 1754 WIRE PRESENT PLACE DATE BURIAL DATE PLACE DEATH

PRIVATE LESTER H COLEY 1933507 CO M 327TH INFANTRY

DAVIS

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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON

In Reply
Refer to (Coley, Lester H.) WWD

March 12, 1920.

From: The Adjutant General of the Army
To: The Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington, D. C.
Subject: Date of death of Lester H. Coley, #1,933,507, Pvt.
Co. M, 327th Infantry.

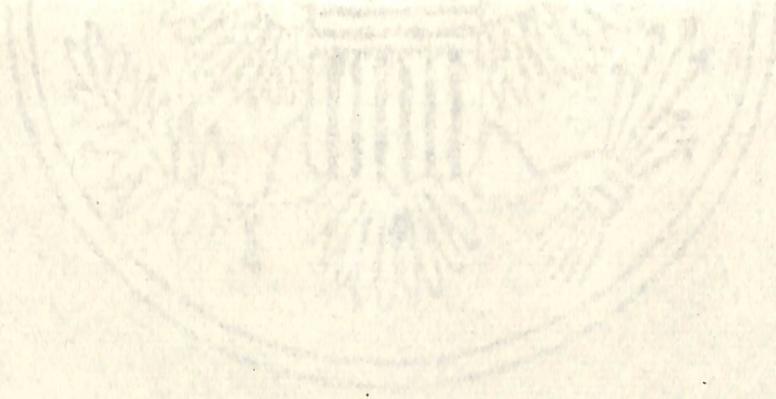
1. Upon investigation, it has been ascertained that the date of death of the above named man heretofore communicated to you, is erroneous, and that he was killed in action October 9, 1918.

2. For purpose of identification, you are advised that the records show that the deceased was enlisted March 31, 1918. and the name of the person to be notified in case of emergency was given as: Joe Washington Coley, (Father), R.F.D. #2, Box 60, Lafayette, Tenn.

By order of the Secretary of War:

P. C. Harris
The Adjutant General.
per. *AJ*

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