

To The A. G. O.

2505

DATE

JAN 7 - 1926

1. NAME COLLEN, Oscar B.

SERIAL No. 385034

RANK Pvt.

ORGANIZATION Bat. A. 112th F.A. & DIVISION Heavy

GRAVE LOCATION Amer. Meucon, Morbihan

20

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

68

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

68

Meucon

Morbihan

As shown by AGRS Form #1-A, May 19, 1919.

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES Not given

CONCENTRATED TO

Nothing of record

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

Nothing of record

DATE OF DEATH

Oct. 10, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

Mass

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

None

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

None of record

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

Stanley J. Grogan
STANLEY J. GROGAN CAPT. INF. USA.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION

9/23/22

14

27
32

Block B

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

Oise Aisne American Cty #608, Seringes-&Mesles, Aisne

CEMETERY

JAN 7 1926

AUDITED BY
JAN 3 1926

MAY 6 1947
U.S. ARMY
HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

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.



WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY
REFER TO

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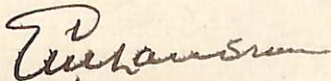
SUBJECT: Verification

May 7, 1927

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

1. A reexamination of the records in the case of Oscar B. Collen, army serial #385034, shows that at the time of his death he was serving with the 29th Division.

By order of the Secretary of War:


Adjutant General.

1 Inclosure
GRS Form 114-B

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Collen **385034** **Oscar B.**
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Private **Battery A, 112th HFA**
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL **12 October 1918.**

PLACE OF BURIAL **U. S. Army Cemetery**

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

U. S. Army Cemetery, Camp de Meuzon,
Morbihan.

U. S. Army Cemetery Map #20.

GRAVE NUMBER **68**

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

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:

John Handley
John Handley

Captain, 112th HFA, Chaplain.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

ALBANY 1918
CENTRAL OFFICE

17 OCT 1918
A.G.O.
RECEIVED

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STATION DIVISION
H. A. F.
17 OCT. 1918

Collen, Oscar B. 385034

Pvt. Bat. A. 112th Heavy F. A.

Died: Oct. 10, 1918.

Place: Amex.

Cause: Lobar Pneumonia.

AGO 11 /20/18.

Write nothing above this line.

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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Col	3	3 0 0
BURIED	CEMETERY 608	1	2
	GRAVE 14	2	14
	ROW 27	2	27
	BLOCK 18	1	2
STATE	Mass	2	25
RANK	Rot.	1	2
DIVISION	29	2	29
ORGANIZATION	112	3	112
ARM	I. a.	1	3
MARITAL	No	1	2
NAME	Mrs Mary J Collier Col	3	3 0 0
RESIDENCE	STATE Mass	2	25
	COUNTY Franklin	2	06
	CITY Orange	3	112
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO. YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	No	1	2

AUDITED

MAR 8 1932
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IMMEDIATE ACTION

IN REPLY QM 293 A-M
REFER TO
Collen Oscar B (OA)

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

October 13, 1932

Mrs Mary J Collen
40 Hayden St
Orange Mass

SPECIAL

Dear Madam:

Your Government has provided an opportunity for all Mothers and Widows of deceased members of the American Forces who were lost, buried at sea, or whose remains are now interred in Europe, to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. This was done in the hope that all who may make the pilgrimage will derive a measure of comfort and solace from the visit.

You are numbered among those who are privileged to make this pilgrimage.

During July and September of this year, inquiries were addressed to you as to whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage to Europe. To these inquiries no reply has been received from you.


You probably do not realize how important it is that a reply be received from you. If we do not receive replies, it becomes very difficult to make the necessary and proper arrangements for those who are to make the trip, as everything must be arranged in advance. Consequently, it is just as important for the Government to know the names of those who do not desire to take advantage of its offer as it is to know the names of those who do.

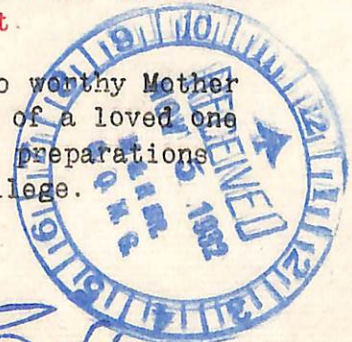
Will you please devote a few moments of your time to write either the word "YES" or "NO" in the following space no, thus indicating whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage during 1933 and sign your name here Mrs. Marie J. Collen Use the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage, and return this sheet.

This reply will assure your Government that no worthy Mother or Widow has failed to receive its offer in commemoration of a loved one departed, and will greatly assist in making the necessary preparations for those of them who wish to take advantage of the privilege.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


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



Collen, Oscar B. (OA)

WAR DEPARTMENT

July 11, 1932.

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON

Mrs. Mary J. Collen,

40 Hayden St.,

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

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? _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Collen, Oscar B. O-A M-

October 2, 1931

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Mrs. Mary J. Collen,
40 Hayden St.,
Orange, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

June 20, 1931

Collen, Oscar B. Pvt.(OA) M

Mrs. Mary J. Collen,
40 Hayden St.,
Orange, Mass.

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
Collen, Oscar B. - 608 M

June 7, 1930.

Mrs. Mary J. Collen,
40 Hayden St.,
Orange, Mass.

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.

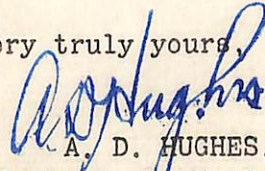
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank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

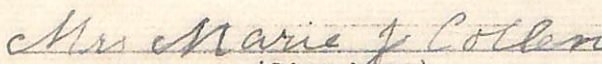
For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


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



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? no ✓
(Write answer here)


(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Collen, Oscar B.
608

Aug. 29, 1929.

Mrs. Mary J. Collen,
40 Hayden St.,
Orange, Mass.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 24, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

No.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Act of Congress
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 24, 1929.

Collen, Oscar B.

Mrs. Mary J. Collen,
40 Hayden St.,
Orange, Mass.

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 Oscar B. Collen, Pvt., Bty. A, 112th Heavy F.A., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a 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 re-married 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.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

September 6, 1932.

Collen, Oscar B. OA

Mrs. Mary J. Collen,
40 Hayden Street,
Orange, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

In order that your desires may be of record, 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 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	
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

NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Collen, Oscar B. (OA)

July 11, 1932.

Mrs. Mary J. Collen,
40 Hayden St.,
Orange, Mass.

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? _____

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Collen, Oscar B. O-A M-

October 2, 1931

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Mrs. Mary J. Collen,
40 Hayden St.,
Orange, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM
Collen, Oscar B. Pvt.(OA) M

June 20, 1931

Mrs. Mary J. Collen,
40 Hayden St.,
Orange, Mass.

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
Collen, Oscar B. - 608 M

June 7, 1930.

Mrs. Mary J. Collen,
40 Hayden St.,
Orange, Mass.

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

January 18, 1930

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Collen, Oscar B. 608-M

Mrs. Mary J. Collen,
40 Hayden St.,
Orange, Mass.

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. 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 295 A-C

Collen, Oscar B.
608

Aug. 29, 1929.

Mrs. Mary J. Collen,
40 Hayden St.,
Orange, Mass.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 24, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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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

June 24, 1929.

Collen, Oscar B.

Mrs. Mary J. Collen,
40 Hayden St.,
Orange, Mass.

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 Oscar B. Collen, Pvt., Bty. A, 112th Heavy P.A., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a 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 re-married 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,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

March 31, 1924

COLLEN, Oscar B., Pvt.

Mrs. Mary J. Colleen
40 Hayden Street
Orange, Mass.
The Quartermaster General desires to invite your attention to the enclosed card which gives the permanent cemetery location of the soldier's grave in which you are interested.

Dear Madam: This American military cemetery is one of those to be maintained by the United States for all time in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of dignified design, with the name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.

Please be assured that in effecting removal of the dead, the utmost reverential care was exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed this sacred duty. For the future, these graves will be perpetually maintained by the Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

1-Incl.
Record card.

Assistant.

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

R. P. HARBOLD

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WAR DEPARTMENT
 QUARTERMASTER CORPS
 Cemeterial Division, Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C.
 Room 350, Pier 2, Hoboken, N. J.

October 14, 1920.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div. Cor.Branch,
 (COLLEN, Oscar B.)

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An early reply using the enclosed envelope which requires no postage, will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. E. SHANNON,
 Captain, Q.M. Corps,
 Officer in Charge.

By:

Clay S. Worick
 Clay S. Worick,
 Captain, A.G.D.

*noted JH#115
 10/22/20 BCS*

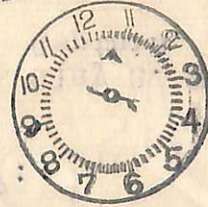
The above named man was unmarried leaving neither wife or child, Ferdinand Collen

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CEMETERY DIVISION



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OFFICE OF THE
COMMISSIONER OF
THE CEMETERIES

Notice is hereby given that the following persons have been appointed as trustees of the City of New York for the year 1921:

John A. ...
James ...
The records of this office will be complete in the ...
It is necessary that you inform this information in

making copy in ...
office, and it is ...
to ...
The records of this office will be complete in the ...
It is necessary that you inform this office with

with you ...
The records of this office will be complete in the ...
It is necessary that you inform this office with

John A. ...
James ...
The records of this office will be complete in the ...
It is necessary that you inform this office with

(Copy of ...)
File No. ...

October 14, 1920

Commissioner of the Cemeteries
City of New York

October 14, 1920.

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R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q.M. Corps,
Officer in Charge.

By:

Clay S. Worick,
Captain, A.G.V.

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Officer in Charge.

By:

RM
Clay S. Worick,
Captain, A.G.D.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
CEMETERIAL DIVISION, GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE,
Room 549, Pier 2, Hoboken, N.J.

September 30th, 1920.

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(COLLEN, Oscar B.)

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By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q. M. Corps.,
Officer in Charge.

BY:

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C. D. ANNIS,
1st Lieut., Q..M. Corps.
cc

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*Suspense
until
Oct 12
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WAR DEPARTMENT
 CEMETERIAL DIVISION, GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE,
 Room 349, Pier 2, Hoboken, N.J.

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By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. E. SHANNON,
 Captain, Q. M. Corps.,
 Officer in Charge.

Mailed *10/1* U.D.

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BY:

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CPD
 C. D. ANNIS,
 1st Lieut., Q. M. Corps.

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

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.
TO: Mrs. Marie J. Collen, 40 Hayden Street, Orange, Mass.
SUBJECT: Disposition of remains of Pvt. Oscar B. Collen,

APR 16 1920

*Telegram 5-2-20
Father requests
body remain
in France*

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

Remains to be returned to United States... ~~Interred~~
Shipped to Mrs. Marie J. Collen, 40 Hayden Street, Orange, Mass.....

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

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

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

5/5/20

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

*Europe advised by
pro. cable, 14/30*

2nd 12 Father 7-7-20.

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Widow			
Children (Name oldest first)			
Father Ferdinand Collen	40 Hayden St.	Orange	Mass.
Mother Mrs. Marie J. Collen	40 Hayden St.	Orange	Mass.
Brothers George Collen	"	"	"
Sisters Esther Collen	"	"	"

I hereby cancel my claim to have the body of my son, the above mentioned man, returned to this country. I prefer to have the body remain in France.

Date April 20, 1920

Signature *Marie J. Collen*

Address 40 Hayden St., Orange, Mass. Relationship Mother

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

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NAME OF	NO. & STREET	CITY	STATE

CHRYSTIE'S BUREAU

By authority of the Board of Directors
I hereby certify that the following is a list of the names of the members of the Board of Directors of the Chrystie's Bureau for the year 1920-1921.

1. Mr. J. H. ...
2. Mr. ...
3. Mr. ...
4. Mr. ...

Handwritten notes in red ink, possibly a signature or initials.

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Telegram	
Day Letter	Blue
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Night Letter	N L

If none of these three symbols appears after the check (number of words) this is a telegram. Otherwise its character is indicated by the symbol appearing after the check.

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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Rogers Quartermaster General

Washington Dc

We have decided to have the body of my son late oscar B Collen
reamin in France government expense A890 G

Ferdinand Collen

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WAR DEPARTMENT
 OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
 DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE
 WASHINGTON

May 1, 1920.

Ferdinand Coblen,
 47 Hayden St.,
 Orange, Mass.

Do you desire body your son late Private Oscar B. Coblen returned to United States and buried National Cemetery, shipped to you or remain in Europe? Telegram signed by you necessary. Wire immediate reply Government expense. A-890-G

ROGERS
 Quartermaster General

NIGHT

OFFICIAL:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
 Colonel, U.S. Army,
 Chief, Consular Div.

BY:
 C. D. ANNIS,
 1st Lieut. Q.M.G.,
 Chief, Overseas Project Sub-Section.

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

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.
TO: Ferdinand Collen, 40 Hayden St., Orange, Mass.
SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Oscar B. Collen

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body be not returned to U.S.

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow			
Soldier's Children	1.		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
	3.		
Father			
Mother			
Brothers	1.		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
Sisters			

Date.....

Signature.....

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

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

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT

1. This paper **MUST** be signed by the person who is the **NEXT** of kin in the order shown in the square on other side of this sheet.
2. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
3. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the legally appointed guardian of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.
4. If **YOU** are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
5. If **YOU** are not the nearest living relative and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper **AT ONCE** and mail to this office.
6. You are requested to return this paper **AT ONCE** in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
7. Use the enclosed envelope - pay no postage.

May 1, 1920.

Ferdinand Collen,
40 Hayden St.,
Orange, Mass.

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ROGERS
Quartermaster General

NIGHT

OFFICIAL:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Colonel, U.S. Army,
Chief, Compterial Div.

BY: *CDA*
C. D. ANNIS,
1st Lieut. Q.M.G.,
Chief, Overseas Project Sub.Section.

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 DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE
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BY:

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 Chief, Overseas Project Sub.Section.

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FROM: O. Q. M. G.
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
Munitions Building
Room 1128

PLEASE
EXPEDITE

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A-0
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 1/5/21.

File No. *33279* Requisition.

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B 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 **Collen** ✓

f. Date of death **10/10/18.** ✓

b. Christian name **Oscar B.** ✓

g. Cause of death **L. Pneumonia** ✓

c. Serial Number **385034** ✓

h. Authority (C.O.#) **283**

d. Organization **Co. A, 112th Heavy F.A. or (Bty. A, 112th Heavy F.A.)**

Mrs. Mary Collen (mother)
Emergency Address

e. Rank **Pvt.** ✓

i. Relationship **40 Hayden St., Orange, Mass.** ✓

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

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

a. Age of enlistment

a. Strike out teeth missing

b. Color of eyes

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
upper right upper left

c. Color of hair

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
lower right lower left

d. Height

e. Weight

f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)

Donnelly-Lee

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

BY: *H. J. Conner*

H. J. CONNER,
1st. Lieut. Q.M.C.

CEMETERY NO: 20

SHEET NO: 18
TYPED BY: I.W.

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- 1. Date of birth
- 2. Place of birth
- 3. Color of hair
- 4. Color of eyes
- 5. Height (inches)

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- 6. Weight (pounds)
- 7. Complexion (dark, light, etc.)
- 8. Build (slender, stocky, etc.)
- 9. Eyes (blue, brown, etc.)
- 10. Hair (black, brown, etc.)

1. Name (last, first, middle)
2. Date of birth
3. Place of birth
4. Color of hair
5. Color of eyes
6. Height (inches)
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11. Hair (black, brown, etc.)

Continuation of the report volume

Address: [illegible]

Date: [illegible]

Name: [illegible]

Age: [illegible]

Information regarding the [illegible]

Office of the [illegible]

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Collen

385034

Oscar B.

(Surname.)

(Number.)

(First Name and Initials.)

Private

Battery A, 112th HFA

(Rank.)

(Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL... **12 October 1918.**

PLACE OF BURIAL... **U. S. Army Cemetary**

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

U. S. Army Cemetary, Camp de Meucon, Morbihan.

U. S. Army Cemetary Map #20.

GRAVE NUMBER... **68**

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

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.

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**REVIEWED
OSP SS.**

REPORTED BY:

John Handley
John Handley,

Captain, 112th HFA, Chaplain.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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Collen,

Oscar B.

385,034

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt

Btry A 112 Heavy F A

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

mother

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. Marie J. Collen.

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

40 Hayden St.

Orange Mass.

(Number and street)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Mrs. Marie J. Collen.

40 Hayden St.

Orange Mass.

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by Pm

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~~08-1-4-21~~

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE 11/21/21

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

mg 1. Name COLLEN, Oscar B. 10. Name _____
 2. No. 385034 11. No. _____
 3. Rank Pvt. 12. Rank _____
 4. Org. Bat. A. 112th FA ^{Heavy} 13. Org. _____
 5. D.D. September 30th 1918 14. (a) D.D. _____
 6. C.D. Lobar Pneu. (b) D.B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 68 Sec. _____ 15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
 8. Plot _____ Row _____ 16. Plot _____ Row _____
 9. _____ 17. No discrepancy

18. Cemetery Amer 19. Commune or town Meucon
 20. Dept. or County Morbihan 21. Country France
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 20
 23. Disinterred (Date) 11/21/21 By A.W. Taggart.

24. Inscription on grave marker:
 Name Oscar B. Collen Serial No. None
 Rank Pvt. Organization Bat. A. 112th F.A.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? No On body? Yes.
 Signature William N. Warren
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).
No effects.

27. Condition of body Decomposed - features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Wooden box, U.S. 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 11/21/21 By A.W. Taggart.

31. Casket sealed by A.W. Taggart.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) A. W. Taggart

AUDITED BY
 12-12-25

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box:) Box No. **C-17224**

32. Designation of body:

Name **Oscar B. COLLEN** Serial No. **385034**

Rank **Pvt.** Organization **Bat. A. 112th FA**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **Oise-Aisne Amer. Cty. #608**
Seringes-et-Nesles(Aisne)

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **11/21/21** By **A.W. Taggart.**

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 *C.S. Denny*
C.S. Denny
1st Lieut. CAC

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) ~~11/21/21~~ **11/21/21**

To point of Concentration **Meuc on Morgue**

Convoyer **P. DeWasch** Signature Shipping Officer *C.S. Denny*
C.S. Denny
1st Lieut. CAC.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date **11/21/21**

By G.R.S. Representative *M.B. Birdseye*
M.B. Birdseye
1st Lieut. QMC.

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date **22 NOV 1921**

To Permanent Cemetery **Oise-Aisne Amer. Cty. #608.**

Convoyer **P. DeWasch** Signature Shipping Officer *M.B. Birdseye*
M.B. Birdseye
1st Lieut. QMC.

40. Received: Date **28 NOV 1921**

G.R.S. Representative **G. F. WAUGH**

41. Reinterred **9/23/22**, **Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes-et-Nesles, (Aisne)**
(Date)

42. Grave No. **14**, **Blk. B** Section

43. Plot Row **32**

G.R.S. Representative *W.D. Cleary*
W.D. Cleary,
1st Lt. Chaplain USA
gs

Place Meucon (Morbihan)

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Nov. 21, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF COLLEN, Oscar B. SERIAL NUMBER 385034
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Bat. A. 112th Heavy F.A.

2. Disinterred (date) 11/21/21 From (give complete location) :
Gr. 68, Cem. #20. Meucon
By : Group 4 Unit F.S. #6

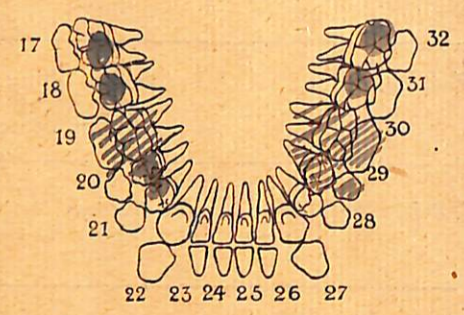
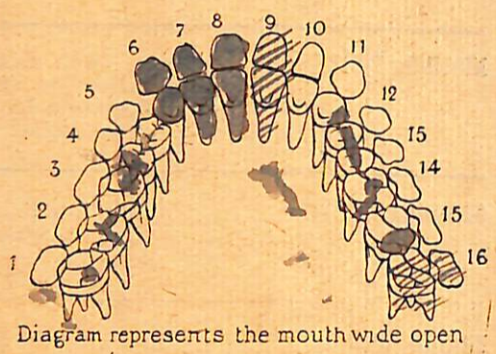
3. Reburied (date) 9/23/22 In (give complete location) : Gr. 14, Blk.B.Row 32
Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes-et-Nesles, (Aisne)
By : Group reburial group Unit metal lined casket Nature of reburial

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

5. (a) Identification tags : Buried with body ? Yes On grave marker ? No
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :
No effects.

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

- (a) Height (actual measurement) Imp. to det.
- (b) Weigh, (estimated) Imp. to det.
- (c) Hair—Color None visible
Quantity None visible
Characteristics None visible
- (d) Hair on face—Color None visible
Location None visible
Quantity None visible
- (e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) None visible



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) Nos. 9, 19, 29 & 30 MBD. (7 & 8 Porc. teeth. #6 Gold crown. Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 31 & 32 Sil. fil. #5 MBD.

7. Disinterment supervised by A.W. Taggart

Approved : C.S. Denny
1st Lieut. CAD.
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by L.D. Hays

Approved : W.D. Cleary
W.D. Cleary
(Title) 1st Lt. Chaplain USA
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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 Questions 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.

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

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

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

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



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



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



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



CARIES (CAVITIES) Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :



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

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

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

COMPILATION N/R REQUESTS

I. DATA COMPILATION

A. Location Index Card:-

(1) Name Collen, Oscar B. Ser. No. 385034)
 (2) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. A, 112th Heavy Fld. Art.) TYP. ESW
 (3) Date of death 10-10-18) CKR. AK

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

(4) Cause of death Lobar Pneumonia) TYP. JS
 (5) Grave No. 68 Row ---- Plot A Sect. ----) CKR. AK

II. FILES EXAMINATION

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

B. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD Date of receipt None

(6) Relationship Mother
 (7) Name Mrs. Marie J. Collen
 (8) Address 40 Hayden St., Orange, Mass. JK
 (9) Desires remains brought to U. S.? Yes PM
 (10) Desires remains brought to U. S. and interred in National Cemetery at No.

(11) If brought back, what shipping instructions? Mrs. Marie J. Collen,
40 Hayden St., Orange, Mass. Express and
Telegraph Orange, Mass. att 3/20/20

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

(12) Does correspondence Change or qualify request as made on A.G.O. card?
 If so, specify such information.
No correspondence

(13) A. G. O. Files EXAMINED by att (Date) 3/20/20

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

No request for disposition, grave location registration blank only

(15) G. R. S. Files EXAMINED by AK (Date) 3/22/20

(over)

checked by CS 1-10-20

III. FINAL ACTION

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

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

(17) Instructions that remains be left undisturbed

(18) Typed by Checked by (Date)

B. G. R. S. FORM NO. 114 made (Date) 3/23/20

(19) Typed by EWE Checked by MBE (Date) 3/23/20

C. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*See below 5/5/20 Europe advised by pro cable 1/20
Form 120 - 4/20/20 Parents cancelled former
request to have body returned; prefer
to have it remain in Europe 9-28-20
9/20/20 - letter to father - soldier survived by
widow or children - (10-4-20-28)*

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D. Dispatched (Date) (Let. Trans. No.)

*10/14/20 - Letter to father - follow-up of one sent 9/20/20 - 88
10-22-20*

Approved by

(Date)

*Letter from father reply to let 10/14/20 states
soldier was unmarried 10/24/20 E.C.
* Cable 420. Par. 2. issued 5/5/20. "Do not return" 228. 4/21/21*

FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN - BODY
TO REMAIN IN EUROPE. HIK

NOV 23 1920



NOV 26 1920
RECEIVED

RECEIVED



NOV 26 1920
G. R. S.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 33279

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name COLLEN, Oscar B. Ser. No. 385034
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. A, 112th Heavy Fld. Art. TYP ESW
 (c) Date of death 10-10-18 Cause of death Lobar Pneumonia. HG

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

(a) Grave No. 68 Row - Plot A Sect. -- TYP JS
 (b) Emerg. Address --

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases No Card CKR VH

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

a G O Card Mrs. Marie J. Colleen (Mother), 40 Hayden St, Orange Mass. requests body returned to U.S. and shipped to her as above U.S. 9-13-20

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 192 (letter of transmittal on 4-12 1920

Par. #1. To be returned (AES)

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. SEP 25 1920 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. NOV 26 1920 192

COUNTRY France CEMETERY NO. 20 SHEET NO. 18

G.R.S. FORM 115-A August 1920

S-666/MB

RETURN TO OSP-33

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION AND SHIPMENT OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records Office Chief G.R.S.

Discrepancy found upon examination of body.

- | | |
|---|--------------------|
| 1. Name <u>Gallen, Oscar B.</u> | 10. Name _____ |
| 2. No. <u>385034</u> | 11. No. _____ |
| 3. Rank <u>Pvt.</u> | 12. Rank _____ |
| 4. Org. <u>Co. A. 112th Heavy Fld. Art.</u> | 13. Org. _____ |
| 5. D.D. <u>10/10/18</u> | 14. (a) D.D. _____ |
| 6. C.D. <u>Lobar Pneumonia</u> | 15. (b) D.B. _____ |

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 7. Grave No. <u>68</u> Sect. _____ | 15. Grave No. _____ Sect. _____ |
| 8. Plot <u>A</u> Row _____ | 16. Plot _____ Row _____ |
| 9. _____ | 17. _____ |

18. Cemetery American
19. (Commune or Town) Maucon-- Camp of
20. (Dept. or County) Morbihan
21. (Country) France
22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 20
23. Disinterred (Date) _____ By _____
24. Inscription (Name) _____ SERIAL NO. _____
 on (_____)
 Grave Marker (RANK) _____ ORGANIZATION _____
25. Was Identification Disc found on Grave Marker? _____ On Body? _____

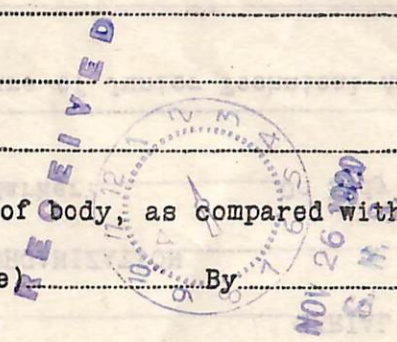
Signature of Junior Technical Assistant.

(The following space is reserved for notations to be made by office Chief Graves Registration Service).



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).....
- 27. Condition of body.....
- 28. Nature of burial.....
- 29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above.....
- 30. Body prepared and placed in casket (Date)..... By.....
- 31. Casket sealed by.....



Signature of Embalmer (Supervisor).....

SHIPMENT (Show actual marking of box)

Box No.

- 32. DESIGNATION (Name Collen, Oscar B. Serial No. 385034
 OF (Rank Pvt. Organization Co. A. 112th Heavy Fld Art.
 BODY (Rank Organization
- 33. CONSIGNEE - Name Mrs. Marie J. Collen, (Exp. & Te. Office, Orange, Mass.)
 Address 40 Hayden st., Orange, Mass.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date)..... By.....

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.....

36. Remarks.....

37. Shipped from Cemetery (Date)..... To.....
 Convoyer..... Sign. Shpg. Officer.....
 (Point of Concentration)

38. Received at Point of Concentration (Date).....
 Sign. Receiving Officer.....

39. Shipped from Point of Concentration (Date).....
 To (Port)..... Convoyer.....
 Sign. Shipping Officer.....

40. Received European Port (Date).....
 Signature of G.R.S. Representative.....

41. Shipped to (U.S. Port)..... On (Boat).....
 Date..... Convoyer..... (Sign. Shpg. Officer)

42. Received (Date)..... By G.R.S. Rep.
 (Signature)

43. Shipped to Destination (Date.....) B/L or Express Order No.
 Convoyer..... Shpg. Officer.....