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G.R.S. Form #114-B

J. W. B. -----

FULL NAME..... COLLIER, Howard .....

RANK..... Private ..... SERIAL..... 1922325 .....

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION..... 16th Ambulance Co. - 2 Sanitary Train .....

*rem 42*

DATE OF DEATH..... 1-30-19 ..... 2 Div .....

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME..... N.Y. ....

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED.....

|                           |      |       |       |
|---------------------------|------|-------|-------|
| FINAL GRAVE LOCATION..... | 17   | 13    | A     |
|                           | Date | Grave | Row   |
|                           |      |       | Block |

..... 1233 .....

Cemetery

87 Received A. G. O. MAI 25 1928

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**GRAVE LOCATION BLANK**

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Collie* 1922325 *Howard*  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials)

*Pvt.* *Co. 16 W. Sept*  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: *Base Hosp. 54*

CAUSE OF DEATH: *G. S. W.*

DATE OF BURIAL: *Feb. 2, 1919*

PLACE OF BURIAL: *Am. Army Cemetery*  
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department). Map references must specify clearly what map is used.

*Mesera*

*Sept. Moore*

GRAVE NUMBER: *681*

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

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? *yes*

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE: *Sarah Collie*

ADDRESS: *177 St. + Audubon St.*

RELATIONSHIP: *mother N. J. City*

REPORTED BY: *J. H. Reagen, Capt.*  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

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

RECEIVED  
21 FEB. 1919  
CENTRAL RECORDS OFFICE

Jeanne Rochey

MEDICAL RECORD

Coller, Howard.

Post 16 Amb. Co.

Station: *Party T Group 3*

Date: *Sept*

Name *Coller, Mrs Sarah*

Home address *500 W. 175<sup>th</sup> St. New York City. N. Y.*

Address of Nearest friend or relative *Mrs. H. J. Davis (daughter)*

*169 - East 78<sup>th</sup> St. New York City N. Y.*

Religion *Jewish*

Age *60*

History of Present complaint: *diabetes.*

*Polypnia and excessive thirst. Has neglected diet since she left home.*

(over)

INSTRUCTIONS. — This card will be started in all cases of Pilgrims requiring medical attention by the Medical Officer or Nurse first rendering such attention. Subsequently it will be carried by the nurse in attendance upon the group to which the Pilgrim is assigned. All Medical Officers rendering any assistance in the case will make an appropriate entry which will include date, time and signature. Upon final disposition of the case the Nurse in charge will deliver the card to the Office of the Chief Surgeon. Pilgrims sent to the American Hospital will be accompanied by this card properly completed, which will be authority for admission, in which case a duplicate card will be made and sent without delay to the Office of the Chief Surgeon.

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates) 9-12-30 *the Diabetes*

Treatment and Progress: (include dates) *Diet*

Disposition: (include dates)

Remarks:

9-13-30 moderate amt of sugar in urine

9-15-30 no sugar in urine - continue diet

CODE SLIP

| HEADING            | SUB HEADING          | NO. OF COLS | CODE       |
|--------------------|----------------------|-------------|------------|
| NAME <i>Coller</i> | <i>COL</i>           | 3           | <i>300</i> |
| <i>Howard</i>      | CEMETERY <i>1233</i> | 1           | <i>3</i>   |
| BURIED             | GRAVE <i>17</i>      | 2           | <i>17</i>  |
|                    | ROW <i>13</i>        | 2           | <i>13</i>  |
|                    | BLOCK <i>a</i>       | 1           | <i>1</i>   |
| STATE              | <i>N.Y.</i>          | 2           | <i>37</i>  |
| RANK               | <i>Pvt.</i>          | 1           | <i>2</i>   |
| DIVISION           | <i>2</i>             | 2           | <i>02</i>  |
| ORGANIZATION       | <i>2nd</i>           | 3           | <i>002</i> |
| ARM                | <i>S.T.</i>          | 1           | <i>9</i>   |
| MARITAL            | <i>no</i>            | 1           | <i>2</i>   |
| NAME <i>Coller</i> | <i>COL</i>           | 3           | <i>352</i> |
| <i>Sara</i>        | STATE <i>N.Y.</i>    | 2           | <i>37</i>  |
| RESIDENCE          | COUNTY <i>N.Y.</i>   | 2           | <i>31</i>  |
|                    | CITY <i>N.Y.C.</i>   | 3           | <i>101</i> |
| RELATION           | <i>mother</i>        | 1           | <i>1</i>   |
| OTHER              | <i>Sister</i>        | 1           | <i>2</i>   |
| ELIGIBILITY        | <i>yes</i>           | 1           | <i>1</i>   |
| NATIVITY           |                      | 1           |            |
| RACE               |                      | 1           |            |
| ENGLISH            | <i>yes</i>           | 1           | <i>1</i>   |
| ATTENDANT          |                      | 1           |            |
| HEALTH             | <i>Bad</i>           | 1           | <i>2</i>   |
| NO. OF SONS        |                      | 1           |            |
| DATE OF TRIP       | NO. <i>1930</i>      | 1           |            |
| ACCEPTANCE         | YR. <i>1930</i>      | 1           | <i>1</i>   |
| 29/514/EAB         | <i>yes</i>           | 1           | <i>60</i>  |
|                    | <i>Age 60</i>        |             |            |

*Sailed Aug 30, 1930*

**AUDITED**  
OCT 6 1931

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICIAL BUSINESS



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OR  
INSURE  
VALUABLE MAIL

**PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS**

**225 WEST 34TH STREET,**

**NEW YORK. N. Y.**

NAME COLLER, Mrs Sara T

ADDRESS 500 W. 175th St. New York

DATE October 2.../1930

TO: Officer-In-Charge,  
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

I beg to inform you that I have returned to my  
home safely and in good health.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Mrs Sara Coller

RETURN NEW YORK

OCT 2 1936  
DATE .....

500 W. 175th St. New York  
New York County, N.Y

<sup>M</sup> NAME . Coller, Mrs. Sara ..... HOME ADDRESS .....

RETURN ON S. S. S/S REPUBLIC ..... HOTEL McAlpin ..... ROOM NO. 179 .....

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

OCT 3 1936  
DATE .....

ROAD ..... TRAIN ..... CAR ..... BERTH or SEAT .....

REMARKS .....  
Local  
.....  
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Name **COLLER, Mrs Sara**

Paris Hôtel **HOTEL D'ÉNA**  
**AVENUE D'ÉNA**

Home address **500 W. 175th St., New York City, New York County, New York**

Party **I T** Group **3** Unit **S/SREPUBLIC**

Date of arrival **Sept. 9th, 1930** Date of departure **S/S REPUBLIC - Sept. 22, 1930**

*# 346 with Mrs John F Roberts*

Relationship **Mother**

Name of deceased **COLLER, Howard**

Rank **Pvt** Organization **16th Amb.Co.**

Cemetery **St. Mihiel**

REMARKS

Deleted from Party "I" 6/11/30.



STATE

T

...NEW YORK.....

Coller, Howard

M

500 W. 175th St. New York

NAME ...Coller, Mrs. Sara..... HOME ADDRESS ..New York County.....

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN *Gerald Coller, same*.....ARRIVAL IN NEW YORKDATE *Aug 29, 1930*..... HOTEL *Paramount*..... ROOM NO. *507*.....*Alone*DEPARTURE NEW YORKDATE *August 30, 1930*..... VESSELSS. *REPUBLIC*..... CABIN NO. *144-C*.....*with Mrs. Emma J. Swindle*DESTINATION ..... *CHERBOURG* ..... CEMETERY ..... *ST. M.* .....

# MEDICAL RECORD

Party T,

J. Rochex, R. N.

Station: St. M. Group,

Date: Sept. 1930

Name Collier, Mrs. Sarah,

Home address 500 W. 175th St., New York City, NY.

Address of Nearest friend or relative Daughter, Mrs. H. I. Davis,

169 E. 78th St. New York City,

Religion Jewish

Age 60

History of Present complaint: Diabetes. Polyuria and excessive thirst.

Has neglected diet since she left home.

(over)

**INSTRUCTIONS.** — This card will be started in all cases of Pilgrims requiring medical attention by the Medical Officer or Nurse first rendering such attention. Subsequently it will be carried by the nurse in attendance upon the group to which the Pilgrim is assigned. All Medical Officers rendering any assistance in the case will make an appropriate entry which will include date, time and signature. Upon final disposition of the case the Nurse in charge will deliver the card to the Office of the Chief Surgeon. Pilgrims sent to the American Hospital will be accompanied by this card properly completed, which will be authority for admission, in which case a duplicate card will be made and sent without delay to the Office of the Chief Surgeon.

Diagnosis and complications: (*include dates*)

Sept. 12th, 1930 Diabetes.

Treatment and Progress: (*include dates*)

Diet.  
Gluten Bread

Disposition: (*include dates*)

Remarks: 9/13th Mod. amt of sugar in urine  
9/15th no sugar in urine, continue diet.

9/22/30 to Cherbourg, Beach.

# MEDICAL RECORD

Party: "T"

S. S.

REPUBLIC

\*  
Eastbound  
Westbound

Name Coller, Mrs. Sara

Home Address New York, N.Y.

Name and address of nearest relative or friend

Religion

Age

History of present complaint:

Old history of diabetes - pl. on diet.  
urine exam. 9/30/20. Sugar Free.

(OVER)

INSTRUCTIONS: This card will be prepared for each Pilgrim treated on ship, east or west bound. Cards to be included in report of Liaison Officer upon return to New York.

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)

Diabetes

Treatment and Progress: (include dates)

Regulation of diet

No insulin necessary.

Disposition: (include dates)

To be followed by L.M.D.

Remarks:

E. H. Henshaw M.D.

Party "T" - Itinerary - St. Mihiel Group.

Sailed August 30, 1930 on "REPUBLIC". Colonel A. E. Williams in charge. Arrived Cherbourg at 6:00am September 9th. Special tender arrived 6:25am, bearing Maj. G. F. N. Dalley, Captain Myron J. Conway, Lts. Wm. J. Moroney and E. V. Freeman Major Harold W. Kinderman; Miss Blanche Rulon, Capt. A. N. C., three nurses and three civilian employees. Train left 8:21 am; arrived Gare des Invalides 2:15pm. Met by Colonel Ellis and members of his staff, interpreters and nurses. Taken in busses to hotel.

- September 10th Morning devoted to transaction of personal business. Exchange of money, preparation of laundry, etc. Afternoon - Arc de Triomphe, Wreath laid by Mrs. E. E. Thrasher for party. Tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent. Dinner at hotel.
- September 11th Morning free. Lunch at hotel. Left 2:15pm sightseeing trip Paris, Sacre Coeur. Dinner at hotel. Pack luggage to be left at hotel.
- September 12th 7:15am leave for Montmirail via Porte de Pantin Meaux La Ferte sous Jouarre. 10:00am arrive Montmirail (rest stop Hotel du Vert) 11:00 leave for Chalons s/Marne (lunch Hotel Haute Mere). 3:00pm leave Chalons s/Marne. 4:15pm arrive Ste Menehould (rest stop Moderne Hotel). 6:15pm arrive Verdun, Hotel Nouvel. Dinner and sleep.
- September 13th Visited St. Mihiel cemetery, Thiaucourt.
- September 14th Morning free in Verdun. Lunch at hotel. 2:15pm sightseeing trip to Metz. Dinner at hotel.
- September 15th Visited St. Mihiel cemetery, Thiaucourt.
- September 16th 9:15 visit cemetery, (lunch cemetery). 2:00pm leave cemetery via Charpentry; Argonne Freest, Four de Paris, Vienne le Chateau; Vienne le-Ville. Somme Bionne. 4:00pm arrive Suippes (rest stop Hotel Champagne). 6:00pm arrive Reims. Dinner and sleep.
- September 17th Morning free. Lunch at Hotel Crystal. 1:15 leave Reims via Champfleury. Ay, Epernay, Dormans. 3:30pm arrive Chateau Thierry (rest stop Hostellerie. 4:00pm leave Chateau Thierry via Belleau Woods Le Thiolet; Montreuil - aux - Lions, La Ferte s/s Jouarre. 6:45 arrive Paris. Dinner at hotel.
- September 18th 9:45 am leave for Fontainebleau via Barbizon. Lunch Hotel Legris. Visit Chateau (Entrance from 2:16 to 2:30pm), 4:00pm leave Fontainebleau via Melun. 6:30 arrive Paris. Dinner at hotel.
- September 19th 9:40am leave sightseeing trip Paris Louvre. Visit museum Entr. 10:00 to 10:20pm. Lunch at hotel. 2:15pm sightseeing trip Paris, visit Napoleon's Tomb. Dinner at hotel.
- September 20th 9:45am leave for Versailles (Entrance to Chateau from 10:10 to 10:30am) 11:50 leave Versailles. Lunch at Belle Cyclist - Suresnes. Afternoon free. Dinner at hotel. 9:00 - 11:00pm sightseeing Night Trip
- September 21st 9:00 breakfast, Morning free or church. Lunch at hotel 2:15pm sightseeing trip Paris Notre Dame. Dinner at hotel - pack luggage.
- September 22nd Boat train for Cherbourg. Left Gare des Invalides 10:30am. Arrived Cherbourg 4:15pm. Sailed "REPUBLIC" 7:00pm. Arrive NY Oct 2nd.

Mrs. Sara Collier

WAR DEPARTMENT  
 "PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"  
 ROOM 901  
 225 WEST 34TH ST., NEW YORK, N. Y.

*COLLER, Howard*

*ST. M.*

Party ..... "ST" .....

Number ..... *3653* .....

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

..... *Coller, Mrs. Sara* ..... Actual cost of through Pullman.  
 Name of Traveler

..... *New York, New York County* ..... New York, to ... *New York, N. Y.* .....  
 Home Address

..... *New York* ..... \$ .....

New York, to ... *New York, N. Y.* .....  
 Destination

Via .....

.....  
 Date of Departure

|    | Road | Tr. No. | Date | Time | Lower or Seat | Car | U. S. G. Order No. | Actual Cost |
|----|------|---------|------|------|---------------|-----|--------------------|-------------|
| LV |      |         |      |      |               |     |                    |             |
| AR |      |         |      |      |               |     |                    |             |
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TOTAL .....

Remarks:

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Mrs. Sara Collier

City New York State N.Y.

Your Berth Is Car Train

Leave Via At E. S. T.

Arrive At At

Leave Via At

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Tape home  
Sao west 175th St

NAME COLLER, MRS. SARA

S.S. REPUBLIC

OCT 1 1938

HOMENEW YORK, NEW YORK COUNTY, N. Y.

R.R.

STATION

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE

# PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

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DATE .. AUGUST 29, 1930 .....

Received from Mrs. ... COLLER, SARA .....

NEW YORK, NEW YORK COUNTY, N. Y.

Her Railroad return ticket, which will be delivered to her on arrival from Europe, provided she returns to N. Y. with her party. Should she leave her party in Europe, return ticket will be cancelled.

*Lives in N.Y.*

Signed .....

Officer-in-charge

*Jos. A. Cistero  
Captain, Inf.*

Hotel ..... PARAMOUNT .....

GN 293 A-E  
Coller, Howard 1233 H

October 14, 1930

Mrs. Sara Coller,  
500 W. 175th Street,  
New York City.

Dear Madam:

The testimonial of September 22, 1930, addressed by you and the other mothers and widows of Group "T" to The Adjutant General, has been forwarded to me for notation of your expressions of appreciation for the pilgrimage you have recently made to Europe, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

It is gratifying to know that you were pleased with the arrangements made by the Quartermaster Corps to provide for your comfort and welfare and that the Officers of the Army, the nurses and the interpreter attached to your Group rendered such courteous and efficient service. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages and has expended every effort that those making the journey might have a comfortable and pleasant trip. I feel, however, that the task was materially lightened during the past summer by the wonderful spirit of cooperation and consideration shown by the mothers and widows taking advantage of the offer of the Government.

With sincere appreciation of your complimentary expressions regarding the conduct of the pilgrimage, I am,

Sincerely yours,

J. L. DeWITT,  
Major General,  
The Quartermaster General.

RES  
JTH  
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New York Oct 9 1930

Mr George F R Taylor  
Nyc

Dear Sir

In reference to yours  
of the 6th I write to advise  
you that I have only my two  
pieces of baggage

Hoping you have already  
located the missing suitcase  
I am

Sincerely

Mrs Sara Collier

File  
62121

August 25, 1930

Mrs. Sara Collier  
500 West 175th Street  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

In letter from this office requesting whether or not you desire transportation from your home to the Hotel Paramount, you advised that it would be necessary for this office to furnish transportation.

Please be ready with your baggage at 2:00 P.M. Friday, August 29th, as arrangements have been made for a taxicab of the Yellow Taxi Company, Inc., to call for you at that time.

You should not pay the driver any money, as payment will be made by this office.

Yours very truly

  
JFM:CER

GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR  
1st Lieut. Q.M.C. (DOL)  
Assistant

WAR DEPARTMENT  
"PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"

----- ROOM 901 -----  
225 WEST 34TH ST., NEW YORK, N.Y.

August 18th, 1930

Mrs. Sara Collier,  
500 W. 175th Street,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

From advice received from the Quartermaster General's Office, Washington, D. C., your name shows as a passenger scheduled to sail for Europe on the S. S. "REPUBLIC" Sailing August 30th, 1930.

Enclosed herewith please find two baggage tags which should be attached to your baggage for identification.

Reservations have been made for you to stop at the Hotel "PARAMOUNT", the night of August 29th. Necessary transportation will be provided for you from your home to the hotel, unless you desire to travel by your own transportation.

Please advise what your desires are in this respect, using the lower portion of this letter for your reply.

There is enclosed a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For the Officer in Charge.

*George F. Taylor*  
George F. R. Taylor  
1st Lieut. Q. M. G.  
Assistant



I will ~~will~~ require transportation from my home to hotel.

*Kindly let me know*

*About what time may I expect to be called?*

*tel 4399 Washington*

*Height*

August 15th, 1930

Mrs. Sara Collier  
500 W. 175th St.  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

Please attach the enclosed tags to each piece of baggage, thus to protect the safe arrival of same in New York.

Upon your arrival in this City, you will be met at the Railroad Station by a United States Army Officer, in uniform, who will wear on the left sleeve of his coat a blue cloth band, showing a Gold Star and the word "Pilgrimage". This officer will escort you and your baggage to your Hotel in New York City.

For The Officer in Charge:

George F. R. Taylor,  
1st. Lieut., Q.M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Enclosures:  
3 tags.

June 10th, 1930

Mrs. Sara Collier,  
500 West 175th Street,  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Please attach the enclosed tags to each piece of baggage, thus to protect the safe arrival of same in New York.

Upon your arrival in this City, you will be met at the Railroad Station by a United States Army Officer, in uniform, who will wear on the left sleeve of his coat a blue cloth band, showing a Gold Star and the word "Pilgrimage". This officer will escort you and your baggage to your Hotel in New York City.

For The Officer in Charge:

George F. R. Taylor,  
1st. Lieut., Q.M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Enclosures:  
2 tags.

1233 - Collier, <sup>Hawaii</sup>

Registered Package

926077

Mrs. Sarah Collier  
500 W 175th St  
N Y City

Dispatched Oct 8-1930

"Belongings of Gold Star Mothers"  
slippers etc

ent  
GE STA. N.Y.  
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REGISTER  
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PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE  
TO AV  
PAYMENT OF  
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OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

GENERAL  
MUNITIONS BUILDING

WASHINGTON,

*Rec'd by...*  
*M...*

D. C.

1233  
6/25/30  
1822  
JRN RECEIPT

Master the Registered or Insured Article, the original  
the face of this Card.

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Collor, Howard 1233

June 25, 1930

Mrs. Sara Collor,  
Apt. 20, 500 West 175th Street,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

With reference to previous correspondence on this subject, you are informed that your passport has been received and will be delivered to you aboard ship.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

New York June 20 1930  
500 West 175th St  
Apt 20

The Quartermaster General  
Washington DC

Dear Sir -

It is nearly two months  
since I applied for a Special  
Pilgrimage Passport - On May  
19 I received a notice from the State  
Dept of this city, <sup>stating</sup> that such a document  
would be issued and forwarded to you

As I have heard nothing  
further I write to ask you if you  
can give me any information  
about this?



Respectfully

Mrs Sara Collier

in  
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QM 293 A-C  
Coller, Howard 1235

June 11, 1930.

Mrs. Sara Coller  
Apartment 20  
500 West 175th St.  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 5, 1930, advising that you desire to change your sailing date from June 25th to August 30th, when making the pilgrimage to the grave of the late Howard Coller.

In compliance with your request your name has been placed on the list of mothers and widows scheduled to sail on the SS "Republic," on August 30th, and an invitation to sail on that date will be forwarded you.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

MS

New York June - 1930

Howard Collier  
1933

Mrs John T Harris

Washington DC

Dear Sir

In reply to your  
letter of June 2 I would  
say it seems to me the  
only thing <sup>for me</sup> to do under the  
circumstances - is to defer  
the trip as you suggest  
to August 30 - when a more  
comfortable trip can be  
assured

Very Respectfully  
Mrs Sara Collier

15/20

Name deleted  
from Trans Republic  
for Republic  
8/25/80  
Dr. attached  
Republic 6/21/80



Mr John T Harris  
Major, Q. M. Corps  
Washington

War Dept.

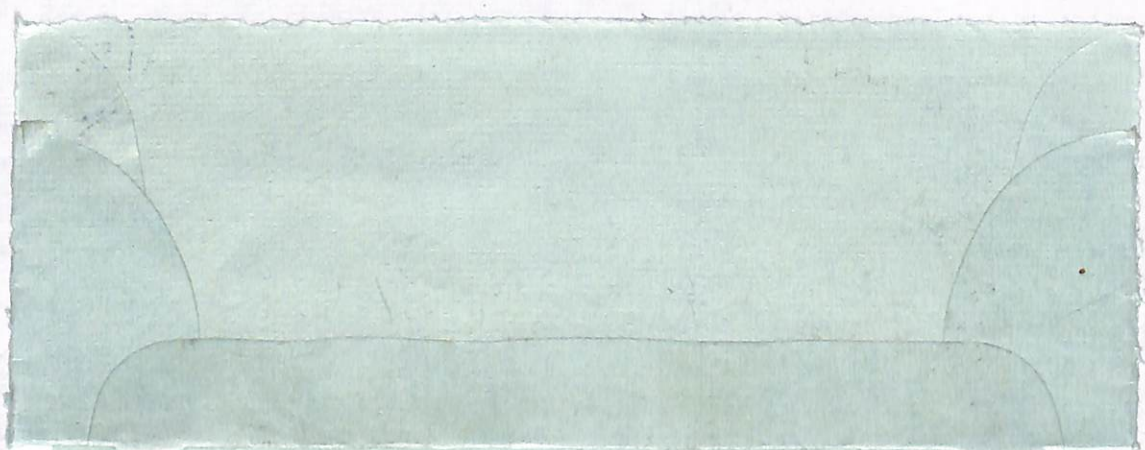
DC

From Colles

Apt 20

500 West 175th St

NYC



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Coller, Howard 1233-M  
Republic 6/25

May 12, 1930

Mrs. Sara Coller  
500 W. 175th Street  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not furnished the name of your Emergency Addressee as requested in letter of instructions from this office.

It is requested that in the blank space below you write the name and address of the person in the United States whom you desire to be notified in case you become seriously ill or other emergency arises while you are making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Name

*Gerald E. Coller*

Address

*600 West 175th St.*

*Mailed*

Please fill in the above and mail it TODAY in the self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Env.



Republic

~~6/25/30~~

1233

Coller, Howard

Declines (consents to change from  
6/25/30 to 8/30/30  
I ~~Accept with~~ the invitation extended

(Accept or decline)

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

**Mrs. Sara Coller,**

(Name)

**500 W. 175th Street, New York, New York County,**

(Town or City)

**New York.**

(State)



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M. & A. M.

O. P. M. G.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Coller, Howard, 1233 M

April 10, 1930.

Mrs. Sara Coller,  
500 W. 175th St.,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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When you make this call be sure to take with you the four photographs called for in the instructions together with your invitation as a means of identification. You should take with you to the passport office at this time a friend who is an American citizen and who has known you for several years. The passport Agent or clerk of the court will mail your application to the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C., who will issue the passports and travel documents and will deliver them to The Quartermaster General to be held by him until your arrival in New York.

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evidence of her American citizenship as she may have in her possession. In the absence of evidence of citizenship, her application should be witnessed by a credible person residing in the same community who is an American citizen, has known her for a long period of time and is able to swear to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that she is a citizen of the United States.

"A mother or widow who does not owe allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Pilgrimage Travel Document through a clerk of a Federal court or a State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens or through a Passport Agent upon the form of application prescribed for that purpose, entitled APPLICATION FOR A PILGRIMAGE TRAVEL DOCUMENT, issued under the Act of March 2, 1929, submitting therewith four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3 x 3 inches in size and not less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size. When making application she should be accompanied by a credible witness who has known her for a period of two years or more.

"The Act of March 2, 1929, provides that no fee shall be charged for the execution of an application for a passport or travel document or for the issue of a passport or travel document to a mother or widow making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces are now interred.

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"Applicants resident in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle should execute applications at the Passport Agencies in those cities."

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Republic  
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Coller - Howard

also by letter 6-5-30

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

Ans. 6-11-30

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

**Mrs. Sara Coller**

(Name)

**500 W. 175th St., New York, New York Co.,**

(Town or City)

**N. Y.**

(State)



QM 293 A-C  
Coller, Howard - 1233 M

January 7, 1950

Mrs. Sara Coller,  
500 West 175th St. Apt. 20,  
New York City.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 3, 1950, wherein you request a photograph of the grave of your son, the late Private Howard Coller in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery in France.

In this connection please be advised that there are no funds available to the War Department for photographing the graves in the cemeteries of Europe. When the Red Cross completed its work of photographing the graves in the cemeteries of Europe, photographic supplies were left in the office of the Chief, American Graves Registration Service in Europe. If these supplies have not been exhausted, it may be possible to obtain a photograph of your son's grave. However, in view of the limited supplies and the length of time required to obtain a photograph, it is suggested that you obtain a photograph of your son's grave when you make the pilgrimage to his grave this coming summer.

For your information please be advised that the permanent marble headstones have been placed at the graves of deceased members of the American forces interred in Europe. The body of your son is permanently interred in Grave 17, Row 13, Block A, of the St. Mihiel American Cemetery in France.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

New York Jan 3 1930 ✓  
1500 West 175th St

Apt 20

Mr A D Hughes

Capt Q M Coops

Dear Sir

Yours of Dec 31

in reply to mine of the 27th  
received - In reference to  
same I would like to ask:

Can you tell me if any  
photographs have been made  
of the graves since done in  
marble - If so I would

like to have one or two and  
would also like to know  
if the locations of the graves  
have remained the same?

I am referring to that  
of my son Howard I. Collier  
Private 16 Ambulance Co  
St Michael Ann Cemetery  
Hoping to hear from  
you soon I am

Respectfully  
Mrs Sara R Collier

Instruction

issued in accordance  
therewith

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Coller, Howard 1233 M.

October 7, 1929.

*Sailed  
Aug. 30 - 1930*

Mrs. Sara Coller,  
500 W. 175th St.,  
New York, N. Y.

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.

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| 1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?   | (Yes)            | <del>(No)</del>  |
| 2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?  | (Yes)            | <del>(No)</del>  |
| 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? | <del>(Yes)</del> | (No)   |
| 4. Please give your age and state of health.  | Age (Years) 60   | Health (Good) <i>Diabetic</i> (Poor)   |
| 5. What language do you speak?  | English - (Yes)  | <del>(No)</del><br>Other language <i>Underland German</i><br>(Specify language spoken) |

For The Quartermaster General,



Very truly yours,

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

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545 FIFTH AVENUE · NEW YORK

Tuesday  
June 25th  
1929.

Mr. John T. Harris,  
Major, Q. M. Corps., Assistant,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 20th, Howard Collier  
is survived by a mother, Mrs. Sara Collier residing  
at 500 West 175th Street, New York City.

He left no widow.

Yours very truly,

Tolie Collier Davis



T/RS

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO Collier, Howard  
QM 293 A-C

20  
June , 1929.

Miss Taube Collier,  
169 E. 78th St.,  
New York, N. Y.

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".

late Private Howard Collier, 16th Amb. Co., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Mourthe-et-Moselle, France. <sup>sister of the</sup>

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

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relative is a stepmother, mother through adoption, or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. If he was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Coller, Howard 1833 M

October 14, 1930

Mrs. Sara Coller,  
500 W. 175th Street,  
New York City.

Dear Madam:

The testimonial of September 22, 1930, addressed by you and the other mothers and widows of Group "I" to The Adjutant General, has been forwarded to me for notation of your expressions of appreciation for the pilgrimage you have recently made to Europe, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

It is gratifying to know that you were pleased with the arrangements made by the Quartermaster Corps to provide for your comfort and welfare and that the Officers of the Army, the nurses and the interpreter attached to your Group rendered such courteous and efficient service. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages and has expended every effort that those making the journey might have a comfortable and pleasant trip. I feel, however, that the task was materially lightened during the past summer by the wonderful spirit of cooperation and consideration shown by the mothers and widows taking advantage of the offer of the Government.

With sincere appreciation of your complimentary expressions regarding the conduct of the pilgrimage, I am,

Sincerely yours,

J. L. DeWITT,  
Major General,  
The Quartermaster General.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Coller, Howard 1233

June 25, 1930

Mrs. Sara Coller,  
Apt. 20, 500 West 175th Street,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

With reference to previous correspondence on this subject, you are informed that your passport has been received and will be delivered to you aboard ship.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C read carefully the suggestions made above

Coller, Howard 1233-M

June 13, 1930

Mrs. Sara Coller,  
500 W. 175th St.,  
New York, New York.

Dear Madam:

Somewhat heavier clothing is required to be worn in Europe than is necessary in the United States, in order to be comfortable. During the summer in Europe it is cool during the day and the nights are frequently chilly. Considerable rain is usually encountered during this time.

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The shortages of suitable facilities for laundry and the frequency of the moves you will make while in Europe will make it impracticable to secure as frequent service of this nature as may be desired. You should therefore provide yourself with sufficient underwear, nightgowns, stockings and handkerchiefs to meet your requirements should it be impossible to have your washing done more frequently than once in two weeks.

If you will read carefully the suggestions made above, and comply with them, it will add greatly to your comfort throughout the trip and will assist the Government in carrying out successfully its plans for conducting the pilgrimage. This letter is being sent to every mother and widow who has accepted the invitation sent to her by the Government to visit the grave of her son or husband.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

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Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

QM 293 A-C  
Coller, Howard 1233

June 11, 1930.

Mrs. Sara Coller  
Apartment 20  
500 West 175th St.  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 5, 1930, advising that you desire to change your sailing date from June 25th to August 30th, when making the pilgrimage to the grave of the late Howard Coller.

In compliance with your request your name has been placed on the list of mothers and widows scheduled to sail on the SS "Republic," on August 30th, and an invitation to sail on that date will be forwarded you.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C  
Collier, Howard 1233-M

June 2, 1930

Mrs. Sara Collier,  
500 W. 175th Street,  
New York, New York.

Dear Madam:

The acceptances from the mothers and widows who are to make the pilgrimage to France, sailing on the SS REPUBLIC, June 25, 1930, are far in excess of the number anticipated, and due to this fact this boat will be somewhat crowded and the accommodations will not be as satisfactory as The War Department desires to furnish. Over 300 women have accepted invitations to sail on this boat and it is desired if possible to reduce this number to around 200 by voluntary transfers of women who are booked to sail.

Much more comfortable accommodations can be furnished on the SS REPUBLIC, sailing August 30, 1930, and should you change your sailing date to August 30th, a more comfortable trip can be assured.

If you desire to change from June 25th to August 30th, please notify this office at once, in order that the necessary adjustments can be made.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Coller, Howard 1233-M  
Republic 6/25

May 12, 1930

Mrs. Sara Coller  
500 W. 175th Street  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not furnished the name of your Emergency Addressee as requested in letter of instructions from this office.

It is requested that in the blank space below you write the name and address of the person in the United States whom you desire to be notified in case you become seriously ill or other emergency arises while you are making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

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Name

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Address

Please fill in the above and mail it TODAY in the self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Coller, Howard 1233-M  
Republic 6-25

May 8 1930

Mrs. Sara Coller,  
500 W 175th St.,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Requests for stop-overs on return from the pilgrimage to the American cemeteries in Europe are being received by this office, in some cases, too late to take action.

Transportation arrangements for the round-trip are made a month before departure and requests for stop-overs on return must be in this office at that time.

Stop-overs can not be allowed on the trip to New York or in Europe, but may be allowed at any point on return from New York provided there is no additional cost or, if there is, that it is paid in advance by the pilgrim.

If you desire stop-overs at any point on return, please advise this office AT ONCE as to the cities where you desire to stop and we will be glad to arrange accordingly, or advise you if there is any additional cost to be paid by you. Send your request direct to this office and do NOT include it with your passport application.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Coller, Howard, 1233 M

April 10, 1930.

Mrs. Sara Coller,  
500 W. 175th St.,  
New York, N.Y.

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Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

Coller, Howard 1233-M

March 25, 1930.

Mrs. Sara Coller,  
500 W. 175th St.,  
New York, N. Y.

This letter, which contains general information regarding the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, is being sent to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during the calendar year 1930. The general plan for the conduct of the pilgrimage is shown in the Pilgrimage Regulations, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. In addition to the information shown in the regulations, the following explains in detail some of the most important things connected with the pilgrimage.

Formal invitations are being extended to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during 1930. In so far as practicable, these invitations are being extended with a view to keeping the women from each state together and the order in which the invitations to the women from the several states are issued is based on a drawing by lot which was held about one month ago. Inclosed with each invitation is a card for acknowledgment and it is quite important that you accept or decline this invitation promptly in order that the necessary railroad, steamship and hotel reservations may be arranged. The government will defray all the necessary expenses of the pilgrimage, including railroad fare, hotel accommodations, steamship fare and all other incidental expenses. It will not provide anything other than the necessary expenses so that you should bring with you such funds as you may desire to use for making small purchases and for other uses distinctly of a personal nature.

Arrangements have been made with the American Railroad Association which assures us the united support and cooperation of all of the railroads in the United States in handling the movement to and from New York City. The local ticket agent will secure your railroad and sleeper ticket and will make the necessary pullman reservations. Before your departure from your home we will mail you a check, sufficient to pay for your meals and other travelling expenses while enroute to New York. Your railroad ticket will provide for a round trip from your home to New York and upon arrival in New York the army officer in charge of the New York office will collect the return trip stub and hold it until your return to New York from Europe.

Upon arrival in New York, you will be met by an army officer

and escorted to a first class hotel where reservations have been made. The duration of your stay in New York will be from 24 to 48 hours. At the proper time, you will be escorted to the steamship upon which passage has been engaged for Europe. All of the women making this trip will be provided with cabin class accommodations aboard steamers which means that from two to four will be quartered in the same stateroom. If you have any friend that you would like to be quartered with we will endeavor to arrange it if you will communicate with this office.

The ocean voyage will last about 8 days and when the ship docks at Cherbourg, France, each party will be met by officers especially detailed for the purpose and taken in a special train to Paris where first class hotel accommodations have been reserved. The first day in Paris will be a day of rest. On the 2d day, the women of each party will place a wreath on the tomb of the French unknown soldier. In the afternoon there will be a reception in which the French war mothers, government officials, and prominent civilians will participate. The following morning the groups going to the different cemeteries will leave Paris, travelling in motor busses, and proceed to the cemeteries where they will remain for about 7 days. Twenty-five women will be assigned to each bus and an army officer will have charge of the bus. The itineraries to and from the cemeteries and the daily itineraries while at the cemeteries have been varied so as to take in points of historical interest as well as some parts of the battlefields where American troops were engaged. Upon return to Paris, each party will remain for about 5 days and during this time an opportunity will be given to see the points of historical interest in Paris and vicinity. The entire duration of your stay in Europe will be 14 days, and the itineraries have been so arranged that each day will be provided for. Except in case of illness or other unavoidable cause it will not be possible for any woman making the pilgrimage to remain in Europe for a longer period than 14 days nor to leave the party with which she is travelling unless she is prepared to pay all of her expenses after leaving the party since the Act of Congress authorizing the pilgrimage specifically states that the government shall not pay the expenses of any woman who willfully leaves her party.

Upon return to the United States each ship will be met in New York City by army officers who will escort the mothers and widows to the trains which will take them home. Before leaving New York each woman will be provided with her return railroad ticket, a sleeping car ticket and funds to cover the cost of meals and other travelling expenses.

Army officers are being used as guides and escorts throughout this entire movement and care has been taken to select officers who will see that proper care is taken of the women who are entrusted to their charge. Arrangements have been made for taking care of women who may be taken sick during the pilgrimage and also to care for the remains of any who may die and provision has been made for returning the remains of any who may die to their homes. It is essential that each woman making the pilgrimage furnish The Quartermaster General with an emergency address of some relative or friend to be notified in the event of an emergency. Medical care will be provided by civilian agencies. If such care is needed in New York City it will be furnished by the hotel physicians or

by local hospitals. Aboard ship, medical care will be provided by the ship's doctors and in Paris arrangements have been made with the American Hospital for the hospitalization and treatment of any women who may need it. In addition to this, six doctors of the regular army will be on duty throughout the pilgrimage.

Baggage will be limited to not to exceed two pieces of hand baggage and the articles taken should be such as will be required for a trip of about one month. Laundry service can be obtained in New York and Paris. Since the climate of Europe is much colder than that of the United States, each woman should provide herself with sufficient warm clothing to stand the motor bus trip and the visit to the cemeteries.

Since it is necessary for this office to make all reservations for your accommodations throughout this pilgrimage, it will be greatly appreciated if you will make prompt reply to any communications received from this office.

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.  
Regulation.

QM 293 A-C  
Coller, Howard - 1233

January 24, 1930

Mrs. S. R. Coller,  
500 West 175th St. Apt. 20,  
New York City.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of January 9th, addressed to Mr. W. R. Castle, has been referred to this office for reply to your request for a photograph of the grave of your son, the late Private Howard Coller in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery in France.

As explained in letter from this office dated January 7th, there are no funds available to the War Department for photographing the graves in the cemeteries of Europe. A photograph of the St. Mihiel Cemetery may be obtained from the Chief Signal Officer, U. S. Army, Munitions Building, Washington, D. C., for a nominal sum. However, in the event this is not what you desire, it is suggested that you obtain a photograph of your son's grave when you make the pilgrimage this coming summer.

For the Acting The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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In reply refer to  
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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON

January 11, 1930.

Attention: Graves Registration Commission.

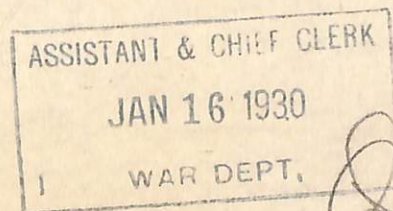
The Secretary of State presents his compliments to the Honorable the Secretary of War and has the honor to transmit the enclosed communication for consideration and such action as may be required.

The writer has been informed of this reference.

Enclosure:

From Mrs. S. R. Collier,  
January 9, 1930.

5-A



New York Jan 9 1930

500 West 175th St

Apt 20

Mrs W R Castle

Washington DC

Dear Sir -

Can you tell me if  
it would be possible to get a  
picture - photograph of my son's  
grave as it now stands ~~since~~  
finished in marble?

The grave is in the ~~Querein~~  
St Michel American cemetery France -  
Name - Howard D Collier -

I would be willing to pay  
for same

Respectfully

Mrs S. R. Collier

QM 293 A-C  
Coller, Howard - 1233

January 24, 1930

Mrs. S. R. Coller,  
500 West 175th St. Apt. 20,  
New York City.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of January 9th, addressed to Mr. W. R. Castle, has been referred to this office for reply to your request for a photograph of the grave of your son, the late Private Howard Coller in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery in France.

As explained in letter from this office dated January 7th, there are no funds available to the War Department for photographing the graves in the cemeteries of Europe. A photograph of the St. Mihiel Cemetery may be obtained from the Chief Signal Officer, U. S. Army, Munitions Building, Washington, D. C., for a nominal sum. However, in the event this is not what you desire, it is suggested that you obtain a photograph of your son's grave when you make the pilgrimage this coming summer.

For the Acting The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 298 A-C  
Collor, Howard - 1233 M

January 7, 1950

Mrs. Sara Collor,  
590 West 175th St. Apt. 20,  
New York City.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 3, 1950, wherein you request a photograph of the grave of your son, the late Private Howard Collor in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery in France. *See Case Files*

In this connection please be advised that there are no funds available to the War Department for photographing the graves in the cemeteries of Europe. When the Red Cross completed its work of photographing the graves in the cemeteries of Europe, photographic supplies were left in the office of the Chief, American Graves Registration Service in Europe. If these supplies have not been exhausted, it may be possible to obtain a photograph of your son's grave. However, in view of the limited supplies and the length of time required to obtain a photograph, it is suggested that you obtain a photograph of your son's grave when you make the pilgrimage to his grave this coming summer.

For your information please be advised that the permanent marble headstones have been placed at the graves of deceased members of the American forces interred in Europe. The body of your son is permanently interred in Grave 17, Row 13, Block A, of the St. Mihiel American Cemetery in France.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Coller, Howard 1233 N.

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Sara Coller,  
500 W. 175th St.,  
New York, N. Y.

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<br>(Years)   | Health<br>(Good)      (Poor) |
| 5. What language do you speak?  | English - (Yes)      (No)<br>Other language<br>(Specify language spoken) |                              |

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 20, 1929.

Coller, Howard

Miss Taube Coller,  
169 E. 78th St.,  
New York, N. Y.

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 sister of the late Private Howard Coller, 16th Amb. Co., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Mourthe-st-Moselle, France.

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

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relative is a stepmother, mother through adoption, or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. If he was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 incl.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Coller, Howard

Mother, living  
Sister,  
Miss Taube Collier,  
169 E. 78th St.,  
New York, N.Y.

May 28, 1929.  
XC- 154 720

Mrs. Sara R. Collier,  
500 W. 17th St., Apt. 20,  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Howard Collier, 16th Amb. Co., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, 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.



WAR DEPARTMENT



WASHINGTON, D. C.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

*W. J. ...*



WASHINGTON, D. C.  
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OF CHANGE  
OF ADDRESS



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Coller, Howard

May 28 1929.

Mrs. Sara R. Coller,  
500 W. 17th St., Apt. 20,  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Howard Coller, 16th Amb. Co., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, 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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Envelope.

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

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Coller, Howard Pvt.

Nov. 17, 1923.

Mrs. Sara H. Coller,  
500 W. 175th St., Apt. 20,  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that receipt be acknowledged of your communication of November 15th, 1923.

It is regretted that antypographical error was made in stating the burial date of the remains of your son, the late Private Howard Coller, 16th Ambulance Company, in letter of this office of August 25th, 1923. This should have been June 28th, 1922.

There are inclosed herewith photographs of the grave of your son. These photographs have been recently received from Europe. This office is gratified with being able to furnish you this memento of your gallant son, who gave his life to his country.

The Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C., in Europe, reports, that there are no pictures on file of the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, and that it is not deemed advisable to have pictures made at this time as the cemetery is now in the process of reconstruction. However, official photographs will be taken in the Spring of next year for distribution to relatives and friends requesting same.

Very truly yours,

1 incl.  
2 photos in envelope.

H. C. H. O'NEAL, G.  
Assistant MAIL ROOM



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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 C-R

Coller, Howard Pvt.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

RECORDED, A.G.R.S., Q.M.C., IN EUROPE  
FILE NO. 004.511

Aug. 25, 1923.

SUBJECT: Photographs.

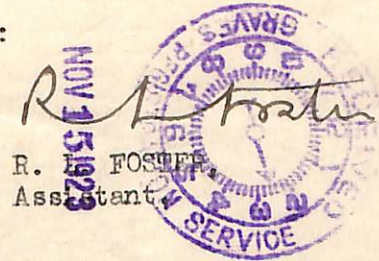
TO: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C.,  
in Europe, 20, rue Molitor, Paris, (16eme), France.

1. This office is in receipt of a communication from the mother of the late Private Howard Coller, #1922325, 16th Ambulance Company, buried in Grave 17, Row 13, Block A, St. Mihiel American Cemetery, requesting a photograph of his grave, also cemetery.

2. It is requested that photographs be made, if found practicable, and forwarded to this office.

By order of the Quartermaster General:

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R. I. FOSTER  
Assistant

293  
Coller, Howard

File No. 004.511

1st Ind.

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Hq., A.G.R.S., Q.M.C. in E., 20 rue Molitor, Paris, France, October 30th, 1923  
To: The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army, WASHINGTON, D.C.

1. In compliance with instructions contained in basic communication, there are attached hereto two photographs of the grave of Private Howard Coller, Co. 16th A.C.M.D., Grave #17, Block A, Row #13, St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, (Meurthe-et-Moselle).

2. There are no pictures on file at these Headquarters of the St. Mihiel American Cemetery and it is not deemed advisable to have pictures made at this time. However, this office will have official photographs taken in the Spring of next year for distribution to relatives and friends requesting same.

*R. P. Harbold*  
R. P. HARBOLD,  
Chief.

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H. B. HUNTER



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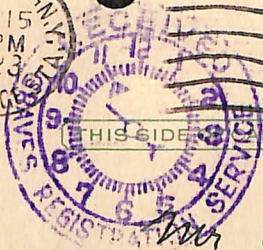
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IN REPLY REFER TO

NOV 30 1923



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



NOV 16 1923

Mr R L Foster  
Assistant-Quarter Master Gen.  
War Dept-  
Washington DC.

New York Nov 15/23

500 West 175<sup>th</sup> St

Sept 20

In your letter of Aug 25<sup>th</sup> you state that  
the remains of my late son Private Howard  
Coller - 16<sup>th</sup> Ambulance Co were buried  
1923. Do not that an error?

Kindly let me know and of life  
Mrs Sara R Coller

QM 293 C-8

Coller, Howard Pvt.

H.

Aug. 26, 1923.

**SUBJECT:** Photographs.

**TO:** Chief, American Graves Registration Service, G. H. C.,  
in Europe, 20, rue Molitor, Paris, (16eme), France.

1. This office is in receipt of a communication from the mother of the late Private Howard Coller, #1922333, 16th Ambulance Company, buried in Grave 17, Row 13, Block A, St. Mihiel American Cemetery, requesting a photograph of his grave, also cemetery.

2. It is requested that photographs be made, if found practicable, and forwarded to this office.

By order of the Quartermaster General:

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H. L. FOSTER,  
Assistant.

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Central Mail & T. S. B.  
  
AUG 27 1923  
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GM 293 C-R

Coller, Howard Pvt.

Aug. 25, 1923.

Mrs. Sara H. Coller,  
500 W. 175th St.,  
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

In reply to your letter of the 23rd instant, the Quartermaster General desires you to be advised that the remains of your late son, Private Howard Coller, 16th Ambulance Company, were buried in Grave 17, Row 13, Block A, St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France, on June 28th, 1923.

The grave is temporarily marked by a wooden marker with the Star of David thereon. Erection of permanent headstones will be begun as soon after July 1, 1924 as is practicable. The description of this headstone is as follows:

American white marble,  
42 inches long, 4 inches thick, 13 inches wide throughout.  
Each stone is to have a circle 3-1/4 inches in diameter on the front face, near the top.  
An emblem of religious faith will be cut in each of these circles. These emblems will be either a Latin Cross, or the Star of David (six pointed star).  
The Star of David will be shown in the circle for soldiers of the Hebrew faith. The inscription to consist of the full name of the soldier with the State from which he came, his rank, regiment and division, also date of death to be cut on the face of the stone.

There is no appropriation by the Government for photographing permanent graves of our soldier dead in Europe, but the Graves Registration Service, Paris, has been making some photographs, using supplies left by the Red Cross. If these are still available and someone qualified to make photographs remains in the Service, it is thought that a photograph of the grave can be secured. Request to that effect is being made this date to the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C., in Europe. He has also been directed to furnish a photograph of the St. Mihiel Cemetery, if found practicable, as there are none available in this office. Photographs, if received, will be transmitted to you.

Very truly yours,

R. L. YOSTER,  
Assistant.

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SARA R. COLLER  
500 WEST 175TH STREET  
NEW YORK

August - 28 / 23

Mrs. H. J. Conner  
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir -

Some time ago you wrote me  
that the remains of my late son Private  
Howard Collier - 16th Ambulance Co - rest in  
the St. Michel American Cemetery at Thiancourt.

Will you kindly let me know particulars:

That is: when were the remains transferred to  
said cemetery? "What is the location of his grave?"

Also how is it marked? Can any photographs  
be had of this cemetery or grave?

Kindly let me hear as soon as possible  
and oblige

Respectfully

Mrs Sara R Collier

(293.8 C-R  
#93775)

In reply refer to:  
293.8 C-R #93775

March 2, 1923.

Mrs. Sara R. Collier,  
500 West 175th St. Apt. 20,  
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires with regret to inform you that an error occurred in stating the grave location to you in letter from this office dated December 12, 1922. This was a clerical error made in preparing the letter. The record is in no way doubtful as to this grave, so that you need not be disturbed by this letter, which is only to correct the mistake.

The remains of your late son, Private Howard Collier, 16th Ambulance Company, rest in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery at Thiaucourt, Department of Meurthe-et-Moselle, France, instead of the Somme American Cemetery at Bony, Department of Aisne, France, as reported in the letter referred to above.

This cemetery will be maintained in a manner worthy of the purpose to which it is dedicated and with as much care as the National Cemeteries in this country.

Very truly yours,

MAILED

MAR 2 1923

G.R.S.

H.J. CONNER,  
Assistant.

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File No: 293  
*Coller, Howard*

5th Ind.

*HW*  
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Hqtrs. American G.R.S., Q.M.C. in Europe, 8 Avenue D'Iena, Paris,  
January 25th, 1923. TO: The Quartermaster General, Munitions Building,  
Washington, D. C.

1. Attention is invited to 3rd and 4th indorsements  
hereon.

2. The remains of Pvt. Coller are buried in St. Mihiel  
American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, M-et-M and not in Somme American Cemetery  
as stated in basic communication.

Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. O. M. G.  
File # 2938  
93775



*R. P. Harbold*

R. P. Harbold,  
Chief.

*Coller, Howard*



2nd Ind.

Caretaker, Somme American Cemetery, Bony, Aisne. Jan 6, 1923.  
To: Chief, A.G.R.S. Q.M.C., in E., 8 Ave. D'Iena, Paris.

1. In reference to basic communication, records at this office does not show that Private Howard Collier, #1922325, 16th Ambulance Co., as buried at this cemetery.

2. Grave 17, Row 13, Block A, is vacant.

3. Attention is invited to file reference on basic communication (Cty. 86,) no bodies was concentrated to this cemetery from cemetery #86.

(C-22-23)

RECORDED

*William E. Moore*  
William E. Moore.  
Caretaker.



File No: *293 Collier, H.* 3rd Ind.

Hqtrs. American G.R.S., Q.M.C., in Europe, 8 Avenue D'Iena, Paris, January 10th, 1923. TO: Commanding Officer, Meuse Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

1. You will comply with request contained in basic communication.
2. The records of this office show Pvt. Howard Collier, 1922325, Co. #16, A.C.M.D. buried in Grave 17, Block A, Row 13, St. Daniel American Cemetery #1233, Thiaucourt, M-et-M.

3. When these instructions have been complied with so indorsement hereon.



*R.P. Harbold*  
R.P. Harbold,  
Chief.

4th Ind.

GTP

File No. 293 Collier, H.  
Hqrs., Meuse-Argonne Cemetery, Romagne/s Montfaucon (Meuse) Jan. 22, 1923.  
To: Chief, AGRS., Q.M.C., in E., 8 Ave d'Iena, Paris, Atten: OPERATIONS

1. Complied with.

RECORDED

*George E. Seann*  
GEORGE E. SEANN,  
Commanding.



In reply refer to:  
293.8 C-R #93775  
(Cty.86, Cable Refer No.110)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

Dec. 12, 1922.

SUBJECT: Star of David to be placed at grave.  
TO: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.  
in Europe.

1. It is requested that the Star of David be placed at the grave of the late Private Howard Collier, #1922325, 16th Ambulance Co., in accordance with the wishes of his mother. The remains now rest in Grave 17, Row 13, Block A, Somme American Cemetery at Bony, Department of Aisne.

By order of the Quartermaster General:

*H. J. Donner*  
H. J. DONNER,  
Assistant.



File No: 293 Collier, Howard 1st Ind.

*HW.*

Hqtrs. American G.R.S., Q.M.C. in Europe, 8 Ave. D'Iena, Paris, January 3rd. 1923. TO: Mr. William B. Moore, Caretaker, Somme American Cemetery, Bony, Aisne.

1. You will comply with request contained in basic communication.
2. When these instructions have been complied with so state by indorsement hereon.

*R. P. Harbold*  
R. P. Harbold,  
Chief.

RECORDED, A.G.R.S., Q.M.C., IN EUROPE  
FILE No 293 Collier, Howard

File No:

5th Ind.

HW

Hqrs. American G.R.S., O.M.C. in Europe, 8 Avenue D'Iena, Paris,  
January 25th, 1923. TO: The Quartermaster General, Munitions Building,  
Washington, D. C.

1. Attention is invited to 3rd and 4th interments  
hereon.

2. The remains of Pvt. Goller are buried in St. Michel  
American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, 2-4-11 and not in Somme American Cemetery  
as stated in basic communication.



R. P. Harbold,  
Chief.

No notification letter necessary.

Mother advised P. G. L. 3/2/23.

L. D. L.

MMB

DATE

1. NAME COLLER, Howard SERIAL No. 1922325RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Co. 16 <sup>th</sup> Amb. Co. ~~A.C.M.D.~~GRAVE LOCATION Amer. Mil. Cty. Mesves, Nièvre 86  
CTY. NAME NUMBER681

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 681 Mesves (Nièvre)

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES

CONCENTRATED TO Not 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.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS Not of record

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR W. H. Quarterman

W. H. QUARTERMAN, CAPT. F. A., Supervisor Area N° 4

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION June 28, 1922 17 13 Block A

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

St. Mihiel American Cty. #1233, Thiaucourt, M-et-M.

CEMETERY

AUDITED BY

## 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  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON

86-110  
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JUN 22 1920

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. *Rush Answer*  
TO: Oscar Collier, 500 West 175th St., New York, N.Y.  
SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Howard Collier

The records of this office show that you have requested that his  
body be not returned to U.S. *no change*

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.

*Noted on Form No. 115  
Date 1-6-21. J.L.*

*Was soldier married? No.*

NAME OF NO. & STREET TOWN STATE

Soldier's Widow

*No widow - (not married)*

Soldier's Children  
(Name oldest first)

1.  
2. *No children - (not married)*  
3.

Father

*Oscar Collier - 500 West - 175th St. New York City*

Mother

*Mrs Oscar (Dana) Collier 500 West - 175th St. N.Y.C.*

Brothers  
(Name oldest first)

1. *Gerald E. Collier*  
2. *500 West - 175th St. N.Y.C.*

Sisters

*(Half sister) Miss Fannie Collier Ansonia Hotel - 72nd Bwy.  
(Full sister) Mrs. F.E. (Virginia) Rietzdorf 182 Maybury Island - Detroit Mich.*

Date

*June 17/1920*

Signature

*Oscar Collier*

Address

*500 W 175th St. N.Y. City*

Relationship

*father*

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

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

RECEIVED



G. H. S.



JUN 29 1920

*37800 Col. J. H. ...*

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.

In reply refer to:  
293.8 C-R #93775  
(Cty. 86, Cable Refer No. 110)

Dec. 12, 1922.

*Handwritten initials/signature*

SUBJECT: Star of David to be placed at grave.

TO: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.  
in Europe.

1. It is requested that the Star of David be placed at the grave of the late Private Howard Collier, #1922325, 16th Ambulance Co., in accordance with the wishes of his mother. The remains now rest in Grave 17, Row 13, Block A, Somme American Cemetery at Bony, Department of Aisne.

By order of the Quartermaster General:

H. J. CONNER,  
Assistant.

LN

MAILED

DEC 13 1922

G.R.S.

*Handwritten mark*

In reply refer to:  
293.8 C-R #93775

Dec. 12, 1922.

*File*

Mrs. Sara R. Collier,  
500 West 175th St. Apt. 20,  
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be advised, in reply to your letter of December 7th 1922, that the remains of your late son, Private Howard Collier, 16th Ambulance Company, have been transferred to their final resting place in Grave 17, Row 13, Block A, Somme American Cemetery at Bony, Department of Aisne, France. The reburial took place on June 28th 1922.

In accordance with your wishes, the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. in Europe, has been directed to mark the grave of your son with the Star of David.

It is regretted there are no photographs of the Somme American Cemetery available in this office. However, it is suggested that you communicate with Francis Jacques, American Legion, 98 Rue du Cherche, Midi, Paris, Vle, France, through whom it is believed you may secure a photograph of the cemetery.

The Somme American Cemetery is one of the cemeteries to be permanently maintained by this country as a last resting place for our hero dead. It lies on a hill side and will contain about 2,000 burials. The grounds will be suitably improved to make it worthy of its purpose and this work has already begun. After time and nature shall have done their part in assisting our efforts, it will compare favorably with our national cemeteries here at home.

The Department desires to assure you the grave of this heroic soldier will for all time be maintained in a most careful and reverent manner.

Very truly yours,

H. J. CONNER,  
Assistant.

MAILED

DEC 16 1922

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RED  
*[Handwritten initials]*

C.R.S.

*W*

SARA R. COLLER  
500 WEST 175TH STREET  
NEW YORK

Apt-20

Dec 7 22

Mr Chas J Wynne  
Washington DC.

Dear Sir.

Some time ago upon my inquiry you wrote me that my dear son's body or grave - then in the American Cemetery # 86 at Mesnes - would be removed - it being only a temporary cemetery. I believe you wrote me it would be removed to the permanent cemetery at St Mihiel or St Mihiel Cemetery. (I have mislaid this letter). Could you let me know if this has been done? If so - when? Also have you any pictures or information of this cemetery? I wished to have his grave marked with the Star of David. Will you <sup>kindly</sup> let me know if this was done?

HOWARD I. COLLER

16 Ambulance Co

Cemetery # 86 Mesnes  
Grave 681

Respectfully yours  
Mrs Sara R Coller

Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. O. M. C.  
File # 248.8  
93775

Coller, Howard

SARA R. COLLIER  
200 WEST 117 STREET  
NEW YORK

Wpt-20



DEC-9-1922

Dec 7

Mr. Charles J. Higgins

Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

I have been very busy since my departure from New York and that may explain why I have not written you more frequently. I have been very busy since my departure from New York and that may explain why I have not written you more frequently. I have been very busy since my departure from New York and that may explain why I have not written you more frequently.

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HOWARD E. COLLIER

Respectfully,  
Howard E. Collier

Dup.

Coller, Howard 1,922 325  
(Surname.) (Christian name in full.) (Army serial num.)

Pvt., 16th Amb. Co.  
(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased *own father*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? *unable to decide*  
(Yes or no.)

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

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

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

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

(Sign here)

*Own Coller*

*500 W 175th St New York NY*  
(Number and street or rural route.) (City, town, or post office.) (State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

mom  
22-8-81

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**GRAVE LOCAT BLANK**

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Coller* 1922 325 *Howard*  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

*Pvt.* 16 Co. *M. Dept.*  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: *Base Hosp. 54*

CAUSE OF DEATH: *G. S. W.*

DATE OF BURIAL: *Feb. 2, 1919.*

PLACE OF BURIAL: *Rev. Army Cemetery*

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

*Messrs*  
*Dept. No. 18*

GRAVE NUMBER: *68*

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?  Cross?   
Headboard?  Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? *yes*

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE: *Sarah Coller*

ADDRESS: *177 St. Audubon St.*

RELATIONSHIP: *mother N.Y. City*

REPORTED BY: *H. H. Began Chaplain*  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

1. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name Coller, Howard Ser. No. 1922325)  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization 16th Amb. Co.) TYP. ILH  
 (c) Date of death 1-30-19 of death Exhaustion following GSW) CKR. EP

*3/12/22 Exhaustion  
 Concentration  
 St. Michael 7/23/33  
 off 4/13/22*

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

(a) Grave No. 681 Row ---- Plot ---- Sect. ----) TYP. HDP  
 (b) Emerg. Address Oscar Coller (Father) 228 Audobon Ave., New York

111. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; No Card) CKR. CH

IV. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt 2/9/20

(a) Name Oscar Coller (b) Relationship father  
 (c) Address 500 West 175th St. New York, N.Y.  
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No  
 (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 J.K. Date 5-22-1920

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

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

CORRECTION

NAME -----  
 RANK -----  
 SERIAL NO. -----  
 ORGANIZATION -----

REMARKS:

Form 120 not noted on 115

pendence  
 ials mm Date 5-22-1920  
 as follows: Major B.A. Fluerschheim,  
Fifth Ave. 37th & 38th Sts., N.Y.C.  
grave for sister of deceased  
Yps-MH  
 ials MHS Date 5/25/1920

*117-15-20  
 MIDM*

3/24/22 Exhaustion  
22 Concentration  
St. Michael 7/23/22  
att 4/13/22

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

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(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U.S. \_\_\_\_\_

Examiner's Initials JR Date 5-22-1920

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

dated \_\_\_\_\_, confirmed request in Par. IV. item \_\_\_\_\_, above, or requesting that \_\_\_\_\_

No Correspondence

Examiner's Initials mm Date 5-22-1920

VI. G.R.S. Files - Correspondence - shows as follows: Major B.A. Fluschein,

AMC 40 Franklin Simon & Co, Fifth Ave., 37th & 38th Sts. NYC.

(9-22-19) Requests photo of grave for sister of deceased  
at 77-26 from mother & request of photo of grave from

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes: MHS

Examiner's Initials MHS Date 5/25/1920

17-3-20  
MHS

EMERSON  
DIVISION  
E. ER.



HOBOKEN, N. J.  
DEC 10 1920

VII. G. R. S. FORM No. 111 Made \_\_\_\_\_, 1920

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_ Checked by \_\_\_\_\_ 1920

VIII. ETHER ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by-  
( cable on \_\_\_\_\_ 1920  
( letter on 8/14 1920

*Par. # 2. Not to be returned (Mack)  
AP. 12-6-20*

IX. CORRECTIONS

| CHANGE OF ADVICE      | ACTION TAKEN  |
|-----------------------|---|
| Desires body be       | RECEIVED<br>DEC 29 1920<br>CEMETERY DIVISION<br>OVERSEAS PROJECT 3-2-20 |
| Body to be shipped to |   |
|                       |   |
|                       |   |
|                       |   |

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: *Form 120 12/20/20, Oscar Collet, Father, n. of k. 500 W. 175<sup>th</sup> St, New York, N. Y. requests body remain in Europe. 1-6-21, F.I.C.*

FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN  
TO REMAIN IN EUROPE  
DEC 29 1920

*Let. 4/20/22 from Mother, Mrs. Sara R. Collet, 500 W. 175<sup>th</sup> St. N. Y. C. requests inf regarding removal of son's body as she has heard news is a temp one. Let. 5/22/22 to Mother saying body will be transferred to the Assoc. Chy. of St. Michel, & upon reburial of same, she wishes advised. (ass. 5/22/22)*

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Dec. 9, 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name COLLER, Howard  
 2. No. 1922325  
 3. Rank Pvt  
 4. Org. Co. 16 A.C.M.D.  
 5. D.D. XX- 1-30-19  
 6. C.D. Exhaustion following gun-shot wounds

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 681 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 17. None

18. Cemetery Amer. Mil.

19. Commune or town Mesves

20. Dept. or County Nievre

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 86

23. Disinterred (Date) Dec 9, 1921

By T F Greene

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name COLLER, Howard  
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. 1922325  
 Organization Co. 16 A C M D  
 Gr. No. 681

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? yes On body? yes, entirely corroded

T. H. Chunn  
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

T H Chunn

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 found, form 16a accomplished.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, recognition impossible.

28. Nature of burial In Uniform and wooden box.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Dec. 9, 1921 By T F Greene

31. Casket sealed by T F Greene

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

T. F. Greene  
 T F Greene

AUDITED BY  
2028/21/23

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C - 23967

32. Designation of body:

Name Howard COLLER Serial No. 1922325  
Rank Pvt Organization Co. 16 A.C.M.D.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel Amer. Cty. #1233 Thiaucourt, M-et-M

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Dec. 9, 1921 By T F Greene

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 *D E Lowry*  
D E Lowry, 1st Lieut QMC

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Dec. 9, 1921

To point of Concentration Nevers, Nievre (Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer Capt. QMC

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

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

To Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel (1233) Thiaucourt, M et M (Name)

Convoyer R L Hall Signature Shipping Officer *W R Buckley*  
W R Buckley Capt. QMC

40. Received: Date 26 DEC 1921

G.R.S. Representative *F B Daniel, Capt, 2MC*

41. Reinterred: June 28 1922 (Date)

42. Grave No. 17 Section

43. Plot Blk. A Row 13

G.R.S. Representative *A E Dewey*  
A E Dewey 1st Lt. QMC

Place Mesves, Nievre

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Dec 9 1921

1. REMAINS OF COLLER, Howard SERIAL NUMBER 1922325  
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. 16th A C M D

2. Disinterred (date): Dec. 9 1921 From (give complete location): Gr. No. 681  
Amer. Cem. No. 86 Mesves, Nievre  
By: Group 2 Unit 4

3. Reburied (date): June 28 1922 In (give complete location): Gr. 17 Bk. A Row 13  
By: Group Reburial Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial Casket & shipping case

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Buried in unifrom and wooden box. Body badly decomposed, recognition impossib

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

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items?  
(a) Height (actual measurement) Unabel to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color None visible.

Quantity none

Characteristics none

(d) Hair on face—Color none

Location "

Quantity "

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) unable to determine

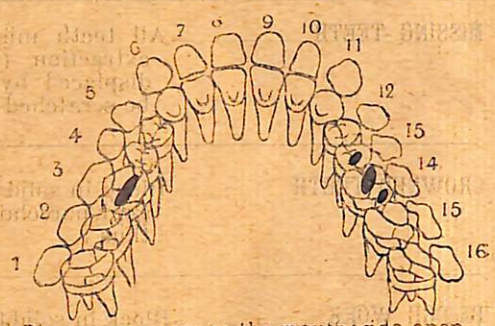
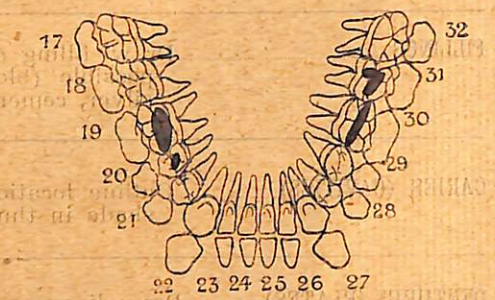


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) GF. 3, 13, 3F. 14, 19, 20, 30, 31,  
Autopsy on head, upper portien of skull missing NG. 17, 32

7. Disinterment supervised by T. F. Greene Approved: D E Lowry  
T F Greene THC (Title) 1st Lieut. QMC jsk

8. Reburial supervised by H L Kramer Approved: A E Dewey  
H L Kramer (Title) Ist. Lt. QMC

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

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

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

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






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

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

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

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

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

|                          |   |   |
|--------------------------|---|---|
| <b>MISSING TEETH</b>     | All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :             |  |
| <b>CROWNED TEETH</b>     | Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :  |   |
| <b>BRIDGE WORK</b>       | Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus :   |   |
| <b>FILLINGS</b>          | Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :  |   |
| <b>CARIES (CAVITIES)</b> | Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :  |   |
| <b>DENTURES (PLATES)</b> | Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp" |   |

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

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

May 22, 1922.

**FILE**

293.8 C-R #93775-(Coller, Howard Pvt.)Cty.86,Sht.110.

XXXX

Mrs. Sara R. Coller, 500 West 175th St., New York, N.Y.

Pvt. Howard Coller. -16th Ambulance Company.

*File* *2/27/22*

1. In reply to your letter of recent date you are advised that bodies of deceased soldiers whose relatives have requested permanent interment abroad are being concentrated according to a prearranged plan based on the geographical location of the cemeteries in which the remains are interred in relation to the permanent American Cemeteries. In accordance with this policy, the remains of soldiers interred in the American Cemetery at Mesves, Department of Mevre will be transferred to the permanent American Cemetery of the St. Mihiel.

2. This office is unable to state definitely at this time when the body will be transferred to its final resting place in the permanent American Cemetery referred to above; however, upon receipt of this information from the European Office, you will be duly advised.

3. The graves of our soldier dead will be marked by an appropriate headstone of white marble. Each stone is to have a circle 2 1/4 inches in diameter on the front face, near the top. An emblem of religious faith will be cut in each of these circles. These emblems will be either a Roman Cross, or the Star of David. The Star of David will be shown in the circle for soldiers of the Hebrew faith.

4. You may rest assured that the grave of your son will be perpetually maintained by this Government in a most careful and reverent manner.

For the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES J. WYNNE,  
Assistant.

**MAILED**

**MAY 24 1922**

Graves Registration Service  
Audit Branch

Form 115

Date 5/22/22 - ahs

*ahs*

Miss Leeds,

5-19-22

Can you locate letter  
of 3/25 as referred to in  
let. rec'd 5/19/22?

JTC.

37800

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
NAVY DEPARTMENT

Heft -  
copy letter

**WAR DEPARTMENT**  
**OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY**  
**WASHINGTON**

3-4756

**Memorandum for**

SARA R. COLLER  
500 WEST 175TH STREET  
NEW YORK

Apr-20

Recorded, Memorial Div., U. S. A. S.  
File # 295.8  
93770

Mr Charles Wynne  
Washington DC

Dear Sir

In reply to your letter of March 28 - would  
say I was much surprised to hear that the American  
Cemetery #86 at Mesveres is only a temporary American Cemetery  
& is being evacuated. My dear soldier son Howard  
lies there and I thought it was permanent. His grave is  
no. 681. Is this grave transferred? If so - where  
to? If not - where <sup>when</sup> will it be transferred & will  
I be notified? Have I any choice in the matter?

I thought too - that graves of Sons of Israel were  
marked with ~~the~~ a star - (not that I think there  
is anything conflicting between a star and a cross)  
but I notice in a picture that it was marked with  
a cross. Hoping to hear from you soon I am

Respectfully  
Mrs Sara R Coller

Noted on Form 179

Date 5/22/22-als.

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MAY 18 1922



GRAVES REGISTRATION DEPT  
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NEW YORK  
U.S. POST OFFICE  
MAY 18 1922

March 25, 1922.

FILE

Registered Cemetery Div. O. Q. M. G.  
File # 293.8 Admin.

293.8 C-R

The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army, (Graves Registration Service).  
Mrs. Sara R. Collier, 500 West 175th St., New York City, N.Y.

American Cemetery at Mesves.

1. In reply to your letter of March 20th, addressed to the American Red Cross, you are advised that the American Cemetery at Mesves, Department of Nièvre, is a temporary American cemetery and will be evacuated. The remains of soldiers interred therein whose relatives have requested permanent interment abroad will be transferred to a permanent American cemetery. There are at present about six hundred sixty-one (661) burials in this cemetery which have not yet been transferred to permanent cemeteries.

2. The nearest town to this cemetery is Pouilly-sur-Loire and has about twenty-five hundred inhabitants.

3. There are no photographs of this cemetery available in this office.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

DS  
BPM

MAILED

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

MAR 25 1922

CEMETERIAL DIV.  
O. Q. M. G.

X 293.8 Collier, Sara R. Mrs.

City - 86-

SARA R. COLLER  
500 WEST 175TH STREET  
NEW YORK

apt-

March 20 22

Recorded  
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Alms

STAFF COUNCIL

No. Encl. .... Prev. Corr. ....

RECD. N IAR 21 1922

American Red Cross  
Washington DC

Messrs

Can you give me any information about  
the American Army Cemetery # 86 Dept-Arives  
France? Do it- to be a permanent- Cemetery?  
what- is the nearest- station to it- and what- size  
is it? Are there any pictures of it?

Hoping to hear from you soon I am

Respectfully yours

Mrs Sara R Coller



BARBARA R. COOPER  
500 WEST 174 STREET  
NEW YORK

SHIRT COUNCIL

PO BOX 10000

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Barbara R. Cooper

Washington DC

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I am glad you are...  
the Council...  
Barbara R. Cooper  
what is the...  
is it...  
Hoping to see you soon I am

Barbara R. Cooper

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Miss Minogue:

Nearest town of any size seems to be

Pouilly-sur-Loire, a town of about  
2500 inhabitants. not a permanent City.

Cemetery has about 661 burials  
which have not<sub>4</sub> been evacuated  
to City - 1233. C.H.

Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. Q. M. G.  
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November 29, 1921.

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

Mrs. Sara R. Cöller, 500 West 175th St., New York City, N.Y.

Location of Mesves.

1. In reply to your letter of November 21st, you are advised that Mesves, Department of Nievre is located northwest of Nevers on the Loire River and is south of Cosne which is also on the Loire River and northeast of Bourges. Should you have an opportunity to secure the French Map Bourges (map #18 - 1/320,000 scale), you will be able to locate Mesves with the following coordinations: 47 degrees and 48 seconds north and 45 degrees east from zero degree.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:

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BPM ✓

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

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CEMETERIAL DIV.  
O. Q. M. G.

X 293.8 Cöller, Sara R. Mrs.  
X 293.8 Cty. # 86 - Mesves -

Request - Mrs.

SARA R. COLLIER  
500 WEST 175TH STREET  
NEW YORK

Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. O. M. G.  
File # 2938

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War Dept-  
Graves Registration Service

Dear Sirs

Could you kindly let me know where  
the American Army Cemetery # 86<sup>in France</sup> is located?  
I understand it is at Meves Dept-Nivern  
or Saine et Loire. I have tried for  
several months 1 1/2 yrs to find out where  
Meves is located but have been unable to  
do so. Could you give me some light  
on the subject - & if possible let me know  
how the cemetery is reached.

Respectfully yours

Mrs Sara R Collier

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200 WEST 104TH STREET  
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2. mi. west of Texas  
on Coire River

South of Coire to

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It is west of Bourges

1" <sup>1/2</sup> scale  
320,000

Bourges - (Map B)

Coordinates are

47°-48' north -

45'-E - from 0° - Zero degree

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July 31, 1920.

No: 293.8-Cem.#93775-(Coller,Howard,Pvt.)  
From: The Quartermaster General,U.S.Army,(Cemeterial Division)  
To: Mrs.S.E.Coller, 500 W. 175th St.,Apt.20, New York.  
Subject: Concerning location of grave.

FILE

1. In reply to your letter of July 7, 1920, addressed to The American Red Cross, and referred to this office, you are advised that the remains of your son, Pvt.Howard Coller, are buried in Grave 68, American Cemetery, Nesves, Department of the Nievre.

2. The present grave markers over the graves of our heroic soldier dead are only temporary, pending the adoption of a more permanent artistic design, to be substituted in the future. The National Fine Arts Commission has the matter under consideration and as yet nothing definite has been effected.

3. The records of this office fail to show what the wishes are of the father of this soldier,as to the final disposition of his remains.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

By:

LN

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

HW

mail  
JUL 31 1920

U.S. ARMY

G. R. S. Form #124  
Disposition Status -  
OFFICE MEMORANDUM. -

REGISTRATION SECTION  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION

File No. ....

OSPSS Ref. No. 86

Follow-up No. 3862

To: Inquiry Section.

From: Overseas Project Sub-Section.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION on Cemetery No. 86 (furnished by: HCH) (date 7/24/20)

Data sent Overseas none

Operations to commence (approx.)

Operations to be completed (approx.)

Bodies shipped from European Port

Bodies arrived at Hoboken

II. CASE OF Coller, Howard - Pvt. 16th Amb. Co. 1922, 3257

The following information was abstracted (Date) 7-24-20 from: Files

| SOURCE                            | CLK.       | in OFFICE  | Clk. | in OFFICE |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|------|-----------|
| A. G. O. Cards                    | <u>HCH</u> | <u>Yes</u> |      |           |
| A.G.O. Corresp.                   |            |            |      |           |
| G.R.S. Corresp. relative to disp. |            |            |      |           |

DESIRES as to Disposition.

a so card.

| Name of Relative             | RETURN |           | REMAIN | SPECIAL |
|------------------------------|--------|-----------|--------|---------|
|                              | N. C.  | Pvt. Int. |        |         |
| Widow                        |        |           |        |         |
| Children (Name oldest first) |        |           |        |         |
| Father <u>Oscar Coller,</u>  |        |           |        |         |
| Mother <u>300 W. 175 St.</u> |        |           |        |         |
| Brothers <u>N.Y.C.</u>       |        |           |        |         |
| Sisters                      |        |           |        |         |

**REVIEWED  
OSP SS.**

HCH 6/24/20

Body to be shipped to

was shipped (Date)

REMARKS Chg 86 7,000 120 Dispatched

BRB 7/21-20

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

Date 7-20-30

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME *Coller*

Serial Number

RANK

ORGANIZATION

| NO. | QUESTION  | REPLY  |
|-----|---|--|
| 1.  | Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?  | (1) Coller, Howard   |
| 2.  | Date of Death.  | Put. 16th Amb. Co<br>Serial # 1922325  |
| 3.  | Cause and place of death.   | 2) 1-30-19<br>3) Exhaustion following<br>Gunshot wounds  |
| 4.  | Number of Casualty Cablegram.   | 4) 450   |
| 5.  | Date buried.  | 5) 2-2-19  |
| 6.  | Grave Location.<br>(a) Complete record required<br>(b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.<br>(c) Note reinterments. | 6) Grave # 681 corner<br>City # 86 Messey, Nièvre ✓  |
| 7.  | Who reported burial?  |  |
| 8.  | Confirmed by G.R.S.?  |  |
| 9.  | Report as to Grave Marker.  |  |
| 10. | Identification Tags:<br>(a) Buried with body?<br>(b) Attached to grave marker?  | 10) a) yes<br>b) yes   |
| 11. | Complete Emergency Address?   | (Father)   |
| 12. | Has been notified?<br>(Give date)   | (11) Oscar Coller<br>238 Audubon Ave.<br>New York, N.Y.<br>12) 5-18-30 7-113                   |
| 13. | Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case.<br>(Reply in all cases if no information on record)                 | (14) A-5681  |
| 14. | What is the Photograph No.?   | Released by Information Control<br>Dept. <i>M.E.</i>   |
| 15. | Inquiry made by?  | .....Directory<br>.....Cards 5x8<br>.....X Cards 4x6<br><i>B.P.S.</i><br><i>not in Romange</i> |

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

*ly. Verified photos*

*93775*

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

Date

*9/23/19*

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME *Coller, Howard*

Serial Number *1922,325*

RANK *Private*

ORGANIZATION *Med. Det. - 16<sup>th</sup> Amb. Corps*

| NO. | QUESTION   | REPLY   |
|-----|--|---|
| 1.  | Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?  | (1) <i>yes</i>  |
| 2.  | Date of Death.   | <i>date of death 1-30-19</i>  |
| 3.  | Cause and place of death.  | <i>Exhaustion following gunshot wounds</i>  |
| 4.  | Number of Casualty Cablegram.  | <i>Buried 2-2-19</i>  |
| 5.  | Date buried.   |   |
| 6.  | Grave Location.<br>(a) Complete record required.<br>(b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.<br>(c) Note reinterments.   | (6) <i>Grave # 681 - Cnty; # 86</i><br><i>Amer. Cem.</i><br><i>Mesves, Kevre</i>                              |
| 7.  | Who reported burial?   |   |
| 8.  | Confirmed by G.R.S.?   |   |
| 9.  | Report as to Grave Marker.   |   |
| 10. | Identification Tags:<br>(a) Buried with body?<br>(b) Attached to grave marker?   | (11) <i>(Father)</i><br><i>Oscar Coller,</i><br><i># 228 - Audobon Ave.,</i><br><i>N.Y.C.,</i><br><i>N.Y.</i> |
| 11. | Complete Emergency Address?  |   |
| 12. | Has above been notified?<br>(Give date)  |   |
| 13. | Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case.<br>(Reply in all cases if no information on record)  |   |
| 14. | What is the Photograph No.?  | (12) <i>2-24-19</i>   |
| 15. | Inquiry made by?<br><i>Major B. H. Furscheim 2 M.C.</i><br><i>Franklin Simon &amp; Co.</i><br><i>5<sup>th</sup> Ave. + 38<sup>th</sup> St.</i><br><i>N.Y.C. N.Y.</i> | <i>16.</i>  |

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

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500 West-175th St.

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The American Red Cross

Washington D.C.

Messrs.

Would it be possible <sup>for me</sup> to  
get a photograph of the American  
Cemetery at Mesves - Dept. Nievre?

where my dear son is laid to  
rest? I expected one when I

received the photograph of his  
grave - # 681. Also could

you tell me where Mesves is?

I cannot find it on the map  
& no one seems to be able to tell  
me where it is.

Also I see from the photograph of  
his grave - that-it-is marked  
by a wooden cross. Would it  
be possible for me to furnish  
something more lasting - something  
in stone? Is one allowed to do  
this? Hoping to hear from  
you soon I am

Respectfully yours  
Mrs. S. R. Collier

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CENETERIAL

Div. 4, B. C.



JUL 12 1920  
D. H. S.

Address reply to  
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE & STORAGE  
Munitions Building

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE  
WASHINGTON

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Sept. 25, 1919.

293.3 (Coller, Howard, Pvt.) GRS.

Graves Registration Service.

Major B. H. Flurscheim, C/o Franklin Simon & Co., Fifth Ave,  
37th & 38th Sts., New York, N. Y.

Photograph of Grave--Grave Location.

1. Replying to your letter of Sept. 22nd, 1919, the records of this office show that Private Howard Coller, Serial No. 1922325, Medical Detachment, 16th Amb. Corps, died January 30, 1919 from exhaustion following gunshot wounds, and was buried in the American Cemetery at Mesves, Department of Nièvre, Grave 681, Cemetery #86.

2. Your request for photograph has been forwarded to the Photographic Section of the Red Cross attached to this office.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

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BY:  
CHARLES J. WYNN,  
Captain, Q.M.G.,  
Graves Registration Service.

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G.R.S. #106  
DISPOSITION OF BODY

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

For information of:

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

Case of:

Private Howard Collier  
Ser No. 1922325  
Med. Detach. 16th Amb. Corps.

Grave Location:

Grave #681, Cemty #86  
Amer Cemetery Mesves, Nievre

Request for action checked below:

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

has been made by:

Major B. H. Flurscheim  
Franklin Simon & Co.  
Fifth Ave., 37th & 38th Sts.  
New York, N. Y.  
for sister of deceased.

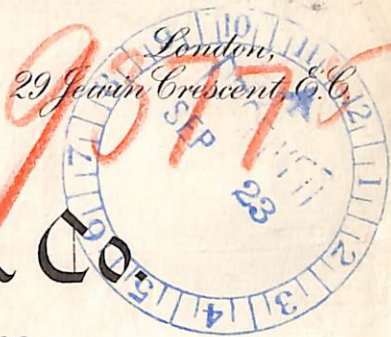
By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.  
Chief, Graves Registration Service.  
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Paris,  
4 Rue Martel.



Telephone, 6900-Greeley.



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*A Store of Individual Shops*

Fifth Avenue, 37<sup>th</sup> and 38<sup>th</sup> Sts.,

*New York,*

September 22nd, 1919.

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photo.  
verify  
grave  
location*

Colonel Pierce,  
Graves Registration,  
Munitions Building,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Colonel:

Once more I am going to ask a  
favor of you.

One of our employees is very  
anxious to secure a photo of the grave  
of her brother, Private Howard Collier,  
#1922325, Medical Detachment, 16 Ambu-  
lance Corps, buried at American Cemetery  
at Mesves, Nievre, in cemetery 86, grave  
681.

I would greatly appreciate  
if you could help me in this matter.

With kindest regards and  
renewed thanks,

Very sincerely yours,

Major B. H. Flurschein, Q. M. C.





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Graves Registration Service,  
War Department,  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Please find enclosed a letter received from Mrs. S. R. Collier, 500 West 175th St., New York City, asking for a photograph of the cemetery at Mesves, Department of Nièvre, and also asking for information regarding a permanent marker and the location of Mesves.

This office has written Mrs. Collier that photographs of cemeteries are not available and it is suggested that your office furnish the other information asked for.

Very sincerely yours,

Walter J. Kerwin, Director,  
Bureau of Communication,  
American Red Cross.

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Tours, April 21, 1919.

Adjutant General,  
G. H. Q.,  
Attention Lt. Netter.

HOWARD

Re telephone request period Pvt Harold Collier 1922325 comma 16th Ambulance Co  
buried February 2nd 1919 in grave 381 American Cemetery Meves Dept Nievre period  
Pvt Lee E Vannoi 1633366 Machine Gun Co 30th Infantry buried October 18th in  
grave 47 American Cemetery Besune Cote d'Or period Information confirmed by  
Graves Registration Service.

OFFICIAL:

KNIGHT

C. M. NORRIS  
1st Lt., GNC, USA.  
ACL/wjn  
4:52 pm

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