

G.R.S. Form #114-B

MAY 14 1926 6344

FULL NAME ..... COLSTON, John Q.

RANK ..... Pvt. SERIAL ..... 2819847

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION ..... Co.M, 365th Inf.

*Div - 92*

DATE OF DEATH ..... *Sept 1, 1918*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME ..... *no*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED ..... *none*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION ..... 24 21 D  
Date Grave Row Block

Meuse-Argonne, #1232

Cemetery

Robert O. Davis,  
Major General,  
The Adjutant General,

By *RVB*

MAY 18 1926

23/306/ARK

A. G. O.  
MAY 15 1926  
WORLD WAR DIV.



GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Colston 2819847 John*  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

*Pvt. Co. M. 365 Inf.*  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL *Sept. 3 - 1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL *St. Die*

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

*French + American*

*St. Die*

*Vosges*

GRAVE NUMBER *15*

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

Headboard? .....

Bottle? .....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS :

Was one buried with body? *yes* .....

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

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

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

REPORTED BY

*Lt. W. Robinson, Chaplain*  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.) *365 Inf.*

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

RECEIVED  
STATISTICAL DIVISION  
11 SEP 1913

Received  
A. G. O.

11 SEP 1913

G. H. O. A. E. E.

*Stat*

Place St. Die #312

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Jan. 12, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF COLSTON, John Q. SERIAL NUMBER 2819847

RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION 365th Inf. Co.M.

2. Disinterred (date): 1-12-21 From (give complete location): Grave #20 in cemetery #312

commune of St. Die, Vosges, France

By: Group #7 Unit Section II Field Forces

3. Reburied (date): 1-12-21 In (give complete location): Grave #20 in cemetery #312

commune of St. Die, Vosges, France

By: Group #7 Unit Section II FF Nature of reburial Wooden box

*Corrected see letter d/d Jan 14. 21 from Master of Section II.*

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

Wooden box (Uniform) Badly decomposed

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? Yes

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

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items? 15 & 16 cavities

estimated 1 missing before death

(a) Height (~~actual measurement~~) 68 inches

(b) Weight (estimated) 160 lbs

(c) Hair—Color black

Quantity full head

Characteristics kinky

(d) Hair on face—Color none

Location none

Quantity none

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

missing parts) none discernible

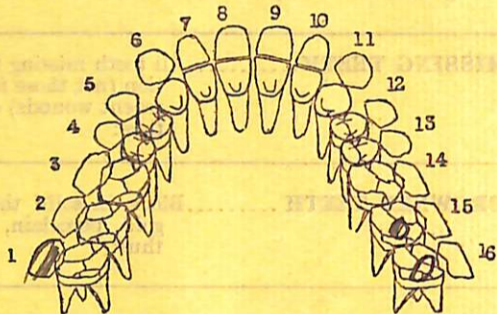
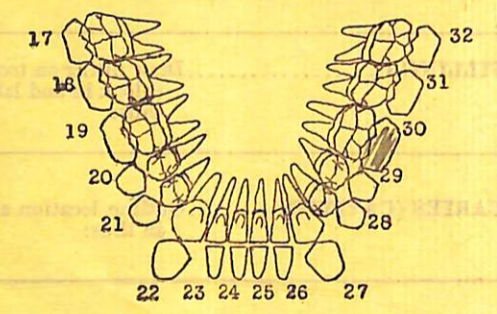


Diagram represents the mouth wide open. 30 missing before death



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) 10-30077

none discernible

7. Disinterment supervised by Elza O. Holmes Approved: W.A. Boyle

W.A. Boyle  
Capt., M.C.

(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by Elza O. Holmes Approved: W.A. Boyle






W.A. Boyle  
Capt., M.C.

(Title)

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

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

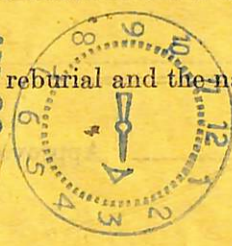
1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial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

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

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

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.

APR 26 1921  
 G. H. S.  
  
 RECEIVED

Place St. Die, Vosges.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Aug 22nd 1921

1. REMAINS OF COLSTON, John SERIAL NUMBER 2819847

RANK prv ORGANIZATION Co. M. 365th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : From (give complete location) :

Aug 22nd 1921 Grave 43, con 312

By : Group 2 Unit Sec. 5.

3. Reburied (date) : In (give complete location) :

Oct 13th 1921 MeuseArgonne Cemetery # 1252 Gr 24 block D row 21

By : Group ..... Unit ..... Nature of reburial .....

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

sheet, blanket and wooden box. Body badly decomposed.

features unrecognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags : Buried with body ? yes On grave marker ? yes

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

Reburial bottle.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items ? 1-15-16 decayed

(a) Height (actual measurement) Imp to det (see par 4)

(b) Weight (estimated) "

(c) Hair—Color "

Quantity "

Characteristics "

(d) Hair on face—Color "

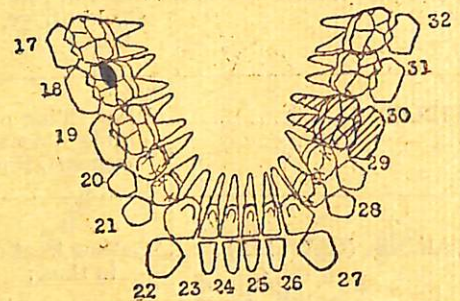
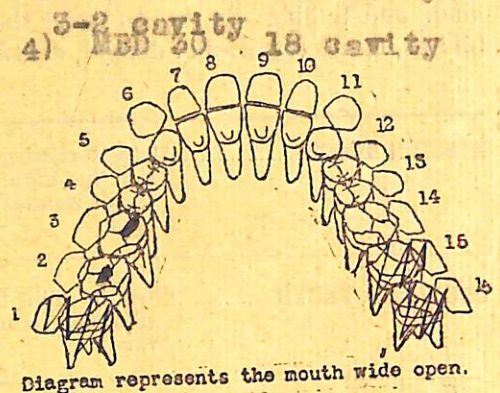
Location "

Quantity "

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) none visible (see par 4)

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

none visible (see par 4)



Checked by J. O. Rogers

7. Disinterment supervised by E. J. Frank

Approved : F. Overheiser  
(Title) 1st. Lt. MC

8. Reburial supervised by W. B. Shields

Approved James W. Younger  
(Title) Capt AMC

W. B. Shields

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

May 4th, 1922.

FILE: 293.8 C-R-#16933-(Colston, John Q., Pvt.)  
FROM: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army.  
TO: Mrs. Henrietta Colston, Wadesboro, N. C.  
SUBJECT: Permanent Grave Location of Private John Q. Colston,  
Company M, 365th Infantry.

FILE  
3-4-22

1. The permanent grave of this soldier is No. 24, Row 21,  
Block D, The American Cemetery of the Meuse-Argonne, Romagne-sous-  
Montfaucon, Department of Meuse, France.

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

MAILED  
MAY - 4 1922  
G.R.S.

GEORGE H. PENROSE,  
Colonel, Q. M. Corps,  
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

PM

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

1. NAME COLSTON, John Q SERIAL No. 2819847

RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Cp.M. 365th Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION French Communal Cty. St. Die, Vosges. 312

CTY. NAME NUMBER

43

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 20 St. Die. Vosges.

GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES E.441-50. N.166-10. Map: Epinal N.E 85.

CONCENTRATED TO Jan. 12, 1921. 43

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

St. Die.

312.

CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Nothing of record.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS Not of record.

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

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SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR Stanley J. Grogan

STANLEY J. GROGAN, Capt. Inf. USA.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 10/13/21 24 21 D

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT Block

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

*Added by  
SJK mlc  
2-23-22*

DEC 29 1921

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.
2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.
3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.
4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form I6, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Aug 22nd 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name COLSTON, John Q  
 2. No. 2819847  
 3. Rank Pvt  
 4. Org. Co. M, 365th Inf.  
 5. D.D. Sept. 1st  
 6. C.D. D.O.W.

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



Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 43 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 17. no discrepancy

18. Cemetery French Communal  
 20. Dept. or County Vosges  
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 312

19. Commune or town St. Die  
 21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) Aug 22nd 1921

By R.J. Frank

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Colston, John Q.  
 Rank Pvt

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organization Co. M, 365th Inf.

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

W.O. Rogers  
 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).

~~Reburial bottle reads "Colston, John Q, Pvt, 365 Inf, dis. Jan 12-1921"~~

27. Condition of body badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial shroud, blanket and wooden box.

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Aug 22nd 1921 By R. J. Frank

31. Casket sealed by R. J. Frank

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) E. J. Frank  
E. J. Frank

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No C-3042

32. Designation of body:

Name COLSTON, John Q Serial No. 2819847

Rank Pvt Organization Co.M, 365th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Argonne Amer.Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon #1232

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Aug 22nd 1921 By E.J. Frank

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 F. Overheiser  
F. Overheiser 1st. Lt. QMC

36. Remarks none

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

To point of Concentration \_\_\_\_\_

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_ (Name)

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_

By G.R.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Sept 24th 1921

To Permanent Cemetery 1232, Meuse-Argonne, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon

Convoyer R.E. Williams Signature Shipping Officer F. Overheiser  
F. Overheiser, 1st. Lt. QMC (Name)

40. Received: Date Sept 27, 1921

G.R.S. Representative Al DuFautt

41. Reinterred \_\_\_\_\_

MeuseArgonne Cemetery # 1232 (Date) Oct 17th 1921

42. Grave No. Gr 24 block D row 21 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_

G.R.S. Representative James W. Younger

James W. Younger, Capt QMC.

jt.

# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

## I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File No. 16933

(a) Name COLSTON, John Q. Ser. No. 2819847  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. M, 365th Inf.  
 (c) Date of death 9-1-18 (d) Cause of death DWRI A.

TYP. als  
 CKR. als

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

(a) Grave No. 20 Row - Plot - Sec. - TYP. als  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Henrietta Colston, (Mother) Wadesboro, N.C.

## III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases --- CKR. ---

*No evidence file MB-10-29-21*

## IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt \_\_\_\_\_

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

Examiner's Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

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

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

*No correspondence in file*

Examiner's Initials MB Date 10-29, 1920.

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

*No request for disposition*

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes-PS

*PS*

Examiner's Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Date 11/30, 1920.

**CONCENTRATED INTO PAC COUNTRY**

France

CEMETERY No. 312

SHEET No. 14.

*C checked  
all 11-1-20*

*In transit for ex-  
Museum  
9-16-21  
Intransit to Museum  
10-2-21  
gonne 1232*



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

NOV 19 1920

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C.

To: **Mrs. Henrietta Colston, Wadesboro, N.C.**

SUBJECT: Remains of **Pvt. John Q. Colston, Serial No. 2819847,**  
**Co.M., 365th Inf.**

The records of this office show that ~~no request has been~~ **no request has been**  
**made for the disposition of his remains**

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
 Major, U. S. A.

If all blank spaces below are not filled out, it will necessitate a return of this paper and a **SERIOUS DELAY** in the shipment of this body. State in each case **WHETHER** these relatives are **STILL LIVING**.

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
<b>Was soldier married?</b> Soldier's widow			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Father			
Mother			
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		

Date .....

Signature .....

Address .....

Relationship .....

**IMPORTANT.—CAREFULLY** read instructions before filling out this paper.

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JUL 9 1921

CENTRAL DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SEC.

I, the undersigned, am the \_\_\_\_\_ and nearest living relative of the within-named  
(Relationship.)

soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:  
(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.
2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name.)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(R. R. station.) \_\_\_\_\_  
(State.)
3. To be returned to the U. S. and buried in \_\_\_\_\_ National Cemetery.
4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.**

1. If definite instruction as to the disposition of a body are not received from the nearest relative within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.
2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.
3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT OF KIN IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.
4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.
6. If YOU are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
7. If YOU are not the nearest living relative and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.
8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

3-7860

WASHINGTON  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
MAY DEPARTMENT

(Revised)  
C. H. S. FORM NO. 130

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

*See 115-  
10-6-21*

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File No. 16933

(a) Name COLSTON, John Q. Ser. No. 2819847  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. M, 365th Inf. } TYP als  
 (c) Date of death 9-1-18 Cause of death DWRIA.

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

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III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases..... CKR

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

*No card in file no request for disposition (H.S. 11-10-20)*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on ..... 192  
 (Letter of transmittal on NOV 9 1920)

**PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED**

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. .... NOV 15 1920 ..... 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

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

*MB 11-12-20*

~~141-13~~  
**GRAVE LOCATION CARD.**

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Colston* *2819847* *John* *6933*  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

*priv. Co, M 365 Inf.*  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL *Sept. 3 - 1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL *St. Die*

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

*French & American*  
*St. Die*  
*Vosges*  
*15*

**FILE**

GRAVE NUMBER *15*

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

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? *yes* .....

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

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

REPORTED BY:

*H. U. J. Robinson - Chaplain*  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.) *365 Inf.*

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

*128ER Reg*

CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
REGISTRATION SECTION

**FILE**

December 14 192 1.

MEMO FOR:  
Cards Department.

1.  
CASE OF:

Co. M. 365th Inf.  
ORGANIZATION (Old)

COLSTON 2819847 John Q. 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)

FILE NO.

SURNAME

SERIAL NUMBER

FIRST NAME AND INITIALS

RANK

DATE OF DEATH

CAUSE OF DEATH

	Date	Place	F-1A No.
Orig.			D-
1st, Reb.	1/12/21	312	D-30077
2nd Reb.			D-
3rd Reb.			D-

**FILE**

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

BY: Miss Lammon

Gard  
(Department)

5 x 8 card was sent to file.

Corrections made  
on Organization  
File Card:

By A.B.  
S/3324/LML



FILE UNDER NO. 293 Colston, John Q.

# INDEX SHEET

JKM

Nov. 14, 1932

## SYNOPSIS

From: Q.M. American Graves Reg. Serv. in Europe  
To: O.Q.M.G.

Re: Photographs of graves.

DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO. 004.511 Meuse Argonne Amer. Cem.

INSTRUCTIONS.—Under "Synopsis" make brief entry showing date of communication and from whom received and synopsis sufficient to identify the papers. When these index sheets become numerous under a subject they will be entered on the consolidated index sheet and then destroyed.

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QM 293 A-M

Colston, John Q. (MA) x

November 29, 1932

Mrs. Henrietta T. Colston,  
R. D. #3,  
Wadesboro, N. C.

Dear Madam:

In further reference to ~~your~~ letter from this office of September 30, 1932, there are inclosed herewith photographs of the grave of your son, the late Private John Q. Colston, 365th Inf., who is buried in Grave 24, Block D, Row 21, Meuse Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

JAS. H. LAUBACH,  
Lt. Colonel, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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September 30, 1932.

QM 293 A-M  
Colston, John Q. (MA) x

Mrs. Henrietta T. Colston,  
R. D. #5,  
Wadesboro, N. C.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date advising that you are unable to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private John Q. Colston, and requesting that Mrs. Trexler be permitted to go in your place.

It is regretted to advise that there is no provision of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended, which will permit the Government to transfer the privilege of making the pilgrimage to a relative or friend in the event the mother or widow is unable or does not desire to make the journey.

I am sorry that your health will not permit you to make the journey next year. The Chief of the American Graves Registration Service in Europe has been requested to photograph the grave of your son and to forward two prints to this office for delivery to you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Colston, John Q      MA    X

September 8, 1932.

Mrs. Henrietta T. Colston,  
RFD #3,  
Wadesboro, N.C.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:  
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

July 13, 1932.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Colston, John Q. (MA) x

Mrs. Henrietta T. Colston,  
RFD 3  
Wadesboro, N. C.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) \_\_\_\_\_

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Colston, John Q. Pvt. (M-A) Mx

March 15, 1932.

Mrs. Henrietta T. Colston,  
R. F. D. #3,  
Wadesboro, N. C.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:  
Env.

QM 293 A-M  
Colston, John Q. Pvt. (M-A) Mx

March 15, 1932.

Mrs. Henrietta T. Colston,  
R. F. D. #3,  
Wadesboro, N. C.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries of Europe for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces. The purpose of the Act is an endeavor to bring a measure of peace and comfort to the hearts of the mothers and widows whose loved ones made the supreme sacrifice, and it appears from communications from women who have made the journey that this effort has not been in vain.

As the mother of the late Private John Q. Colston, you are eligible to make a pilgrimage to his grave in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in France. All necessary expenses of the pilgrimage will be borne by the Government and personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided. Doctors and nurses will be available and should you make a pilgrimage, you are assured the journey will not only be made at the expense of the United States, but everything possible for your welfare will be furnished. In other words, you will be the honored guest of the United States Government.

It is the earnest endeavor of this office to discover the wishes of each mother and widow with reference to the pilgrimage. It is hoped that you will decide to make the pilgrimage and will so state; however, if you feel you cannot accept the invitation, it is important that we be advised. You can realize that in arranging all details of a trip for so many people, it is necessary to have all information at once so that proper arrangements may be made. For the reasons stated, it will be appreciated if you will complete the questionnaire enclosed herewith and return it to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

This letter is forwarded to you in a final effort to obtain your wishes, inasmuch as previous letters relative to the pilgrimage have remained unanswered.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Colston, John Q. (MA) Mx

October 2, 1931. gb

Mrs. Henrietta T. Colston,  
R. F. D. #3,  
Wadesboro, N. C.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:  
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM  
Colston, John Q. PVT (MA) M x

July 1, 1931.

Mrs. Henrietta T. Colston,  
R.F.D.#3,  
Wadesboro, N.C.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

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Sign here

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Colston, John Q. Pvt. (MA) M x

May 6, 1931.

Mrs. Henrietta T. Colston,  
R. F. D. #3,  
Wadesboro, N. C.

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.

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?

2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?

3. Please give your age and state your health.

4. Do you speak English?

5. What other language do you speak?

Age  
Condition of Health

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment

QM 293 A-M

October 21, 1930

Colston, John Q. Pvt 1232 M

Mrs. Henrietta T. Colston  
R.F.D.#3  
Wadesboro, North Carolina

Dear Madam:

A reply has not been received to office letter of recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages in 1931, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age Condition of health
4. Do you speak English?	
5. What other language do you speak?	

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Colston, John Q. 1232-M

June 20, 1930

Mrs. Henrietta T. Colston,  
RFD #3,  
Wadesboro, North Carolina

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? \_\_\_\_\_

(Write answer here)

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(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Colston, John Q.

Oct. 5, 1929.

Mrs. Henrietta T. Colston,  
RFD#3,  
Wadesboro, N.C.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Pvt. John Q. Colston, Co. M, 365th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

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

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Colston, John Q.  
1232.

Sept. 5, 1929

Mrs. Henrietta Colston,  
Wadesboro, N.C.

Dear Madam:

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

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Colston, John Q.

June 29, 1929.

Mrs. Henrietta Colston  
Wadesboro, N.C.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Pvt. John Q. Colston, Co.H, 365th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the House-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

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	ROW <i>21</i>	2	<i>21</i>
	BLOCK <i>0</i>	1	<i>4</i>
STATE	<i>N.C.</i>	2	<i>38</i>
RANK	<i>Pat.</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>92</i>	2	<i>92</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>365</i>	3	<i>365</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARITAL	<i>W</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Colston,</i>	<i>bol</i>	3	<i>3 5 2</i>
<i>Mrs. Henrietta J.</i> RESIDENCE <i>R.D.#3</i>	STATE <i>N.C.</i>	2	<i>38</i>
	COUNTY <i>Anson</i>	2	<i>04</i>
	CITY <i>Wadesboro</i>	3	<i>051</i>
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
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NATIVITY		1	
RACE	<i>BLACK</i>	1	<i>2</i>
ENGLISH	<i>Yes.</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Bad</i>	1	<i>2</i>
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	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE <i>29/514</i>	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>

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IN REPLY  
REFER TO

QM 293 A-M

WAR DEPARTMENT

Oct. 13, 1932

Colston, John Q. MA-x

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

Mrs. Henrietta T. Colston,  
RFD 3,  
Wadesboro, N. C.

SPECIAL

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

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Oct. 13, 1932

WAR DEPARTMENT

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF BUREAU OF MILITARY PERSONNEL

Washington, D. C.

SPECIAL

Mr. ...

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Dear Madam:

Your Government has provided an opportunity for all Mothers and ... of the ... who were last ... at ... are now ... in Europe, to make a pilgrimage to the ... in Europe. This was done in the hope that all who may make the pilgrimage will derive a measure of comfort and solace from the visit.

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

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

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

Will you please advise the Bureau of Military Personnel of your time to return either the card "YES" or "NO" to the following space ... indicating whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage during ... and ... have ... for the enclosed ... required no postage, and return this sheet.

You will receive your Government card by return mail ... to receive the card in acknowledgment of a reply ... in making the necessary preparations ... to take advantage of the offer.

*[Handwritten signature]*

CHIEF OF BUREAU OF MILITARY PERSONNEL



Approved for Release, 1964

IMMEDIATE ACTION

September 30, 1932.

QM 293 A-M  
Colston, John Q. (MA) x

Mrs. Henrietta T. Colston,  
R. D. #3,  
Wadesboro, N. C.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date advising that you are unable to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private John Q. Colston, and requesting that Mrs. Trexler be permitted to go in your place.

It is regretted to advise that there is no provision of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended, which will permit the Government to transfer the privilege of making the pilgrimage to a relative or friend in the event the mother or widow is unable or does not desire to make the journey.

I am sorry that your health will not permit you to make the journey next year. The Chief of the American Graves Registration Service in Europe has been requested to photograph the grave of your son and to forward two prints to this office for delivery to you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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September 30, 1952.

QM 293 A-M  
Edlston, John Q. (MA) X

SUBJECT: Photograph of Grave.

TO: Chief, American Graves Registration Service in Europe,  
20 rue Molitor, Paris, France.

1. It is requested that the grave of Private John Q. Colston be photographed and two prints thereof forwarded to this office for delivery to his mother.

2. The records show the location of the grave of this veteran to be:

Grave 24, Block D, Row 21, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery.

For The Quartermaster General.

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Colston, John Q MA x

September 8, 1932.

Mrs. Henrietta T. Colston,  
RFD #3,  
Wadesboro, N.C.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	<u>No</u>
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: <u>45</u> Health: <u>Good</u>
3. Do you speak English?	<u>yes</u>
4. What other language do you speak?	<u>None</u>

*Henrietta J. Colston*  
Sign here

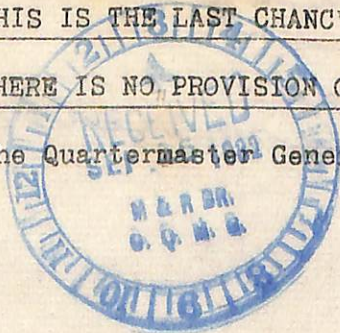
*Letter*  
NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*Chas. W. Dietz*  
CHAS. W. DIETZ,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Encl:  
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NAVY DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

September 8, 1888.

RECEIVED BY THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

Colonel John B. Colston

Mr. Harriette T. Colston

Washington, D.C.

Dear Madam:

Could I send a body in  
my place, Mrs. C.H. Fuller  
would go and see the grave  
put flowers on it; take  
the pictures of it and report  
all to me. I would appreciate that.

Yours truly

Harriette Colston

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

July 13, 1932.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Colston, John Q. (MA) x

Mrs. Henrietta T. Colston,

RFD 3

Wadesboro, N. C.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) \_\_\_\_\_

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Colston, John Q. Pvt. (M-A) Mx

March 15, 1932.

Mrs. Henrietta T. Colston,  
R. F. D. #3,  
Wadesboro, N. C.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	<i>Yes But Can't go</i>	<i>Yes But Can't Go</i>
2. Please state your age and condition of health:		Age: <i>50 Years</i> Health: <i>Very Poor</i>
3. Do you speak English?		<i>Yes</i>
4. What other language do you speak?		<i>None</i>

*Mrs. Henrietta T. Colston*  
Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours

*A. D. Hughes*

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

Encl:  
Env.



QM 293 A-M  
Colston, John Q. Pvt. (M-A) Mx

March 15, 1932.

Mrs. Henrietta T. Colston,  
R. F. D. #3,  
Wadesboro, N. C.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries of Europe for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces. The purpose of the Act is an endeavor to bring a measure of peace and comfort to the hearts of the mothers and widows whose loved ones made the supreme sacrifice, and it appears from communications from women who have made the journey that this effort has not been in vain.

As the mother of the late Private John Q. Colston, you are eligible to make a pilgrimage to his grave in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in France. All necessary expenses of the pilgrimage will be borne by the Government and personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided. Doctors and nurses will be available and should you make a pilgrimage, you are assured the journey will not only be made at the expense of the United States, but everything possible for your welfare will be furnished. In other words, you will be the honored guest of the United States Government.

It is the earnest endeavor of this office to discover the wishes of each mother and widow with reference to the pilgrimage. It is hoped that you will decide to make the pilgrimage and will so state; however, if you feel you cannot accept the invitation, it is important that we be advised. You can realize that in arranging all details of a trip for so many people, it is necessary to have all information at once so that proper arrangements may be made. For the reasons stated, it will be appreciated if you will complete the questionnaire enclosed herewith and return it to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

This letter is forwarded to you in a final effort to obtain your wishes, inasmuch as previous letters relative to the pilgrimage have remained unanswered.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Colston, John Q. Pvt. (M-A) Mx

March 15, 1932.

Mrs. Henrietta T. Colston,  
R. F. D. #3,  
Wadesboro, N. C.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:  
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Henrietta T. Colston

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Colston, John Q. (MA) Mr

October 2, 1931. gb

Mrs. Henrietta T. Colston,  
R. F. D. #3,  
Wadesboro, N. C.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage  
in 1932?

2. Please state your age and condition  
of health:

3. Do you speak English?

4. What other language do you speak?

Age:  
Health:

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Colston, John Q. Pvt (MA) M x

July 1, 1931.

Mrs. Henrietta T. Colston,  
R.F.D.#3,  
Wadesboro, N.C.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

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

Colston, John Q. 1232-M

June 20, 1930

Mrs. Henrietta T. Colston,  
RFD #3,  
Wadesboro, North Carolina

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? \_\_\_\_\_

(Write answer here)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Sign here)

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

Colston, John Q.

Oct. 5, 1929.

Mrs. Henrietta T. Colston,  
RFD/S,  
Wadesboro, N.C.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Pvt. John Q. Colston, Co. M, 365th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

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

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Colston, John Q. - 7 Single

June 29, 1929.

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Mrs. Henrietta Colston  
Wadesboro, N.C.

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Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late pvt. John Q. Colston, Co.M, 365th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Colston, John Q.  
1232.

Sept. 5, 1929

Mrs. Henrietta Colston,  
Wadesboro, N.C.

Dear Madam:

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

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

Write answers in space below

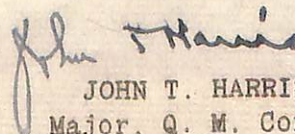
1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried? If so, give her complete address:

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

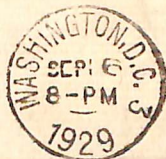
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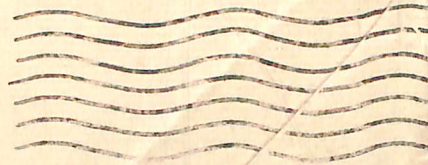


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