

5957 1496

G.R.S. Form #114-B

FULL NAME COLLEY, Milford Raymond

RANK Pvt.

SERIAL 120189

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION 73rd Co., 6th Regt. Marines

2. Div

DATE OF DEATH 6-5-1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

Mo

AWARDS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION

Date 34 Grave 5 Row C Block

Use-Aisne American Cemetery # 608

Cemetery

Entered on list

*Frank*  
C O L L E Y, Milford S.

Pvt., Machine Gun Co. 6th Marines  
formerly 73d Co. 6th Marines.

Died between June 2nd and 10, 1918.  
Killed in action.

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	<i>Colley Milford</i>	3	<i>3 3 2</i>
	<i>Raymond</i>		
BURIED	CEMETERY <i>608</i>	1	<i>2</i>
	GRAVE <i>34</i>	2	<i>34</i>
	ROW <i>5</i>	2	<i>05</i>
	BLOCK <i>C</i>	1	<i>3</i>
STATE	<i>Missouri</i>	2	<i>29</i>
RANK	<i>Pvt.</i>	1	<i>4</i>
DIVISION	<i>2</i>	2	<i>02</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>6</i>	3	<i>006</i>
ARM	<i>Marines</i>	1	<i>X</i>
MARITAL	<i>Single</i>	1	<i>R</i>
NAME	<i>Colley, Clyde</i>	3	
	<i>H.</i>		
RESIDENCE	STATE <i>Missouri</i>	2	<i>29</i>
	COUNTY <i>Waynes</i>	2	<i>55</i>
	CITY <i>Waynesville, Mo</i>	3	<i>XX</i>
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER	<i>Actual dead</i>	1	<i>3</i>
ELIGIBILITY	<i>no loco</i> <i>(no SM)</i>	1	<i>6</i>
NATIVITY	<i>Dead</i>	1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

*But*

*RR*

**AUDITED**  
AUG 8 1932

*AB*

*RM*

29/514

QM 293 A-M  
Colley, Milford Raymond 608 B

July 19, 1950.

Mr. Clyde H. Colley,  
Waynesville, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date, together with the form letter recently forwarded you from this office.

The Act of March 2, 1929, provides only for pilgrimages to Europe by the mothers and widows of deceased service men and does not contain any provision whereby the privilege of making the pilgrimage may be transferred to a relative or friend in the event the mother or widow is deceased.

Your desire to visit the grave of your brother, the late Milford Raymond Colley, is appreciated but the War Department has no alternative other than to administer the law as approved by Congress.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

mf

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Colley, Milford Raymond - 608 B

July 8, 1930

Mr. Clyde H. Colley  
Waynesville, Mo.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

*The Deceased Mother  
is not living*

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

If so, give her name and address:

*No*

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

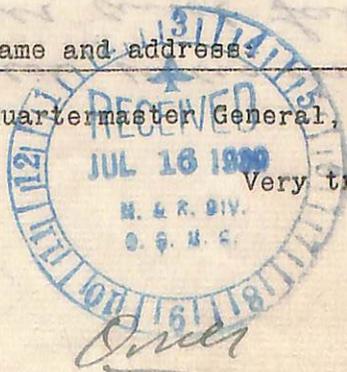
If so, give her name and address:

*No.*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment



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

*Don*



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Colley, Milford Raymond

June 24, 1929.

Mr. Charles H. Colley,  
Waynesville, Mo.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Private Milford Raymond Colley, 73rd Co., 6th Regt. Marines, whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

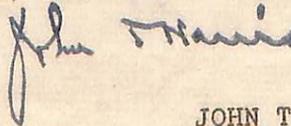
Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother or widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish the full names and addresses of the mother and widow in order that action may be taken to extend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

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

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

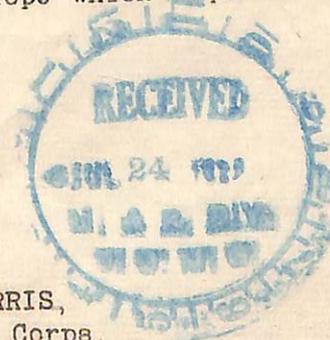
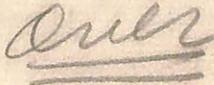
For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.





WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Colley, Milford Raymond

June 24, 1929.

Mr. Charles H. Colley,  
Waynesville, Mo.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Private Milford Raymond Colley, 73rd Co., 6th Regt. Marines, whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

QM 293 A-M  
Colley, Milford Raymond 608 B

July 19, 1930.

Mr. Clyde H. Colley,  
Waynesville, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date, together with the form letter recently forwarded you from this office.

The Act of March 2, 1929, provides only for pilgrimages to Europe by the mothers and widows of deceased service men and does not contain any provision whereby the privilege of making the pilgrimage may be transferred to a relative or friend in the event the mother or widow is deceased.

Your desire to visit the grave of your brother, the late Milford Raymond Colley, is appreciated but the War Department has no alternative other than to administer the law as approved by Congress.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Q. M. G. H. DIV.

1930 JUL 23 AM 10 13

DISPATCHED

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Colley, Milford Raymond - 608 B

July 8, 1930

Mr. Clyde H. Colley  
Waynesville, Mo.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

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

If so, give her name and address:

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

If so, give her name and address:

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Colley, Milford Raymond

June 24, 1929.

Mr. Charles H. Colley,  
Waynesville, Mo.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Private Milford Raymond Colley, 73rd Co., 6th Regt. Marines, whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

QM 293 A-C.

(Colley, Milford Raymond - Pvt.  
120189, 73rd Co., 6th Regt. Marines)

February 9, 1927

SUBJECT: Grave location.

To: The Major General Commandant, Headquarters U. S. Marine Corps,  
Washington, D.C.

1. Referring to letter from this office dated July 30, 1926,  
concerning the identification of the remains of the above named marine,  
you are advised that the body is now permanently interred in Grave 34,  
Row 5, Block C, Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, France.

For The Quartermaster General:

EKV

EDMOND R. TOMPKINS,  
Lt. Colonel, Q.M.C.,  
Assistant



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-C

February 9, 1927.

Colley, Milford Raymond - Pvv.  
73rd Co., 6th Regiment Marines.

Mr. Charles H. Colley,  
Waynesville, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires to invite your attention to the inclosed card which gives the permanent cemetery location of the soldier's grave in which you are interested.

This American overseas military cemetery is to be maintained by the United States for all time. The graves will be permanently marked by white headstones inscribed with the name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves, as soon as possible, and without necessity for special action or request on the part of relatives.

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

Very truly yours,

EDMOND R. TOMPKINS,  
Lt. Colonel, Q.M.C.  
Assistant.

EKV  
EKU  
W5

1 Incl. ✓  
Record card.



25/560/EYS

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE December 15th, 1926.

## 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 COLLEY, Milford Raymond

10. Name COOLEY M.R.

2. No. 120189

11. No. ---

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank --

4. Org. 73rd Co., 6th Regt. Marines

13. Org. --

5. D.D. ~~2006~~<sup>5</sup>/18

14. (a) D.D. ---

6. C.D. KIA.

(b) D.B. --

Isol. gr. in northern edge of #3 of Bois de Triangle,

800 meters W.S.W. of Bouresches, Commune Bouresches, Discrepancy found upon disinterment

Aisne, with remains of Pvt. Raymond H. Niesen,

Map G/T 1/20,000 E-176.160 N-260.575

7. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_

8. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_

16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_

9. \_\_\_\_\_

17. \_\_\_\_\_

No discrepancies.

18. Cemetery ---

19. Commune or town Bouresches

20. Dept. or County Aisne

21. Country France

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

23. Disinterred (Date) June 14th, 1926

By J.T. Richards, Investigator.

24. Inscription on grave marker: (No marker)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signature J.T. Richards  
J.T. RICHARDS  
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

## PREPARATION

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

Marksman pin inscribed - MILFORD R. COLLEY 1917. (forwarded)

27. Condition of body Flesh of body entirely disintegrated and skeleton disarticulated.

Buried in trench in OUIS uniform and French field shoes size

28. Nature of burial est. about 10. Upper half of body under the remains of Raymond H. NIESEN.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? Identification tag on body reads, "COOLEY M.R. 120189 29 APR 17", reverse, "U.S.M.C."

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date June 20, 1926 By J.T. Richards

31. Casket sealed by J.T. Richards

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

Signature J.T. Richards  
J.T. RICHARDS

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-33185

32. Designation of body:

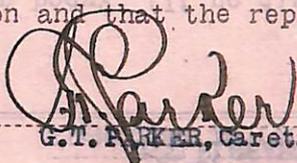
Name COLLEY, Milford Raymond Serial No. 120189  
Rank Pvt. Organization 73rd Co., 6th Regt. Marines

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne American Cemetery #608, Seringes-et-Nesles, (Aisne).

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) December 15th, 1926 By G.T. Parker

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   
G.T. PARKER, Caretaker.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date)

To point of Concentration (Name)  
Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery (Name)  
Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative in Oise-Aisne American Cemetery #608, Seringes-et-Nesles (Aisne), France

41. Reinterred December 15th, 1926. (Date)

42. Grave No. Thirty-four (34) Section

43. ~~11st~~ BLOCK 'C' Row Five (5)

G.R.S. Representative   
G.T. PARKER, Caretaker.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF COLLEY, Milford Raymond. SERIAL NUMBER 120189  
 RANK Private ORGANIZATION U.S. Co., 6th Marines.  
73rd Co., 6th Regt. Marines.

2. Disinterred (date) : June 14th, 1926 From (give complete location) : Isolated grave in northern edge of No. 3 of the Bois de Triangle, 800 meters W.S.W. of Bouresches, Commune of Bouresches, (Aisne), with remains of Pvt. Raymond H. Niesen. Map - Chateau-Thierry 1/20,000 E-176.160 N-260.575  
 By : Group J.T. RICHARDS Unit I. & R. Chateau-Thierry Soissons Sector

3. Reburied (date) : December 15, 1926 In (give complete location) :  
Mortuary Grave Thirty-four (34), Row Five (5), Block 'C', Oise-Aisne American Cemetery #608, Seringes-et-Nesles (Aisne). GRS casket, case, sheet &  
 By : Group G.T. Parker, Caretaker Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of Reburial blanket.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment : Buried in trench in ODUS uniform and field shoes, size --- Upper half of body under the remains of Raymond H. Niesen. Flesh of body entirely disintegrated and skeleton disarticulated. (French field shoes, size est. about 10).

5. (a) Identification tags : Buried with body ? Yes (1) On grave marker ? NO marker  
Tag reads- COOLEY M.R. 120189 29 APR 17 Reverse- U.S.M.C.  
 (b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :

Marksmen pin inscribed- MILFORD R. COLLEY 1917. (forwarded)

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Imp. to det.

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color None

Quantity do

Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color None

Location do

Quantity do

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

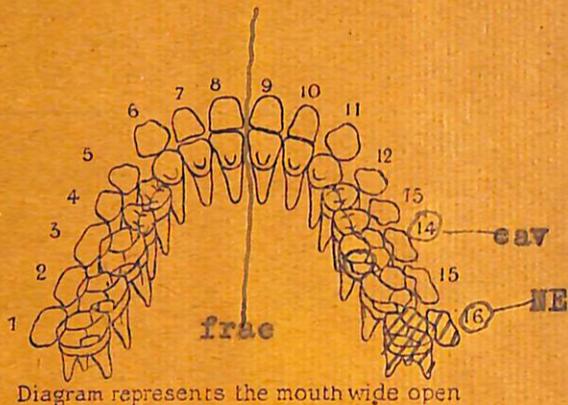
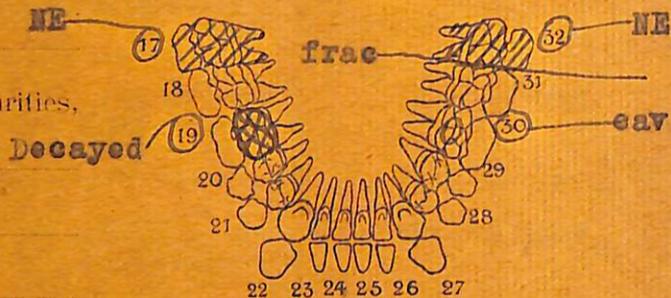


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



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

Skull shattered.

7. Disinterment supervised by

J. T. RICHARDS,  
Investigator.

Approved:

J. T. RICHARDS,  
 (Title) Investigator.

8. Reburial supervised by

G. T. PARKER,  
Caretaker.

Approved:

G. T. PARKER,  
 (Title) Caretaker.

## 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.

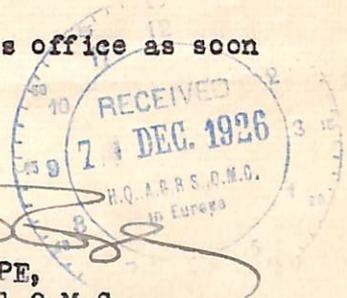
QM 293 A-C  
Colley, Milford R. 1st Ind.

War Dept., OQMG, Washington, D.C., November 22, 1926--To the Chief,  
American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.

1. Identification of the remains of the late Pvt. Milford Raymond Colley, 120189, 73rd Co. 6th Regt. Marines, is confirmed by this office. The body is to remain buried in France.

2. Concentration forms will be forwarded to this office as soon as final burial has been accomplished.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

*L.R.*  
  
F.H. POPE,  
Colonel, Q.M.C.,  
Assistant.

293 Colley, Milford Raymond. 2nd Ind.

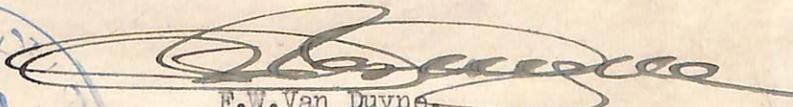
Hdqrs., A.G.R.S., Q.M.C., in E., 20 rue Molitor, Paris, France, Dec. 20, 1926. To: The Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington, D.C.

1. In compliance with above instructions, forwarded herewith are G.R.S. Forms 114-A, 16-A and 1-A covering permanent concentration of the remains of this late soldier in Grave 34, Block C, Row 5, Oise-Aisne American Cemetery.

3 Encls.

Forms 114-A, 16-A and 1-A. 7 1927

  
RECEIVED  
M. & R. DIV.,  
O. Q. M. G.

  
F.W. Van Dyne,  
Colonel, Q.M. Corps,  
Chief.

HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE Q.M.C. IN EUROPE  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE SERVICE.  
20 RUE MOLITOR

IN REPLYING  
PLEASE ADDRESS:  
CHIEF, AMERICAN GRAVES  
REGISTRATION SERVICE.

FILE NO. 293 Colley, Milford R.

PARIS, FRANCE.  
June 29, 1926.

Subject: Recovery of remains.

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

1. Forwarded herewith is G.R.S. Form 16-A for the remains of Pvt. Milford R. Colley, 120189, M.G.Co., 6th Marines, recovered by the Research personnel of this office.

2. These remains were found in a trench which also contained the remains of Pvt. Raymond H. Niesen, M.G.Co., 6th Marines, report on whose recovery is being made by separate communication.

3. Tag on body shows name as Cooley M.R., while C.R.O. card here reads Milford R. Colley. Correct name is requested.

4. No dental information can be located here on this casualty and it is requested that any on file in Washington be compared with that shown on the attached form.

5. The following personal effects found with the remains are forwarded herewith:

1 Marksman's pin inscribed "Milford R. Colley 1917".

6. These remains are being held in the Oise-Aisne mortuary pending receipt of advice from your office as to confirmation of identification and disposition.

2 Incls.  
Form 16-A.  
Envl. containing personal effects.

*W. O. Smith*  
Wm. O. Smith,  
Lieut. Col., Q.M. Corps,  
Chief.

JUL 13 1926



Q.Q.M.C.

293 - Colley, Milford R.

QM 293 A-C

Colley, Milford R.

1st Ind.

War Dept., OCMG, Washington, D.C., November 22, 1926--To the Chief,  
American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.

1. Identification of the remains of the late Pvt. Milford Raymond Colley, 120189, 73rd Co. 6th Regt. Marines, is confirmed by this office. The body is to remain buried in France.

2. Concentration forms will be forwarded to this office as soon as final burial has been accomplished.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

F.H. POPE,  
Colonel, Q.M.C.,  
Assistant.

*as for*  
**EKV**  
*Ku 10/22*

Noted by Statistical Clerk.

Date

*11-22-26*



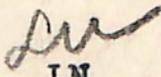
*Basis June 29*

COLLEY, Milford Raymond Pvt.  
73rd Co. 6th Regt. Marines.

Let. July 30th, 1926 to the Marine Corps advising of the identification of the body of Pvt. Colley and another Marine. Requesting that the father of Colley be communicated with and advised of the identification and whether he still desires body returned to U.S. for final burial.

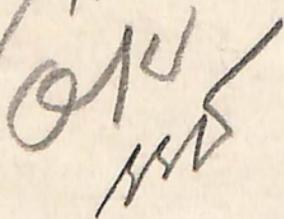
This action was taken by the Marine Corps, per verbal report of Sgt. Ramberg of the M.C. No reply was received from father. Sgt. Ramberg also reports that one follow-up letter was sent and to date no reply has been received from father.

In view of time that has elapsed, it is recommended that Europe be advised of the identification of the body of Pvt. Colley (which is now in a mortuary) and that it will be permanently buried in France.

  
LN

Nov. 22/26

11-22-26



QM 293 A-C

Colley, Milford Raymond Pvt.

July 30, 1926.

SUBJECT: Identification and Disposition.

TO: The Major General Commandant,  
Headquarters U. S. Marine Corps,  
Washington, D. C.

1. You are informed that the following named bodies were recovered from an isolated grave in the northern edge No. 3 of the Bois de Triangle, 800 meters W.S.W. of Boursches, Commune of Boursches, Aisne; coordinates E-176.16, N-260.575:

Pvt. Milford Raymond Colley, 120189, 73rd Co. 6th Regt. Marines,  
Pvt. Raymond Henry Nissen, 120238, " " " " "

2. On the remains of Pvt. Colley there were found his identification tag and marksman's pin with the name engraved thereon. There were no tags or effects other than a small crucifix, rosary beads and some pieces of French money, found on the remains of Pvt. Nissen. The crucifix and rosary beads will be left on the body of Pvt. Nissen, and the pin and money will be transmitted to the next of kin in each case, by the General Accounting Office, Claims Division, Washington, D. C.

3. Although no positive means of identification was found with the remains of Pvt. Nissen, the fact that this man was reported buried with Pvt. Colley, by the Chaplain, serves to establish identification. These two marines were reported buried in a clump of trees 1 1/2 kilometers due south of the village church of Lucy-le-Bocage; however, their bodies were actually found about the same distance due east of Lucy-le-Bocage.

4. Both bodies are held in the mortuary in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Department of Aisne, France, pending receipt of disposition advice from this office. The European Office has this day been directed to permanently bury the body of Pvt. Nissen in Europe, in accordance with the wishes of the father. Reference in this connection is made to letter from your office dated December 19, 1921, (File 84262, AC-63-mve. Letter from your office dated November 22, 1921, File 84180, AC-63-mve, states that the father of Pvt. Colley desires the body returned to the United States for final burial in the Arlington National Cemetery, Va.

5. It is requested that you advise the relatives of the recovery of these bodies and ascertain whether the father of Pvt. Colley still desires the body of his son returned to the United States for final burial, or permanently buried in

QM 293 A-C

Colley, Milford Raymond Pvt.

"Letter July 30/26 to Marine Corps, cont'd".

the beautiful Oss-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Department of Aisne, France, with those of other heroes of the World War.

6. Early report as to the final disposition of the body of Pvt. Colley is desired. The next of kin of Pvt. Nielsen will be advised of the permanent grave location in the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery at Bellefleur Wood, Department of Aisne, France, (in which cemetery the father requested in March, 1926, that the body be permanently interred), as soon as this information is received from Europe.

For The Quartermaster General:

F. B. POPE,  
Colonel, Q.M.C.,  
Assistant.

EKV

*Handwritten initials and scribbles:*  
EKV  
LWS  
WV

*note:-  
a copy of this letter  
has been filed with  
Raymond I. Nielsen.  
LWS*

*Large handwritten number 2 inside an oval.*

*Stamp:*  
MAILED  
JUL 30 1926  
MARINE CORPS  
HEADQUARTERS  
WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-C

Colley, Milford Raymond Pvt.

July 30, 1926.

General Accounting Office,  
Claims Division,  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

The Quartermaster General desires that the inclosed personal effects found on the remains of the late Pvt. Milford Raymond Colley, 120189, 73rd Co., 6th Regiment Marines, be transmitted to the father, Mr. Charles H. Colley, Waynesville, Mo.

The body of this soldier was recovered, June 14th, 1926 from an isolated grave in the northern edge No. 3 of the Bois de Triangle, 800 meters W.S.W. of Bouresches, Commune of Bouresches, Aisne; coordinates E-178.16, N-260.575.

Kindly furnish this office a copy of the letter of transmittal.

Very truly yours,

F. H. POPE,  
Colonel, Q.M.C.,  
Assistant.

1 incl.  
envelope containing pin.

EXV

EXV

Lu

MAILED  
JUL 30 1926  
HARRISBURG

July 28, 1926

Case of

✓ Pvt. Milford Raymond COLLEY- 120189- 73rd Co. 6th Regt. Mar.  
Pvt. Raymond Henry Niesen 120238 73rd Co. 6th Regt. Mar.

Action requested.

Request letter to Commandant U.S. Marine Corps. Washington, D.C. advising of the recovery June 14, 1926 from isolated grave in northern edge No. 3 of the Bois de Triangle, 800 meters W.S.W. of Bouresches, in Comm. of Bouresches, Aisne, coord. E 176.16--N260.575 Bodies in Mortuary of Oise-Aisne American Cty. 608, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne.

Pvt. Milford Raymond COLLEY- 120189- 73rd Co. 6th Regt. U.S. Marines, upper half of body under lower half of the body of Pvt. Raymond Henry Niesen- 120238- 73rd Company 6th Regt. U.S. Marines.

On remains of Pvt. Colley were found his identification tag and marksman's pin with the name engraved thereon, this pin is being forwarded to the Claims section of the General Acc't'g office for transmittal to the nearest of kin.

There was no tag or effects other than a large and small crucifix and rosary beads found on the remains of Pvt. Niesen, however as these two ~~soldiers~~ Marines are reported to have been buried in the same grave, and identification of Pvt. Colley was certain, it is thought to be safe in assuming this to be that of Pvt. Niesen. There was however some pieces of French money on remains which are being forwarded for transmittal thru the Claims section to N<sup>3</sup>K. The chaplain reported the burial of these two Marines " 1½ kilo due south of village charge of Lucy-le-Bocage in small clump of wlds, however these two marines were actually found about the same distance due EAST of Lucy-le Bocage.

Records show request for return of remains of Pvt. Colley and interment in Arlington Nat. Cty, therefore it is requested that information be obtained as to whether this is still the desire of the nearest of kin .

Records show request for interment in Cty 1764 of remains of Pvt. Niesen, therefore Europe has been advised of this desire, upon receipt of this advice from Europe, the nearest of kin of this Marine will be so advised, therefore it is requested that such advise be forwarded to the nearest of kin of Pvt. Niesen.

*E. Kensett Vail*  
E. Kensett Vail  
Investigator.

July 28, 1926

Case of

Pvt. Milford Raymond Colley- 120189- 73rd Co. 6th Marines KIA 6/5/18

Action requested ,

Request letter to Claims section, General Accounting Office, room 309 Pension Building, Washington, D.C. enclosing therein envelope containing marksman's pin of Pvt. Milford Raymond Colley, 120189- 73rd Company 6th Regt. U.S. Marine Corps, which on remain when recovered June 14, 1926 from ~~marked~~ isolated grave in northern edge of No. 3 of the Bois de Triangle, 800 meters W.S.W. of Bouresches, Commune of Bouresches, Aisne.. coor. 176.16-East 260.575 North. with request that same be forwarded to the nearest of kin of this Marine father-- Charles H. Colley- Waynesville, Missouri.

*E. Kensett Vail*  
E. Kensett Vail  
Investigator.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA.

I. Location Index Card

(a) Name COLLEY, Milford Raymond Ser. No. 120189  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization 73rd Co., 6th Regt. Marines  
 (c) Date of Death -6-5-1918 (d) Cause of Death K/A

II. Registration Card

MORGUE CEMETERY # 608  
 (a) Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_ Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_ Block \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) Emerg. Address Charles H Colley (Father) Waynesville, Mo.

III. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

(a) Name Charles H Colley (b) Father  
 (c) Address Waynesville, Missouri  
 (d) Remains to be brought to U.S.? yes  
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U.S. at \_\_\_\_\_  
Request return of remains for interment in Natl Ctry.  
 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival in U.S. none  
 (g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U.S. \_\_\_\_\_

IV. G.R.S. Files, Correspondence shows as follows

Form 840 Father Charles H Colley,  
Waynesville, Missouri request  
body be returned to National Cemetery  
Arlington, Va.

Examiner's Initials 342 Date 7/29/26

COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_ Cemetery No. MORGUE CEMETERY 608 Sheet No. 3969

V. Final Action:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by letter on -----

-----

-----

VI.

REMARKS

-----

-----

-----

-----

-----

-----

-----

-----

-----

-----

-----

-----

-----

-----

-----

-----

-----

-----

-----

-----

-----

-----

-----

-----

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA.

I. Location Index Card

(a) Name COLLEY, Milford Raymond Ser.No. 120189  
(b) Rank Pvt Organization 73rd Co., 6th Regt. Marines TYP.  
(c) Date of Death 6-5-1918 (d) Cause of Death K/A CKR

II. Registration Card

(a) Grave No. MORGUE CEMETERY # 608 Row Plot Sec. Block  
(b) Emerg. Address Charles H. Colley (Father) Waynesville, Mo

III. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

(a) Name Charles H. Colley (b) Father  
(c) Address Waynesville, Missouri  
(d) Remains to be brought to U.S.? yes  
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U.S. at Requests return of remains for interment in National Cemetery  
(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival in U.S.  
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U.S.

IV. G.R.S. Files, Correspondence shows as follows

Form 840 Father Charles H. Colley  
Waynesville, Missouri request  
body be returned to National Cemetery  
Arlington, Va.

Examiner's Initials 84B Date 7/29/26

COUNTRY Cemetery No. MORGUE CEMETERY 608 Sheet No. 3969

V. Final Action:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by letter on -----

-----

-----

-----

VI.

REMARKS

-----

-----

-----

-----

-----

-----

-----

-----

-----

-----

-----

-----

-----

-----

-----

-----

-----

-----

-----

-----

-----

-----

-----

-----

CASE OF COLLEY: MILFORD RAYMOND- 120189- 73rd Co. 6th Marines. KIA 606-18  
Isolated grave in Northern edge of #3 of the Bois de Triangle, 800 meters W.S.W.  
GRAVE of Bouresches, Cname. Bouresches, Aiene. E176.16 N260.575 Body held in Morgue  
Cty 608 .

DECISION That remains recovered 6/14/26 from above isol. grave **ARE THOSE**-of Pvt.  
Milford R. Colley- 120189- 73rd Co. 6th Marines.

DENTAL CHARTS AND PHYSICAL DESCRIPTIONS

CAMP	LOCAL BOARD	FROM RELATIVES	OF BODY	
No dental				A.D.
<del>chart</del>		No dental work	cav. 14;30 dec. 19	
available		No frac. hones	N.E. 16.17;32	
in		( repl. to our letter of 12/1/20 for dental inf.)	fracture bet. 8 & 9 " " 31 & 32.	
BM & S files				
HEIGHT	5' 9"		Impossible to determine	
WEIGHT	134 lbs		Impossible to determine	
HAIR	Dk. Brown.		NONE	
SHOE SIZE				

REMARKS Born March 6, 1899 at Waynesville, Mo.  
Enlisted April 29, 1917 at Parris Island, S.C.  
Age at time killed,, 19 yrs. 3 months.

IDENTIFICATION TAGS

Found on Body

Found on Marker

YES -- " COOLEY. M.R. 120189 29 APR. 17  
Reverse U.S.M.C. "

No marker.

OTHER IDENTIFYING MARKS

Buried in trench in ODUS uniform and field shoes size-- upper half of body under the  
remains of Raymond H. Niesen. ( French field shoes size est about 10). Skull shattered.

Marksman pin inscribed --MILFORD R. COLLEY 1917 "

ORIGINAL BURIAL DATA

Original burial of body  
Original burial of man Gr #2, Lucy-le Bocage, France 1 1/2 kilo due south of the village  
church of Lucy-le-Bocage in small clump of woods.  
E. Kensett Vail

Investigator

Concur: *G. Scott*

APPROVED: 7-26-26

*E. Davis*  
Officer in Charge.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

GLB... ..Buried June 8, 1918, 1 1/2 Kilo. due south of the village church of Lucy le Bocage, Aisne in small clump of woods. Grave #2, tag on body, none on G.M. signed H.A.Darch, haplain U.S.N.  
R.C.S. report not located.

Chaplain Marxh, U.S.N. reports the burial on June 8, 1918 1 1/2 kilo. due south of the village church of Lucy-le-Bocage in small clump of woods.....

- #1 Raymond H. Niesen- 120238- Pvt 73rd Co. 6th Marines Tag on body
- #2 Milford R. Colley- 120189- Pvt. 73rd Co. 6th "arin s Tag on body.  
( both GLB. list no tag on G.M.)

Disposition card and 840 show request for return of body and burial in Arlington Nat. Cty.

*EKV*  
E. Kensett Vail

Investigator.

GLB. lists burial as due south of village church of Lucy le-Bocage, whereas remains were actually recovered about the same distance east of Lucy-le Bacage. ( information in letter on case of Raymond H. Niessen)

Oise-Aisne American Cemetery  
Seringes-et-Nesles, (Aisne).

Place  
Date June 20th, 1926.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF **COLLEY, Milford R.,** SERIAL NUMBER **120189**  
RANK **Private** ORGANIZATION **M.G. Co., 6th Marines.**

2. Disinterred (date): **June 14th, 1926** From (give complete location): **Isolated grave in northern edge of No. 3 of the Bois de Triangle, 800 meters W.S.W. of Bouresches, Commune of Bouresches, (Aisne), with remains of Pvt. Raymond H. Niesen. Map - Chateau-Thierry 1/20,000 E-176.160 N-260.575**  
By: Group **J.T.RICHARDS** Unit **I. & R. Chateau-Thierry Soissons Sector**

3. Reburied (date): \_\_\_\_\_ In (give complete location): \_\_\_\_\_  
**Mortuary**  
By: Group \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of Reburial \_\_\_\_\_

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: **Buried in trench in ODUS uniform and field shoes, size --- Upper half of body under the remains of Raymond H. Niesen. Flesh of body entirely disintegrated and skeleton disarticulated. (French field shoes, size est. about 10).**

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? **Yes (1)** On grave marker? **No marker**  
Tag reads- **COOLEY M.R. 120189 29 APL 17 Reverse- U.S.M.C.**  
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:

**Marksman pin inscribed- MILFORD R. COLLEY 1917. (forwarded)**

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) **Imp. to det.**

(b) Weight (estimated) **do**

(c) Hair—Color **None**

Quantity **do**

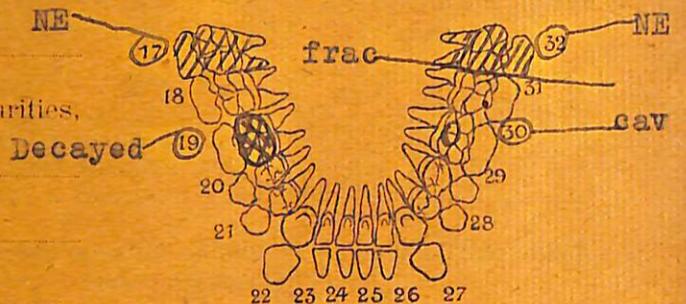
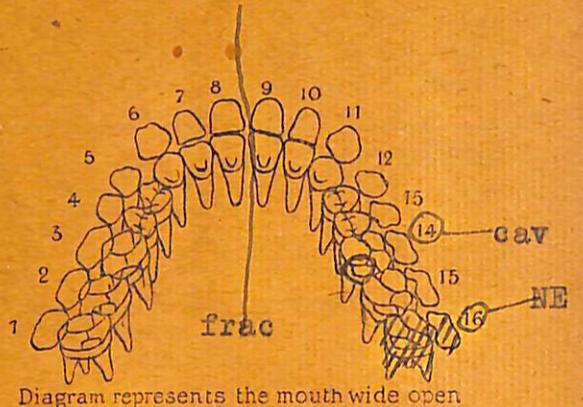
Characteristics **do**

(d) Hair on face—Color **None**

Location **do**

Quantity **do**

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



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty)  
**Skull shattered.**

**D 22250**

7. Disinterment supervised by \_\_\_\_\_ Approved: **J. T. RICHARDS, Investigator.**  
*J. T. Richards*  
(Title) **Investigator.**

8. Reburial supervised by \_\_\_\_\_ Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Title) \_\_\_\_\_

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPER COMPLETION OF G. R. S. FROM 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.

293 Colley, Milford R.

June 29, 1926.

Subject: Recovery of remains.

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

1. Forwarded herewith is G.R.O. Form 16-1 for the remains of Pvt. Milford R. Colley, 120189, M.G.Co., 6th Marines, recovered by the Research personnel of this office.

2. These remains were found in a trench which also contained the remains of Pvt. Raymond L. Niesen, M.G.Co., 6th Marines, report on whose recovery is being made by separate communication.

3. Tag on body shows name as Cogley M.R., while G.R.O. card here reads Milford R. Colley. Correct name is requested.

4. No dental information can be located here on this casualty and it is requested that any on file in Washington be compared with that shown on the attached form.

5. The following personal effects found with the remains are forwarded herewith:

1 Markeman's pin inscribed "Milford R. Colley 1917".

6. These remains are being held in the Oise-Aisne mortuary pending receipt of advice from your office as to confirmation of identification and disposition.

2 Incls.  
Form 16-1.  
Envl. containing personal  
effects.

Wm. O. Smith,  
Lieut. Col., U. S. Corps,  
Chief.

Orig. to be held awaiting  
disposition adv. 7/29/26  
EKV.



223 Colley, Milford R.

June 29, 1932.

Subject: Recovery of remains.

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

1. Forwarded herewith in G.R.A. Form 16-1 for the remains of  
1st Lt. Milford R. Colley, 8th Marines, M.C. Co., 8th Marines, recovered by the  
Research Personnel of this office.

2. These remains were found in a trench which also contained  
the remains of 1st Lt. Raymond E. Hester, M.C. Co., 8th Marines, report on  
whose recovery is being made by separate communication.

3. Tag on box shows name as Colley M.R., while G.R.A. card  
here reads Milford R. Colley. Correct name is requested.

4. No dental information can be located here on this casualty  
and it is requested that any on file in Washington be compared with that  
shown on the attached form.

5. The following personal effects found with the remains are  
forwarded herewith:

1 Markman's pin inscribed "Milford R. Colley 1914".

6. These remains are being held in the Oso-Alamo mortuary pending  
the receipt of advice from your office as to continuation of identification  
and disposition.

Chief,  
List, Col... Corps,  
M.C. Co.

RECEIVED  
JUL 13 1932  
Research Personnel  
Munitions Building  
Washington, D.C.



*Copy to be held awaiting  
disposition etc. 7/1/32  
W.H.*

120189

COLLEY, MILFORD RAYMOND, PVT. 73RD CO.,  
6TH REG. MARINES.

DISPOSITION: REQUESTS RETURN OF REMAINS FOR  
INTERMENT IN A NATIONAL CEMETERY

NEXT OF KIN: CHARLES H. COLLEY,  
RELATION? FATHER.

ADDRESS: WAYNESVILLE, MO.

CTY: C-20

Memo

OUT-CHARGE SHEET

File No. 117

Rept

### GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Colley* <sup>120189</sup> *Mellord R.*  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)  
*Pvt* *13th Co. 6th Regt. U.S.M.C.*  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL *June 8th 1917*

PLACE OF BURIAL *Lucy & Bocage France*

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

*1 1/2 kilometers due south of the  
village church of Lucy & Bocage.  
Awn. in small clump of woods.*

GRAVE NUMBER *2*

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? *no*

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

**NOTED**

**Casualty Section, S. D.**

**Per** *M*

REPORTED BY: *6th Regt U.S.M.C.*

*H. A. Darche USN - Chaplain*

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

File No.

**OUT-CHARGE SHEET**

Date charged out

Charged to

Remarks:

**INSTRUCTIONS.**—If a document is taken from the files, charge it to the person to whom delivered. Make charge sheet in duplicate. Place one in record file and one in suspended file used for follow up on "charge out sheets."

**Q. M. C. Form 492.**  
Revised July 26, 1918.

3-6787

*Unconfirmed Case*

Place \_\_\_\_\_

**REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

1. REMAINS OF

*Colley, Milford Raymond*

SERIAL NUMBER *120189*

RANK

*Private*

ORGANIZATION

*73 Inf Co - 6th Regt, USMC*

2. Disinterred (date):

From (give complete location):

BORN: *March 8, 1899 at Waynesville, Mo.*

ENLISTED: *April 29, 1917 at Parris Island, S.C.*

By: Group \_\_\_\_\_

Unit \_\_\_\_\_

3. Reburied (date):

In (give complete location):

*K/a 6/1/18*

By: Group \_\_\_\_\_

Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of reburial \_\_\_\_\_

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

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? \_\_\_\_\_

On grave marker? \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:

*Body description at time of enlistment*

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) *69 inches*

(b) Weight (estimated) *134 pounds*

(c) Hair—Color *Dr. Brown*

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

Characteristics \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Hair on face—Color \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) *S. 1" cent. forehead;*

*S. 1" rt. cheek; P. m. upper left tibia, S. 1/2" lft. hand-dorsal, P. m. det. scapula.*

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

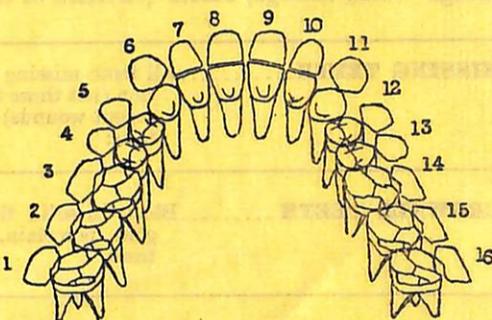
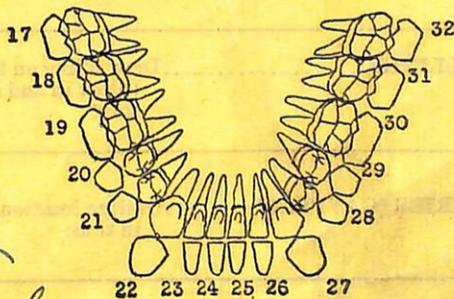


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



*no dental chart available in BMTS files.*

7. Disinterment supervised by \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

(Title) \_\_\_\_\_

8. Reburial supervised by \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

(Title) \_\_\_\_\_

*① Amme. Lucy LeBocage, Aisne - C-20 - Sht. 49-N.E. Goord, C.2 - 20-2268.  
② Buried 6-18-18 - Lucy Le Bocage, 1 1/2 kilo. due south of village church of Lucy. Aisne in clump of woods, grave #2 - name of \_\_\_\_\_*

*1940 BMTS files*

## 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), bicuspid (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."	(This section is empty in the diagram)

3-7832

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.

Dec. 9, 1921

293.8 C-R #4283-(Niessen, Raymond H. Pvt.)  
#4259-(Colley, Milford Raymond Pvt.)  
The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)

Mr. Jno. E. Reilly, c/o The Old Line Life Insurance  
Company of American, Milwaukee, Wis.

Unconfirmed grave location.

12/9/21  
a28

File

1. In reply to your letter of November 28, 1921, you are advised that the records of this office show only the unconfirmed grave locations of the late Private Raymond H. Niessen Machine Gun Company, 6th Marines and the late Private Milford Raymond Colley, 73rd Machine Gun Company, 6th Marines, viz: "Comsune Lucy-le-Bocage (Aisne)"; that is, the grave locations reported to this office by the burial officer. This report has not been confirmed by this office. The bodies buried in isolated graves, the original locations of which have been confirmed, have been removed to concentration cemeteries, but there is no record that these bodies have been located at the place at which they were reported to be buried nor is there any record of the bodies having been placed in a cemetery.

FILE

2. These cases are still under investigation and some time may yet elapse before definite information can be furnished; however, should favorable information be received, the legal next of kin in each case will be duly advised.

3. It is desired that you assure the relatives of the deceased that the length of time that will elapse while the investigation is conducted does not necessarily indicate that it may not finally be successful and also that nothing will be spared in our efforts to ascertain the grave locations of these soldiers.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:

MAILED

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

LN  
DA  
a28

DEC - 9 1921

CEMETERIAL DIV.  
O. O. M. G.

X 4283

The Old Line Life Insurance Company of  
America  
Milwaukee, Wis.

Captain Charles J. Wynne,  
c/o Quartermaster General  
Cemeterial Division  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Captain:

In re: 293.8 C-R #4283, Nieson, Raymond H. Pvt.

I desire to thank you very much for the contents of your communication of the 23rd instant, regarding the above matter. While I feel that your department is doing everything possible to locate the body of this young man, in order that I may feel satisfied that every clue has been run down I am taking the liberty of asking at this time whether or not you have any record of the whereabouts of the remains of Private Colley, who was killed at about the same time as young Nieson and who were both buried in the one grave. The thought occurred to me that if Colley's body was disinterred and moved to a temporary cemetery and since to a permanent cemetery, that Nieson must have been moved at the same time and very likely placed a long side of, or close to Colley.

If, of course, the whereabouts of Colley's body is also listed as "Unknown", it would indicate that very likely their first burying ground was torn up by subsequent shell-fire. If Colley can be traced through to his permanent resting place, there is the bear possibility that an "unknown" placed near him may be Nieson. The Marine Sargent in our local recruiting office informs me that he buried both boys in one grave and that Nieson was not at all disfigured, in that he was shot through the nostril and head by a sniper.

The Government has never advised the parents that the whereabouts of their boy is unknown, as I believe the information has never been asked for, and they have always labored under the impression that he is with the other boys in the Balleau Woods Cemetery.

If your files disclose any additional information regarding the point raised by me, an early reply will be appreciated by,

Yours very truly

Jno. F. Reilly.

**FILE**  
 CEMETERY DIVISION  
 REGISTRATION SECTION

November 28, 1921. ~~192~~

MEMO FOR:  
 Cards Department.

1.  
 CASE OF:

Co. M.G. 6th Marines  
 ORGANIZATION (Old)

COLLEY, 120189, Milford R. Pvt.  
 (Name)

Correction or additional data changes as shown below have been made on the Registration Card of the above-mentioned soldier and a corresponding change will be necessary on the Organization Card:

ORGANIZATION (New) 73rd (M.G. Co.), 6th Marines

	Date	Place	F-1A No.
FILE NO.			
SURNAME	Orig.		D-
SERIAL NUMBER	1st, Reb.		D-
FIRST NAME AND INITIALS <u>Milford Raymond</u>	2nd Reb.		D-
RANK	3rd Reb.		D-
DATE OF DEATH			
CAUSE OF DEATH			

(Note: In the above spaces below double line fill in ONLY the new date and data correcting previous information)

BY: M. K. McCarthy

Investigation and Adjustment  
 (Department)

5 x 8 card was sent to file.

Corrections made  
 on Organization  
 File Card:

By 13  
 S/3324/LML

**FILE**





# 4259

84180  
AC-63-mve

## Headquarters U. S. Marine Corps,

Washington, November 22, 1921.

FILE

From: The Major General Commandant.

To: The Chief, Cemeterial Division, Office of Quartermaster General of the Army.

Subject: A. E. F. dead: Confirmation or revision of G. R. S. record of disposition status.

Reference: Form No. 124, File No. 4259 dated 11-19-21  
Case of Milford Raymond COLLEY, Pvt. #120189  
73rd (M.G. Co.), 6th Marines.

1. It is requested that the remains of the above-named man be disposed of as follows:

DISPOSITION: To be returned to the U. S.

CONSIGNEE: Name: National Cemetery,  
Address: Arlington, Va.

NEXT OF KIN: Name: Charles H. Colley,  
Relationship: Father  
Address: Waynesville, Missouri.

REMARKS:

*Macker Babb*

MACKER BABB,  
Lt. Col., Asst. Adjutant & Inspector,  
U. S. Marine Corps.

By

*adj. myale*  
*11/24/21*  
*msk*

File No. 4259

Colley, Milford Raymond  
Pat., 720189, 73rd (Ins. Co.)  
6th Marines

F. 840 - 11/22/21

FILE

71511-11-28-21

adj. made  
11/29/21  
msk

4259

*Shu*  
WLC/mg.

File No. 461 - Cem.#1764.

16th Ind.

Hqrs., Area #2, American G.R.S., CHATEAU-THIERRY (Aisne), June 7, 1921. -  
To: Chief, A.G.R.S., QMC., in Europe, Paris.

1. Returned. Instructions contained in 15th indorsement, have been complied with.

RECORDED



*A.H. Barkley*  
A.H. BARKLEY,  
Major, Q.M.C.  
Supervisor.

4314

Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. O. M. G.  
File # 293.8  
4259

FILE

*Colley, Milford R.*  
*Hand, Hester*

293. Colley, Milford R.

17th Ind.

*CPA*  
HW/nwa.

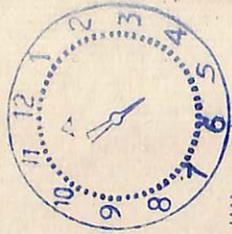
Hqrs., American G.R.S., QMC., in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris. June 13, 1921. To: Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, WASHINGTON, D.C.

1. Returned, inviting attention to preceding indorsement.

*H. P. Reithers*  
H. P. REITHERS  
Colonel, Q.M.C.  
Chief.



RECEIVED



JUL 2 1921  
G. H. S.

RECEIVED

Faint, mostly illegible text, possibly a header or address block.



RECORDED



FILE

RECEIVED  
JUL 2 1921  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

*[Handwritten signature]*

Faint text, possibly a date or reference number.

Faint text, possibly a footer or address.

FILE  
RECORDED

*[Handwritten numbers]*  
1324

14th Ind.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div. #4259(COLLEY, Milford Raymond)  
From: O.Q.M.G., Cemeterial Division, April 28, 1921. To: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe, 8 Avenue d' Iena, Paris, France.

1. Returned. The records of this office show Private Albert M. A. Raggio, 78th Company, 6 Marines, date of death June 25, 1918, to have been disinterred from Grave 91, American Battle Area Cemetery 551, Torcy, Aisne, and to have been reburied June 2, 1919, in Grave 8, Section A, Plot 1, American Cemetery 1764, Belleau, Aisne. This marine was formerly with Company M, 4th Replacement Battalion.

2. The records of this office also show Private Lionel H, Esslin, 121382, 79th Company, 6th Marines, date of death June 14, 1918, and to have been buried in Grave 21; American Battle Area Cemetery 578, Commune of Lucy-le-Bocage, Aisne. This soldier was previously reported as "Eculin".

3. No change has been made in the records of this office which show "Unknown American Soldiers" buried in graves listed in foregoing 10th indorsement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

RECORDED

*Thos. G. Hanson, Jr.*  
THOS. G. HANSON, JR.  
Captain, Q.M.C.



293. Colley, Milford R.

15th. Ind.

*HW/mm.*

Hqrs. American G.R.S., Q.M.C. in Europe, 8, Avenue d' Iena, PARIS. May 19th. 1921.  
To: Supervisor, Area #2, American G.R.S. CHATEAU THIERRY, (Aisne).

1. Forwarded for preparation of new aluminium strips, correction of the records of your Office, and change of inscription on cross in compliance with instructions contained in paragraph #1, preceding indorsement.

2. Reference paragraph #2 preceding indorsement, the records of this Office show :

ESSLIN, #121382, Lionel H. Pvt. 79th. Co. 6th. Marines.  
Grave #202, Sect. F. Plot #4, Cty. #1764.

and the records of your office, and the inscription on the cross will be corrected accordingly.

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

By direction :



*Edgar A. Fry*  
EDGAR A. FRY,  
Colonel, Infantry,  
Chief, Operations division.

1921

111-10338-1000 (COPIES) (MILITARY RECORDS)  
From: U.S. Army, Adjutant General's Office, 3 Avenue D, Paris, France  
Date: April 28, 1921

1. The records of this office also show graves of  
American soldiers who were killed in France during  
the World War. The records of this office also show  
graves of American soldiers who were killed in  
France during the World War. The records of this  
office also show graves of American soldiers who  
were killed in France during the World War.

2. The records of this office also show graves of  
American soldiers who were killed in France during  
the World War. The records of this office also  
show graves of American soldiers who were killed  
in France during the World War. The records of  
this office also show graves of American soldiers  
who were killed in France during the World War.

3. No change has been made in the records of this office which  
show "Unknown American Soldiers" buried in graves listed in foregoing  
report.

By authority of the Adjutant General.

ADK

RECORDED

1921  
111-10338-1000 (COPIES) (MILITARY RECORDS)  
From: U.S. Army, Adjutant General's Office, 3 Avenue D, Paris, France  
Date: April 28, 1921

1. The records of this office also show graves of  
American soldiers who were killed in France during  
the World War. The records of this office also  
show graves of American soldiers who were killed  
in France during the World War. The records of  
this office also show graves of American soldiers  
who were killed in France during the World War.

2. The records of this office also show graves of  
American soldiers who were killed in France during  
the World War. The records of this office also  
show graves of American soldiers who were killed  
in France during the World War. The records of  
this office also show graves of American soldiers  
who were killed in France during the World War.

3. The records of this office also show graves of  
American soldiers who were killed in France during  
the World War. The records of this office also  
show graves of American soldiers who were killed  
in France during the World War. The records of  
this office also show graves of American soldiers  
who were killed in France during the World War.

4. The records of this office also show graves of  
American soldiers who were killed in France during  
the World War. The records of this office also  
show graves of American soldiers who were killed  
in France during the World War. The records of  
this office also show graves of American soldiers  
who were killed in France during the World War.

Chief, Adjutant General's Office



293. COLLEY.M.R.

13th Ind.

*HW*  
HW/mms

Hqrs., A.G.R.S., Q.M.C. in E., 8 Ave. d'Iena, Paris, November 2, 1920.  
To: Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.

1. Returned, inviting attention to the 10th indorsement hereon.

*H.F. Rethers*

H.F. RETHERS,  
Colonel, Q.M.C.,  
Chief.

11 Encls.

File  
293-8  
Commerical Div, O & M, G.

RECEIVED



JUL 2 1921  
G. H. S.

RECEIVED



NOV 22 1920  
G. H. S.

It was p.

POSTER TRANSMISSION NOT ONE OF RECEIVED MAILING...  
To: ...  
... ..

NOV 22 1920

293. Colley, Milford R.

11th. Ind.

*HW/mm.*

Hqrs. American G.R.S., Q.M.C. in Europe, 8, Avenue d'Iena, PARIS. October 25th. 1920. - To: Supervisor, Area #2, American G.R.S. SOISSONS, (Aisne)

1. Returned for completion of G.R.S. Forms #16-A attached hereto. Attention is invited to instructions for the proper completion of G.R.S. Forms #16-A on the reverse side of these Forms.

2. It is very essential that sub-paragraph A.B.C.D.E. and F. paragraph #6 be accomplished, in so far as condition of body will permit. If condition of body is such that information requested in paragraph #6 cannot be given, notation to that effect should be made on the Forms.

3. When these Forms are completed return same by indorsement hereon.

By direction :

*Wm. J. Quatman*  
EDGAR A. FRY,  
Colonel, Infantry,  
Chief, Operations Division.

11 Incls.  
in duplicate. ✓

12th Ind.

*293 S 1920*  
Supervisor, Area #2. Soissons. Aisne. To: -Chief, Operations Division  
A.G.R.S. Q.M.C., in E, 8, Avenue d'Iena, Paris. October 29, 1920.

1. Returned. Instructions contained in preceding indorsement complied with.

JTR/ech.  
11 Incl. in duplicate.

*R. W. Drury*  
R. W. DRURY, Maj, Inf.,  
Supervisor, Area #2.



RECORDED

RECORDED

RECEIVED



JUL 2 1921  
G. H. S.

RECEIVED



JUL 22 1920  
G. H. S.

Faint, mostly illegible text, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side of the document.

IN PROGRESS  
IN PROGRESS

RECEIVED  
RECEIVED  
RECEIVED

Very faint, illegible text at the bottom of the page, possibly bleed-through or extremely faded print.



RECEIVED



NOV 22 1920  
G. H. S.

RECEIVED



JUL 2 1921  
G. H. S.

1-1-1

1-1-1

1-1-1

Faint, illegible text, possibly a header or address block.

Faint, illegible text, possibly a body paragraph.

Faint, illegible text.

Handwritten signature and illegible text.

Faint, illegible text, possibly a footer or closing.

Faint, illegible text, possibly a footer or closing.

Faint, illegible text, possibly a footer or closing.

10th Ind. (Contd.)

50-A-1.

Body decomposed. Buried in uniform wrapped in burlap in box. No tag or other means of identification found. Identified as a Marine from buttons on blouse.

3-D-1.

Body decomposed. Buried in uniform in box. No tags or other means of identification found. Identified as a Marine from buttons on blouse.

6-D-1.

Upon opening this grave nothing was found except part of skull and part of leg bone, with remnants of uniform wrapped in burlap.

19-D-1.

Body decomposed. Buried in uniform in box. No tags or other means of identification found. Lower jaw missing. Identified as Marine by buttons on blouse.

37-D-1.

Body decomposed. Buried in uniform in box. No tags or other means of identification found. Identified as Marine by buttons on blouse. Lower jaw missing.

38-G-1.

Body decomposed. Buried in uniform in box. No tag or other means of identification found. Corporal's chevrons (Marine) found in pocket of olive drab shirt; small silver pencil with Scotch emblem found. (Reburied with body). Lower jaw missing. Identified as a Marine by buttons on blouse.

2. Forms No.16-A, in duplicate, covering disinterments and reburials in above mentioned cases attached hereto.

11 Incls. in dup.  
with 10th Ind.

*R. W. Drury*  
R.W.DRURY,  
Major, Inf.

RECORDED



50-A-1.

Body decomposed. Buried in uniform wrapped in burials in box. No tag or other means of identification found. Identified as a Marine from buttons on blouse.

51-D-1.

Body decomposed. Buried in uniform in box. No tags or other means of identification found. Identified as a Marine from buttons on blouse.

52-D-1.

Upon opening this grave nothing was found except part of skull and part of leg bone, with remnants of uniform wrapped in burials.

53-D-1.

Body decomposed. Buried in uniform in box. No tags or other means of identification found. Lower jaw missing. Identified as Marine by buttons on blouse.

54-D-1.

Body decomposed. Buried in uniform in box. No tags or other means of identification found. Identified as Marine by buttons on blouse. Lower jaw missing.

55-D-1.

Body decomposed. Buried in uniform in box. No tag or other means of identification found. Corporal's chevrons (Marine) found in pocket of olive drab shirt; small silver pencil with boot emblem found. (Reburied with body). Lower jaw missing. Identified as a Marine by buttons on blouse.

3. Forms No. 16-A, in duplicate, covering disbursements and reimbursements in above mentioned cases attached hereto.

*G. H. S.*  
G. H. S.  
Major, Inf.

RECORDED  
RECEIVED  
11 India. Div.  
with 10th Ind. Div.

NOV 22 1921  
G. H. S.



JUL 2 1921  
G. H. S.



RECEIVED

8th Ind.

JTR/gh

Hqrs., Area No.2, American G.R.S., SOISSONS (Aisne). Sept. 27, 1920. - To: Chief, Operations Division, AGRS., QMC. in E., 8, Ave. d'Iena, PARIS.

1. Returned. A search of the records of this office shows the following: On original plot list containing 48 names covering plot #61--Myers, situated 300 meters from Lucy, on Lucy-le-Bocage road, co-ordinates map 49 N.E., 260.3 N. & 174.95 E., appears the name of ESSLIN, #121882, Lionel, Pvt., 6th Marines. This name is believed to be the one referred to in 6th indorsement hereon as ECULIN, Lionel. This man, with others in this plot, were concentrated into Cemetery No.1764, BELLEAU (Aisne), among them being one UNKNOWN Marine, at present buried in grave 110, section S, plot 3, Cemetery No.1764, BELLEAU (Aisne).

2. On original plot list containing 100 names covering plot #63--Myers (Cemetery No.551), situated on left of road between Lucy-le-Bocage and Torcy, Aisne, map co-ordinates 49 N.E., 262.4 N. & 174.8 E., appears the name of RAGGIO, Albert M.A., Pvt., Co. M, 4th Replacement Battalion; which name it is thought is the same as that referred to in 6th indorsement hereon as ROGGIO, Albert M.A. This man, with others in this plot, were concentrated into Cemetery No.1764, BELLEAU, Aisne, among them being three UNKNOWN Americans and eight UNKNOWN Marines, at present buried in the following graves:

Americans - 5-A-1 ✓	Unknown Marines - 25-A-1 ✓	3-D-1 ✓	38-G-1 ✓
9-A-1 ✓	36-A-1 ✓	6-D-1 ✓	
37-A-1 ✓	50-A-1 ✓	19-D-1 ✓	
		37-D-1 ✓	

3. The names of WARD, Horace; COLLEY, Milford R., and SAYLOR, Wm. H., do not appear on any of the lists covering this Area. It is, therefore, believed that they may be among the above mentioned UNKNOWNNS.

4. In view of the above, is it desired that the bodies contained in these graves be exhumed in an effort to identify COLLEY, Milford R., and other men mentioned in 6th indorsement hereon?

JTR/gh

RECORDED



*R. W. Drury*  
R.W.DRURY,  
Major, Inf.

RECEIVED



NOV 23 1920  
G. H. S.

RECEIVED



JUL 2 1921  
G. H. S.

7th Ind.

~~AM~~/mt. S

293. Colley, Milford R.

Hqrs., American G.R.S., QMC., in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, September 20, 1920.

To: Supervisor, Area #2, 18 Rue de la Congregation, SOISSONS (Aisne).

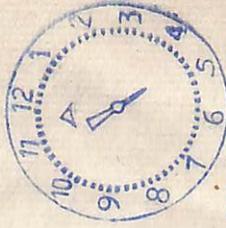
1. Returned for further investigation and report by indorsement hereon when completed.

By direction:

22 SEP 1920

*W. H. Lantierman*  
EDGAR A. FRY,  
Colonel, Infantry,  
Chief, Operations Division

RECEIVED



JUL 2 1921  
G. H. S.

RECEIVED



NOV 22 1897  
G. H. S.

RECEIVED  
NOV 22 1897  
G. H. S.

*[Handwritten signature]*

RECEIVED

RECEIVED

RECEIVED

RECEIVED

RECEIVED

RECEIVED

5th Ind.

*RHR*  
RHR/mt.

293. Colley, Milford R.  
Hqrs., American G.R.S., QMC., in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, August 6, 1920.  
To: Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, WASHINGTON, D.C.

Recorded, Cemeterial  
File # 293.8  
4259

1. Returned inviting attention to 3rd indorsement with request that the co-ordinates be furnished in this case in order that further investigation may be made.

*H. F. Rethers*  
H. F. RETHERS,  
Colonel, Q.M.C.  
Chief.

293.8 Cem.  
4259 Colley, Milford Raymond.

6th Ind.

O.Q.M.G., Cemeterial Division, Washington, D. C. September 3, 1920. To: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, France.

1. Returned. The exact co-ordinates covering burial of Colley cannot be furnished, but co-ordinates are furnished below for soldiers whose graves are believed to be near that of Colley:

	Map	Co-ordinates
✓ Roggio, Albert M. A.	49 N.E.	E. 173.55 N. 262.7
Ward, Horace	" "	E. 175.8 N. 260.4
✓ Eculin, Lionel	" "	E. 175. N. 259.85
Colley, Milford R.	" "	E. 174.65 N. 259.
✓ Saylor, Wm. H.	" "	E. 175. N. 260.45

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

RECORDED



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

By *E. E. Davis*  
E. E. DAVIS,  
Executive Assistant.

*Colley Milford R*

*Eculin identified as Esselin -  
5 x 8 u/c shown grave location for Roggio.*

RECEIVED

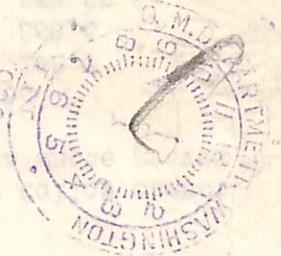


NOV 2 1921  
G. H. S.

RECEIVED



NOV 22 1921  
G. H. S.



3rd Ind.

JTR/gh

Hqrs., Area #2, American G.R.S., Soissons, Aisne. July 30, 1920.  
To: Commanding Officer, Zone of France, A.G.R.S., PARIS.

1. Returned, with request that the map co-ordinates be furnished in this case, as it is found impossible to reconcile the records of original burials and re-checks on file in this office with commune number as given.

2. It is believed that Headquarters, A.G.R.S., was furnished with sketch of all graves in this Area, together with the numbers thereof. If either the co-ordinates or the number of sketch covering this grave can be furnished this office, it may be possible to locate the burail place of the within-mentioned soldier.

*R. W. Drury*  
R.W. DRURY,  
Major, Inf.

RECORDED  
Z. of F.  
FILE NO. *Casey M. R.*

RECEIVED  
1 AUG 1920  
G.R.S.

File No.

4th. Ind.

*HW*  
HW/emh.

Hq., Zone of France, A.G.R.S., Q.M.C.in E., 7 rue Quentin Bauchart, Paris,  
August 3, 1920- To: Chief, A.G.R.S., Q.M.C.in E., 8 Ave. d'Iena, Paris.

1. Attention is invited to preceding indorsement.

RECORDED

RECEIVED  
5 out 20  
H. Q. AMERICAN G.R.S.  
Q. M. C.  
IN EUROPE

*W. H. Shipman*  
L.A. SHIPMAN,  
Major, Q.M.C.,  
Commanding.

RECEIVED



RECEIVED  
NOV 23 1921  
G. H. S.



JUL 2 1921  
G. H. S.



1st Ind.

RHR/mt.

293. Colley, Milford R.

Hqrs., American G.R.S., QMC., in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, July 22, 1920.

To: Commanding Officer, Zone of France.

RECORDED Z. OF F.  
FILE NO.

1. Referred for investigation and report by indorsement hereon when completed.

RECEIVED  
23 JUL 1920  
G.R.S.

By direction:

*Ch. A. Morrow*  
CHARLES A. MORROW,  
Major, Q.M.C.  
Executive Officer.

File No.  
Suspended.

2nd. Ind.

*HW*  
HW.emh.

Hq., Zone of France, A.G.R.S., Q.M.C. in E., 7 rue Quentin-Bauchart, Paris, July 23, 1920.- To: Supervisor, Area #2, A.G.R.S., Soissons, (Aisne)

1. Forwarded, for investigation and report by indorsement hereon with the least practicable delay.

By direction:

29 JUL 1920

*I. G. Myers*  
I. G. MYERS,  
Capt., Q.M.C.,  
Executive Assistant.

RECEIVED



JUL 2 1921  
G. H. S.

RECEIVED



NOV 22 1921  
G. H. S.



NOV 22 1921

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

July 6, 1920



RECORDED, A.G.R.S., Q.M.C., IN EUROPE  
FILE NO. 293 Colley Milford R

File No. 293.8 - Cem. Div. - #4259 - Registration  
From: The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army (Cemeterial Division).  
To: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. in Europe,  
#8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, France.  
Subject: Case of Pvt. Milford R. Colley, #120189, M.G. Co. 6th Marines.

1. The records of this office show the above named marine to have been killed in action between the 2d and 10th of June 1918, per Casualty Cablegram #177. Grave location blank, signed by H.A. Darche, Chaplain, 6th Regt. U.S.M.C., reports burial "June 8, 1918, near Lucy-le-Bocage, 1-1/2 kilometers due south of the village church of Lucy-le-Bocage in a small clump of woods, grave 2, Commune-20, Lucy-le-Bocage, Aisne, map reference 49 NE. The records of this office also show that the bodies buried in Commune #20 were reburied in American Cemetery #1764, Belleau, Aisne, but a thorough search of the records of this cemetery fails to afford any information relative to the grave location of Pvt. Colley. No further information available.

2. It is requested that an investigation be instituted in an effort to discover the place of burial and place of reburial, if reburied, of Pvt. Colley; report of results obtained to be made to this office.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Lt. Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.  
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

By:

*E. E. Davis*  
E. E. DAVIS,  
Executive Assistant.

Ⓟ

RECEIVED



NOV 22 1914  
G. H. S.



RECEIVED



JUL 8 1914  
G. H. S.

Faint, mostly illegible text, possibly a memorandum or report, with some words like 'of the', 'to the', and 'by' visible.

TO: THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY  
FROM: THE CHIEF OF THE BUREAU OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE  
SUBJECT: [Illegible]



WASHINGTON  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
ARMY DEPARTMENT

Vertical handwritten text on the right edge of the page, possibly a file number or date.

HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE., Q.M.C., IN EUROPE  
8, Avenue d'Iena, Paris

May 12, 1921

File No.

**FILE**

425-9

From: Chief,

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

Subject: Acknowledgment of correspondence.

Receipt this date is acknowledged of the following correspondence  
from your office:

~~xxxxxxx~~ )

dated: April 28, 1921

14th Indorsement)

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div. -#4259 (Colley, Milford Raymond)

subject: Identification of

Name: Pvt. Albert M.A. Raggio,  
Pvt. Lionel H. Esslin,  
Unknown American soldiers

*[Signature]*  
Colonel, (Q.M.C.)

DMK.

RECEIVED



MAY 31 1921  
G. H. S.

47

INDORSEMENT TO FRANCE.

4259

April 22, 1921.

✓ COLLEY, 120189 Milford Raymond,  
Pvt. M.G. Co., 6th Marines,  
DD 6-8-18. K/A.

Indorsement to France in reply to their 8th Ind. dated Sept. 27th,  
1920 advising what our records show on the following:

No Ser. #.

RAGGIO, Albert M.A., Co. E, 6th Marines, who was formerly with  
Co. M, 4th Repl. Bn., K/A 6-25-18. Grave 91, Amer. B/A Cty., #551, Torcy,  
Aisne, Reburied 6-2-19 Grave 8, Sec. A, Plot 1, Amer. Cty., #1764, Belleau,  
Aisne.

✓ ESSLIN 121382 Lionel H, Pvt. Co. F, 6th Marines, K/A 6-13-18,  
Grave 21, Amer. B/A Cty., #578, (Exhumed from Plot 16) Cmme. of Lucy-le-  
Bocage, Aisne,; reburied Grave #202, Sec. F, Plot 4, Amer. Cty., #1764, Belleau,  
Aisne. This soldier was also reported as ECULIN 121382 Lionel H, Pvt. Co. F,  
6th Marines, K/A 6-14-18, Cmme. of Lucy-le-Bocage, C-20, Aisne.

Dental charts of SAYLOR #123245 William H, Pvt. 97th Co. 6th Marines;  
WARD 121487 Horace A, Pvt. Co. F, 6th Marines and COLLEY 120189 Milford R,  
Pvt. Co. M.G. 6th Marines have been checked up with ~~the~~ Forms 16-A which was  
furnished this office in connection with the disinterment of COLLEY, without  
~~result~~ any satisfactory results. on the graves  
listed below,

Americans 5-A-1  
9-A-1  
37-A-1

UNKNOWN Marines 25-A-1 3-D-1 38-G-1  
36-A-1 6-D-1  
50-A-1 19-D-1  
37-D-1

*M. McAuley*  
INVESTIGATOR.

December 9, 1920.

OPINION

No dental chart being available in the A.G.O. and E/A/ having no record, it is impossible to identify any of these graves as belonging to Colley.

Would suggest however, that letter be written to Marines asking them to obtain dental chart of Ward, Horace A. and Saylor and upon receipt of same be compared with reports of disinterrments in Colley case

E. E. BARNES

*Concur,  
A. E. Good*

*Approved, 3/31/21  
R. L. Ayler*

*Colley, M. J. Ayler R -*

ADDRESS REPLY TO THE  
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
MUNITIONS BUILDING

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
WASHINGTON

December 1, 1920.

Recorded, Cemeterial Div. O. Q. M. G.  
File # 293.8-4259

60

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div. - #4259 ( Colley, Milford Raymond ).  
From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Cemeterial Division).  
To: Mr. Charles H. Colley, Waynesville, Mo.  
Subject: Dental Chart.

1. It is requested that you secure from your local dentists and forward to this office a chart of all dental treatment performed for your son, Milford Raymond Colley, prior to his entry into the service -- the chart to include fillings, crowns, bridges, etc. It is further requested that you furnish information relative to fractures of bones this soldier may have sustained which you recall.

2. The information requested is to be used in matters of identification and will be greatly appreciated by this office. Please use the enclosed envelope which requires no postage for your reply.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

*M. N. Greeley*  
M. N. GREELEY,  
Captain, Q.M.C.,  
Executive Officer,  
Cemeterial Division.

*Colley, Milford Raymond*

*No dental work.  
No broken bones.*

*Charles H. Colley*

✓



Handwritten text, possibly a signature or address, located below the postmark.

Handwritten text, possibly a recipient name or address, located in the middle of the page.

Handwritten text, possibly a message or address, located in the lower middle section.

Handwritten text, possibly a message or address, located in the lower section.



TO: Mr. ...  
FROM: ...  
BY: ...

December 7, 1920

MINISTRE DES POSTES  
OFFICE OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL  
MAIL DEPARTMENT

POSTAGE WILL BE PAID BY ADDRESSEE  
NO. 1000

Vertical handwritten text on the right edge of the page.

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

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

Date 11-26-30

File No. 4259 Registration.

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

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

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

- ✓ a. Surname COLLEY ✓ f. Date of death June 8, 1918.  
✓ b. Christian name ✓ Milford Raymond ✓ g. Cause of death N/A.  
✓ c. Serial number 120189 ✓ h. Authority (C.C.#) (see note).  
✓ d. Organization ~~M.G. Co.~~ 6th Marines ✓ i. Emergency address Charles H. Colley ✓  
Waynesville, Mo ✓  
✓ e. Rank Pvt. ✓ j. Relationship Father ✓

✓ BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- ✓ a. Age at enlistment 18 yrs. 1-2 ✓  
✓ b. Color of eyes Blue ✓  
✓ c. Color of hair Lt. Brown ✓  
✓ d. Height 69 in. ✓  
✓ e. Weight 134 lbs ✓  
✓ f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment. (Old fractures or breaks)

✓ DENTAL CHARTS

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

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

No dental chart available

(over)

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

BY:

Barnes

H. J. Conner  
H. J. CONNER, 4  
Captain, Q.M.C.  
1st LT.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

No original on

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

Date 11-28-20

File No. 1282 Registration

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cometrical Division).  
To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N. W., Washington, D. C.  
Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

- a. Surname  COLLEY
- b. Christian name  Mildred
- c. Serial number  120182
- d. Organization  1st Cavalry Division
- e. Rank  Pvt.
- f. Relationship  Wife
- g. Cause of death
- h. Authority (G.C.#)
- i. Emergency address
- j. Date of death

**BODY DESCRIPTION**

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

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

H. F. BOGGS  
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.

20  
NOV 28 1920

**RECEIVED**

0

70

---

## GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Colley #120189 *Milroy* **4259**  
 (Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)  
 Pvt 73rd Co 6th Regt ~~U.S.M.C.~~  
 (Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL..... *June 8th 1918* .....PLACE OF BURIAL..... *Lucey le Bocage France* .....

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

*1 1/2 kilometers due south of*  
*the village church of Lucey le*  
*Bocage - area in small clump*  
*of woods.*

GRAVE NUMBER..... *2* .....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? *no* .....

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

.....  
 .....  
 .....

REPORTED BY: *6th Regt U.S.M.C.*

*A. A. Daryl, Chaplain*  
 (Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

**29 JUN 1918**

REGISTRATION SECTION  
CEMETEPIAL DIVISION

TO

LIEUTENANT NOETZEL

LIEUTENANT ANNIS

~~DR. C. M. PECK~~

- CARD DEPT. (RFSS)
- CTY. AUDIT DEPT. (ISS)
- CLASS. DEPT. (RFSS)
- INV. & ADJ. DEPT. (ISS)
- PREP. OF DATA DEPT. (ISS)
- COMP. DEPT. (OSPSS)
- RECORD DEPT. (OSPSS)
- FILES DEPT. (ADMIN. BR.)

RETURN TO \_\_\_\_\_

FROM ETH Omp

S-43/MB

NECESSARY ADJUSTMENT  
INVESTIGATION

SUSPENSION  
NOTE AND RETURN  
INFORMATION - 101 -A  
ACTION AS NOTED

MEMO \_\_\_\_\_

*my*

*Send sketch and info.  
on other burials  
in this commune  
also coordinates*

DATE 7/23

PREPARATION OF LETTER st

SIGNATURE

FILE

RECORDING

CODING

FILE PAPERS

REPORT TO \_\_\_\_\_

HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, Q.M.C., IN EUROPE  
8 AVENUE D'ENNA, PARIS

4259

✓ 293. Colley, Milford R.

July 21, 1920.

From: Chief

To: Quartermaster General of the Army,  
Washington, D.C.

FILE

Subject: Acknowledgment of receipt of correspondence

1. Complying with communication, office of the Quartermaster General, Cemeterial Division, dated May 12, 1920, acknowledgment of receipt of following correspondence is made:—Your letter File No. 293.8 Cem.Div. - 4259 - Registration, dated July 6, 1920, case of Pvt. Milford R. COLLEY, 120189, M.G.Co., 6th Marines, to which reply cannot be made within five days of its receipt.

2. The probable length of time within which reply may be expected is twenty-five days from date.

*Rmk*  
Rmk/wva.

*H. F. Rethers*  
H. F. RETHERS,  
Lieut. Col., Q.M.C.  
Chief.

*Sesh 9-6-20*

RECEIVED



AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, G.M.C. IN EUROPE  
8 AVENUE DIENA, PARIS

298. Colley, Milford R.

July 21, 1920.

From: Chief

To: Quartermaster General of the Army,  
Washington, D.C.

Subject: Acknowledgment of receipt of correspondence

**FILE**

1. Complying with communication, office of the Quartermaster General, General Division, dated May 12, 1920, acknowledgment of receipt of following correspondence is made:—Your letter file No. 298.8 Gen. Div. - 4359 - Registration, dated July 6, 1920, case of Pvt. Milford R. COLLEY, 120189, M.G.Co., 6th Marines, to which reply cannot be made within five days of its receipt.

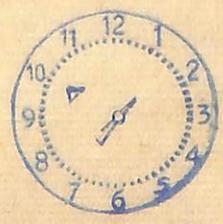
2. The probable length of time within which reply may be expected is twenty-five days from date.

*[Signature]*  
H. F. RETHMERS,  
Lieut. Col., G.M.C.  
Chief.

*[Signature]*  
G.M.C.

*Leaf P. 2. 20*

RECEIVED



AUG 10 1920  
G. H. S.

HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, Q.M.C. EUROPE  
8 AVENUE D'IEANA, PARIS

293. Colley, Milford R.

July 21, 1920.

From: Chief

To: Quartermaster General of the Army,  
Washington, D.C.

Subject: Acknowledgment of receipt of correspondence

1. Complying with communication, office of the Quartermaster General, Cemeterial Division, dated May 12, 1920, acknowledgment of receipt of following correspondence is made:-

Your letter File No. 293.8

Com. Div. - 4259 - Registration, dated July 6, 1920, case of Pvt. Milford R. COLLEY, 120189, M.G.Co., 6th Marines, to which reply cannot be made within five days of its receipt.

2. The probable length of time within which reply may be expected is **twenty-five** days from date.

H. H. FULLER

H. F. RETHERS,  
Lieut. Col., Q.M.C.  
Chief.

RHR/mva.

RECEIVED



AUG 10 1920  
G. H. S.

282 Colley, Milford R.

July 21, 1920.

From: Chief

To: Quartermaster General of the Army,  
Washington, D.C.

Subject: Acknowledgment of receipt of correspondence

1. Complying with communication, office of the Quartermaster General, Cemetery Division, dated May 12, 1920, acknowledgment of receipt of following correspondence is made:—  
Your letter file No. 23283  
Gen. Div. - 4232 - Registration, dated July 6, 1920, case of Pvt. Milford R. COLLEY, 1201st, U.S. 6th Infantry  
to which reply cannot be made within five days of its receipt.

2. The probable length of time within which reply may be expected is twenty-five days from date.

H. H. FULLER

H. F. RUTHERS,  
Lieut. Col., D.M.C.,  
Chief.

HRB/ma

RECEIVED



AUG 10 1920  
G. H. S.

Appt. Coords.

1976

Raggio, Albert <sup>(5x8 1/2)</sup> Md. E 173.55 N 262.7

Hard, Bruce (4x6 1/2) E 175.8 N 260.4

Caulin, Lionel (4x6 1/2) E 175 N 259.85

Colley, Milford <sup>(4x6 1/2)</sup> N E 174.65 N 259

Saylor, H. M. St. (4x6 1/2) E 175 N 260.45

G. M. Cassner  
Investigator.

CASE PAPERS

CASE OF:

COLLEY, 120189, MILFORD R.  
Pvt., M.G., Co., 6th Marines.

In regard to the above named soldier, a search of the records shows that he was killed in action June 8, 1918 and buried in Grave #2, Commune #20, Lucy le Boycage, France, 1-1/2 Kilometers due south of the village church of Lucy le Boycage, Aisne, in a small clump of woods. Burial reported by H. A. Darche, Chaplain, 6th Regt., U.S.M.C.

This information taken from 4 x 6 Card, Grave Location Blank, and Communal List. Location Index Files show Commune #20 reburied in Cemetery #1764, but a careful search of cards, Photographic Reports, Forms 1-A and Forms #16 does not give any information in regard to the reburial of the above Marine.

It is requested that a letter be written to France asking for any available information that can be given in regard to the place where this man has been reburied.

*R. L. Edwards*  
R. L. Edwards,  
Investigator.

*Marnie*

G.R.S. Form No. 101 (Information Blank)

File Number 4259

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

Date May 21, 1920.

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME Colley, Milford Raymond Serial Number 120,189

RANK Private ORGANIZATION 73rd Company, 6th Reg., Marines

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	1. No. Milford R. Colley Machine Gun Co., 6th Marines.
2.	Date of Death.	2. 6-between 2nd and 10, 1918.
3.	Cause and place of death.	3. Killed in action.
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	4. CC-177
5.	Date buried.	5. Not given.
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	6. Commune of Lucy-15-Bocage -C-20 (A&Sne) Sht 49NE; Communal list 20-2268
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	10. No No.
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	11. Charles H. Colley (Father) Waynesville, Mo.
12.	Has been notified? (Give date)	12. Not given
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	14. Not given.
15.	Inquiry made by?	Released by Information Control Dept. .....Directory .....Cards 5x8 X.....Cards 4x6

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

UNCONFIRMED

vnc

**GRAVE LOCATOR BLANK**

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

COLLEY 120189 Milford R  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Pvt M.G. Co 6th Marines  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Lucy LeBocage, Aisne, Fr.

CAUSE OF DEATH: Killed in action 6-8-18

DATE OF BURIAL: June 8, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: Near Lucy Le Bocage

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

1-1/2 kilometers due south of the village church of Lucy Le Bocage in a small clump of woods.

GRAVE NUMBER:

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?  Cross?

Headboard?  Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

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

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

Lucy Le Bocage  
20 49 NE

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

A. A. Wilson  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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



20-2268

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION

Date DEC 1 1920

To [Signature] Room 1107

- All Officers,
- Major. Pierce, Chief
- Lt. Col. Davis, O. R. C.
- ✓ Captain Greeley ✓
- Lieut. Conner
- Lieut. Daniel
- Lieut. Hanson
- Lieut. Ross

**MAIL**  
*After making  
return all  
papers to*

- Mr. Robb - Principal Clerk
- Mrs. Hodges - Personnel Clerk
- Mr. Houghton - Files
- Mr. Saxton - Cemeterial Branch
- Mr. Grant - Inquiry Branch
- Mr. Plotner - Supplies

Prepare reply( Sec'y of War  
for( General Rogers  
signature of( General Krauthoff  
( Major Pierce  
( Lt. Col. Davis  
( Capt. Greeley

**MAIL**

FOR:

- To note
- Information. Need not be returned
- Information and return
- Action or reply
- Approval
- Returned
- Remarks and recommendation
- Suspension to.....
- File

**MAIL**

- Investigation and report
- Copies.....(State number)
- Papers in case
- Personal conference
- Draft of letter or endorsement
- Signature
- Check for correction
- See other side for remarks

**MAIL**

Final return to: [Signature] [Signature]

From: [Signature]

NOTE: This form may be used a number of times on same case by crossing off previous marks and inserting new marks (and date) in different colors.

REGISTRATION SECTION  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION

DATE 9-2-20

TO  
LIEUTENANT NOETZEL  
LIEUTENANT ANNIS  
MR. C. M. PECK

NECESSARY ADJUSTMENT  
INVESTIGATION  
SUSPENSION  
NOTE AND RETURN  
INFORMATION - 101 - A  
ACTION AS NOTED

PREPARATION OF LETTER  
SIGNATURE  
FILE  
RECORDING  
CODING  
FILE PAPERS  
REPORT TO \_\_\_\_\_

CARD DEPT. (RFSS)  
CTY. AUDIT DEPT. (ISS)  
CLASS DEPT. (RFSS)  
INV. & ADJ. DEPT. (ISS)  
PREP. OF DATA DEPT. (ISS)  
COMP. DEPT. (OSPSS)  
RECORD DEPT. (OSPSS)  
FILES DEPT. (ADMIN. BR.)

MEMO \_\_\_\_\_

*Sketch etc -*  
*as requested,*

RETURN TO \_\_\_\_\_

FROM \_\_\_\_\_

*Investigation*

S-43/MB

Address reply to

**WAR DEPARTMENT**

**PURCHASE, STORAGE, AND TRAFFIC DIVISION**

**OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE**

**WASHINGTON**

Division

**DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE**

Munitions Building

**No:**

**From:**

**To:**

**Subject:**

14th Ind.

FILE

File No. 293.8 Gen. Div. #4259 (COLLEY, Milford Raymond)  
From: C. Q. M. G., Cemeterial Division, April 28, 1921. To: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, C. M. G., in Europe, 8 Avenue d' Iena, Paris, France.

9966

1. Returned. The records of this office show Private Albert M. A. Raggio, 78th Company, 6 Marines, date of death June 25, 1918, to have been disinterred from Grave 91, American Battle Area Cemetery 551, Torcy, Aisne, and to have been reburied June 2, 1919, in Grave 8, Section A, Plot 1, American Cemetery 1764, Belleau, Aisne. This marine was formerly with Company M, 4th Replacement Battalion.

4697

2. The records of this office also show Private Lionel H. Esclin, 121382, 79th Company, 6th Marines, date of death June 14, 1918, and to have been buried in Grave 21, American Battle Area Cemetery 578, Commune of Inoy-le-Bocage, Aisne. This soldier was previously reported as "Esclin".

3. No change has been made in the records of this office which show "Unknown American Soldiers" buried in graves listed in foregoing 10th indorsement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

THOS. G. HANSON, JR.,  
Captain, C. M. G.

Inv. & Adj.

68

FWW

CROSS REFERENCE

MAILED  
APR 28 1921  
G.R.S.

SUSPENDED FOR

7-28/21  
~~6/28/21~~

CROSS REFERENCE

4314  
4001

13th Ind.

HW/ans

Hqrs., A.G.R.S., Q.M.C. in E., 8 Ave. d'Iena, Paris, November 2, 1920.  
To: Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.

1. Returned, inviting attention to the 10th indorsement hereon.

*H.F. Rethers*

H.F. RETHERS,  
Colonel, Q.M.C.,  
Chief.

11 Enc ls.

RECEIVED  
NOV 23 1920  
Q.M.C.

HW/ma

13th Ind.

Hqs., A.G.R.S., G.M.C. In.R., 8 Ave. d'Iena, Paris, November 2, 1920.  
To: Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.

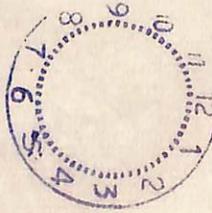
I. Returned, inviting attention to the 10th Indorsement herein.

*Handwritten signature*

H. V. RETHERS,  
Colonel, G.M.C.,  
Chief.

11 Encs.

NOV 22 1920  
G. H. S.



1 V E D

( C O P Y )

293. Colley, Milford R. 11th Ind.  
Hqrs. American G.R.S., Q.M.C., in Europe, 8 Avenue d' Iena, Paris, October  
25th, 1920. To: Supervisor Area #2, American G.R.S. SOISSONS, (Aisne).

1. Returned, for completion of G.R.S. Forms 16-A attached  
hereto. Attention is invited to instructions for the proper completion of  
G.R.S. Forms 16-A on the reverse side of these Forms.

2. It is very essential that sub-paragraph A.B.C.D.E. and F.  
paragraph #6 be accomplished, in so far as condition of body will permit. If  
condition of body is such that information requested in paragraph #6  
cannot be given, notation to that effect should be made on the Forms.

3. When these Forms are completed return same by indorsement  
hereon.

By direction:

EDGAR A. FRY,  
Colonel, Infantry  
Chief, Operations Division.

11 Incls.  
in duplicate.

12th Ind.

Supervisor, Area #2 Soissons, Aisne. To: Chief, Operations Division  
A.G.R.S. Q.M.C. in E, 8 Avenue d' Iena, Paris, October 29, 1920.

1. Returned. Instructions contained in preceding indorsement  
complied with.

JTS, each  
11 Incl. in duplicate.

R. W. FRURY  
Supervisor, Area #2.

50-A-1.

Body decomposed. Buried in uniform wrapped in burlap in box. No tag or other means of identification found. Identified as a Marine from buttons on blouse.

3-D-1.

Body decomposed. Buried in uniform in box. No tags or other means of identification found. Identified as a Marine from buttons on blouse.

6-D-1.

Upon opening this grave nothing was found except part of skull and part of leg bone, with remnants of uniform wrapped in burlap.

19-D-1.

Body decomposed. Buried in uniform in box. No tags or other means of identification found. Lower jaw missing. Identified as Marine by buttons on blouse.

37-D-1.

Body decomposed. Buried in box. No tags or other means of identification found. Corporal's chevrons (Marine) found in pocket of olive drab shirt; small silver pencil with Scotch emblem found. (Reburied with body). Lower jaw missing. Identified as a Marine by buttons on blouse.

2. Forms 16-A in duplicate, covering disinterments and reburials above mentioned cases attached hereto.

R. W. DRURY,  
Major, Inf.

11 Incls. in dup.  
with 10th Ind.

(COPY)

9th Ind.

293. Colley, Milford R. MCH /mwa  
Hqrs., American G.R.S.QMC., in Europe, 8 Avenue d' Iena, Paris, Sept. 30,  
1920. To: Supervisor, Area #2, SOISSONS (Aisne).

1. Returned. It is requested that the bodies contained in the graves enumerated in paragraph 2 of preceding indorsement be disinterred with a view to identification and upon completion of same, report be forwarded to these Headquarters by indorsement hereon, together with Forms 16-A in duplicate.

By direction:

EDGAR A. FRY  
Colonel, Infantry  
Chief, Operations Division.

10th Ind.

Hqrs., Area No. 2 American G.R.S SOISSONS (Aisne) October 20, 1920. To:  
CHIEF, Operations Division, AGRS., QMC., in E, Paris.

1. Returned. In compliance with paragraph one, preceding indorsement the bodies buried in the graves enumerated in paragraph 2, 8th indorsement, have been exhumed for examination with the following results:

5-A-1

Body decomposed. Buried in uniform without box. No tag or other means of identification found. Skull crushed.

9-A-1

Body decomposed. Buried in uniform without box. Identified as Marine from buttons on blouse. Skull crushed; both jaws missing.

37-A-1. Body decomposed. Buried in uniform without box. No tag or other means of identification found. Skull crushed.

25-A-1.

Body decomposed. Buried in uniform without box. No tag or other means of identification found. Identified as Marine by buttons on blouse.

36-A-1.

Body decomposed. Buried in uniform in box. No tags or other means of identification found. Identified as Marine from button on blouse.

( COPY)

Hqrs., Area No. 2 American G.R.S., SOISSONS(Aisne) Sep . 27 1920. To:  
Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe 8  
Avenue d' Iena, Paris, France.

1. Returned. A search of the records of this office shows the following: On original plot list containing 48 names covering plot 61 Myers, situated 300 meters from Lucy, on Lucy-le-Bocage road, co-ordinates map 49 N.E., 260.3N # 174.95 E., appears the name of ESSLIN, #121882, Lionel, Pvt. 6th Marines. This name is believed to be the one referred to in 6th indorsement hereon as ECULIN, Lionel. This man, with others in this plot, were concentrated into Cemetery No. 1764, BELLEAU(Aisne) among them being one UNKNOWN Marine, at present buried in Grave 110, section S, plot 3, Cemetery No. 1764, BELLEAU, Aisne.

2. On original plot list containing 100 names covering plot 63- Myers (Cemeteru No. 551) situated on left of road between Lucy-le-Bocage and Torcy, Aisne, map co-ordinates 49 N.E., 263.4 N. & 174.8 E, appears the name of RAGGIO, Albert M.A. Pvt. Co. M, 4th Replacement Battalion which name it is thought is the same as thar referred to in 6th indorsement hereon as RAGGIO, Albert M.A. This man, with others in this plot, were concentrated into Cemetery No. 1764, BELLEAU, Aisne, among them being three UNKNOWN Americans and eight UNKNOWN Marines, at present buried in the following graves:

American - 5-A-1	Unknown Marines - 25-A-1	3-D-1	38-G-1
9-A-1	36-A-1	6-D-1	
37-A-1	50-A-1	19-D-1	
		37-D-1	

3. The names of WARD, Horace; COLLEY, Milford R., and TAYLOR, Wm.H. do not appear on any of the lists covering this Area. It is, therefore, believed that they may be among the above mentioned UNKNOWNNS.

4. In view of the above, it is desired that the bodies contained in these graves be exhumed in an effort to identify COLLEY, Milford R., and other men mentioned in 6th indorsement hereon?

R. W. DRURY,  
Major, Inf.

JTR/gh

( C O P Y )

7th Ind

293 Colley, Milford R.  
Hqrs. American G.R.S., Q.M.C., in Europe, 8 Avenue d' Iena, Paris, France.  
September 20, 1920. To: Supervisor, Area #2, Rue de la Congregation,  
SOISSONS(Aisne).

1. Returned for further investigation and report by indorsement hereon when completed.

By direction:

EDGAR A. FRY  
Colonel, Infantry  
Chief, Operations Division.

FILES

293.8 Com.  
4259 Colley, Milford Raymond.

6th Ind.

O. Q. M. G., Cemeterial Division, Washington, D. C. September 5, 1920. To:  
Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q. M. G., in Europe, 8 Avenue  
d'Iena, Paris, France.

1. Returned. The exact co-ordinates covering burial of Colley cannot  
be furnished, but co-ordinates are furnished below for soldiers whose graves  
are believed to honour that of Colley:

		Co-ordinates	
Roggio, Albert M. A.	Map 49 N.E.	E. 173.55	N. 262.7
Ward, Horace	" "	E. 175.6	N. 260.4
Houlin, Lionel	" "	E. 175.	N. 259.85
Colley, Milford R.	" "	E. 174.65	N. 259.
Haylor, Wm. H.	" "	E. 175.	N. 260.45

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

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

Adm SS

*mail*  
SEP 4 - 1920

BP

*W.D.*  
By  
E. H. DAVIS,  
Executive Assistant. *CMP*

FILE

*Dec. 1 - 20*  
*Nov 3/20*

SUSPENDED FOR

5th Ind.

RRA/mt.

293.8 Colley, Milford R.

Hqrs., American G.R.S., Q.M.C., in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, August 6, 1920.  
To: Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, WASHINGTON, D.C.

1. Returned inviting attention to 3rd inclosure with request that the co-ordinates be furnished in this case in order that further investigation may be made.

H. F. BETHERS,  
Colonel, Q.M.C.  
Chief.

293.8 Gen.  
4259 Colley, Milford Raymond.

6th Ind.

O.Q.M.G., Cometerial Division, Washington, D. C. September 3, 1920. To:  
Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe, 8 Avenue  
d'Iena, Paris, France.

1. Returned. The exact co-ordinates covering burial of Colley cannot be furnished, but co-ordinates are furnished below for soldiers whose graves are believed to be near that of Colley:

		Co-ordinates	
Roggie, Albert M. A.	Map 49 N.E.	E. 173.55	N. 262.7
Ward, Horace	" "	E. 175.8	N. 260.4
Eculin, Lionel	" "	E. 175.	N. 259.85
Colley, Milford R.	" "	E. 174.65	N. 259.
Saylor, Wm. H.	" "	E. 175.	N. 260.45

By authority of the Quartermaster General.



CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Major, U. S. A.,  
Chief, Cometerial Division.

By  
E. E. DAVIS,  
Executive Assistant.

3rd Ind.

Hqrs., Area #2, American G.R.S., Soissons, Aisne, July 30, 1920.  
To: Commanding Officer, Zone of France, A.G.R.S., PARIS.

1. Returned, with request that the map co-ordinates be furnished in this case, as it is found impossible to reconcile the records of original burials and re-checks on file in this office with commune number as given.

2. It is believed that Headquarters A.G.R.S., was furnished with sketch of all graves in this Area, together with the numbers thereof. if either the co-ordinates or the number of sketch covering this grave can be furnished this office, it may be possible to locate the burial place of the within-mentioned soldier.

R. W. DRURY,  
Major, Inf.

File No.

4th Ind.

Hq. Zone of France, A.G.R.S., Q.M.C. in E., 7 rue Quentin Bauchart, Paris.  
August 3, 1920 - To: Chief, A.G.R.S., Q.M.C., in E, 8 Ave. d'Iena, Paris.

1. Attention is invited to preceding indorsement.

L. A. SHIPMAN  
Major, Q.M.C.,  
Commanding.

1st Ind.

293. Colley, Milford R.

Hqrs., American G.R.S., QMC, in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris. July 22, 1920.  
To: Commanding Officer, Zone of France.

1. Referred for investigation and report by indorsement hereon when completed.

By direction.

CHARLES A. MORROW  
Major, Q.M.C.,  
Executive Officer.

File No.  
Suspended.

2nd Ind.

Hq., Zone of France, A.G.R.S., Q.M.C., in E., 7 rue Quentin-Bauchart, Paris,  
July 23, 1920. - To: Supervisor, Area #2, A.G.R.S., Soissons, (Aisne)

1. Forwarded, for investigation and report by indorsement hereon with the least practicable delay.

I. G. MYERS,  
Capt., Q. M. C.,  
Executive Assistant.

July 6, 1920.

File No. 293.8 - Cem. Div. - #4259 - Registration.

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

To: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. in Europe,  
#8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, France.

Subject: Case of Pvt. Milford R. Colley, #120189, M.G. Co. 6th Marines.

1. The records of this office show the above named marine to have been killed in action between the 2d and 10th of June 1918, per Casualty Cablegram #177. Grave location blank, signed by H.A. Darcho, Chaplain, 6th Regt. U.S.M.C., reports burial "June 8, 1918, near Lucy-le-Bocage, 1-1/2 Kilometers due south of the village church of Lucy-le-Bocage in a small clump of woods, grave 2, Commune-20, Lucy-le-Bocage, Aisne, map reference 49 NE. The records of this office also show that the bodies buried in Commune #20 were reburied in American Cemetery #1764, Belleau, Aisne, but a thorough search of the records of this cemetery fails to afford any information relative to the grave location of Pvt. Colley. No further information available.

2. It is requested that an investigation be instituted in an effort to discover the place of burial and place of reburial, if reburied of Pvt. Colley; report of results obtained to be made to this office.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

FW

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Lt. Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.  
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

*SA*  
CFH

By:

*[Signature]*  
E. E. DAVIS,  
Executive Assistant.

Inv. S.S.  
Inv. & Adj.

**G. B. S. MAILED**

**JUL 7 - 1920**

**SUSPENDED FOR** *[Handwritten signature]*

December 1, 1920.

293.8 Cem. Div. - #4259 ( Colley, Milford Raymond ).

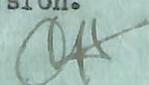
From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Cemeterial Division).  
To: Mr. Charles H. Colley, Waynesville, Mo.  
Subject: Dental Chart.

1. It is requested that you secure from your local dentists and forward to this office a chart of all dental treatment performed for your son, Milford Raymond Colley, prior to his entry into the service -- the chart to include fillings, crowns, bridges, etc. It is further requested that you furnish information relative to fractures of bones this soldier may have sustained which you recall.

2. The information requested is to be used in matters of identification and will be greatly appreciated by this office. Please use the enclosed envelope which requires no postage for your reply.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

FVW  
M. N. GREELEY,  
Captain, Q.M.C.,  
Executive Officer,  
Cemeterial Division.



MAILED  
DEC 2 - 1920  
G.R.S.

SUSPENDED FOR *Jan. 1st / 21*

MEMORANDUM FOR

6-12-20

CAPT. WYNNE:-

When Inquiry has been answered please return case to  
*Mr. Peck,* Room 1107 Registration Section in order that G. R.S. in Europe  
may be requested to conduct investigation to ascertain grave  
location.

*Edh.*

CC#177 reports Pvt. Alley, "Killed in Action between June 2nd  
and 10th, 1918. Service record book shows date of death as June  
8, 1918, and above named man is so carried on the records of these  
Headquarters.

~~45934~~

M.V.D.