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To The A. G. O.

G.R.S. Form #114-B

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JAN 15 1926

FULL NAME.....COLLINS, Dennis *Sol. Lig.*

RANK.....Private, First Class *✓*.....SERIAL.....1701324 *✓*

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION.....Company G, 306th Infantry *77 Div*

DATE OF DEATH.....*24 + 5, 1918* *✓*

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

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED.....*none found* *✓*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION.....	5	5	C
	Date	Grave	Row
			Block

Robert O. Davis,	608
Major General,	Cemetery
The Adjutant General	

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Co.C, 306 th Inf.
77 th Div.

COLLINS, Dennis - Pvt. Icl. I70I324
Home: I406 Ave. A.
New York - N.Y.C.

As this company was advancing toward the Aisne Canal on Sept. 5, 1918, Pvt. Dennis Collins was hit by a fragment of a shell as he lay in his funk hole.

The funk hole was located in Chemin des Dames near the town of Vauxcercere. Pvt. Collins was badly wounded and died within five minutes after being hit by the german shell.

I happened to be in the funk hole with Pvt. Collins at the time his last words were " Kruger, please take me out of here". He was buried in the funk hole where he was hit.

Informant: Kruger, Henry - Corp. I70I305
Co.C, 306 th Inf.
Home : 611 Kosciusko St. Brooklyn N.Y.

March, 6th 1919.

Searcher : R.J. Sprague - Captain
306 th Inf.

Emergency address:
James Cassidy
502 West - 72 nd St. New York.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place

Date MARCH 8, 1921

1. REMAINS OF Collins, Dennis SERIAL NUMBER 1701524
P.F.C. Co.C 306th Inf.
RANK ORGANIZATION

2. Disinterred (date): March 8, 1921 From (give complete location): Gr.47 Sec.C Pt.2
By: Group Foster Unit Section 7

3. Reburied (date): March 8, 1921 In (give complete location): Gr.47 Sec.C Pt.2
By: Group Foster Unit Sec.7 Nature of reburial pine box & burlap.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: Uniform and burlap. Entirely decomposed. Features unrecognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? no On grave marker? yes

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks: None

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) do.

(c) Hair—Color do.

Quantity do.

Characteristics do.

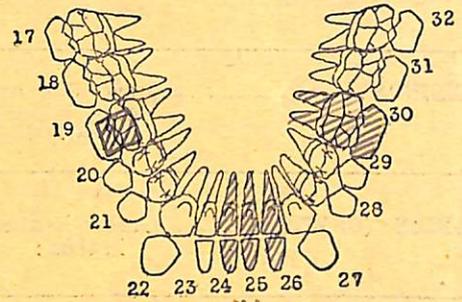
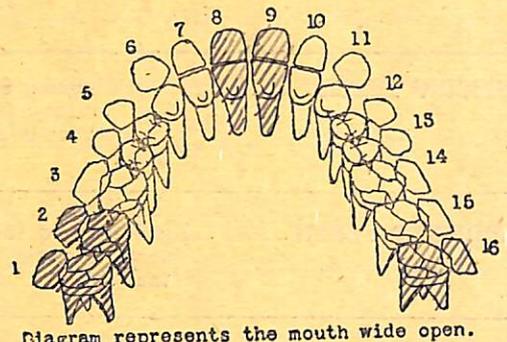
(d) Hair on face—Color do.

Location do.

Quantity do.

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

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) # 1 & 2 ext.; 8 & 9 miss.; 19 broken off; 24, 25, 26 miss.; 30 ext.; (Teeth "Missing" means after death) Impossible to determine



1 & 2 ext.; 8 & 9 miss.; 19 broken off; 24, 25, 26 miss.; 30 ext.; (Teeth "Missing" means after death)

7. Disinterment supervised by A.E. Dewey Approved: M.B. Birdseye 1st Lt Q.M.C.

8. Reburial supervised by A.E. Dewey Approved: M.B. Birdseye 1st Lt Q.M.C.

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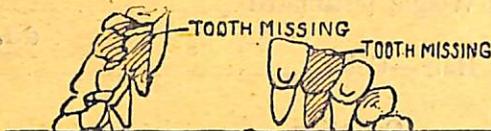
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPER COMPLETION OF G. R. S. FORM NO. 16-A

Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to 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.

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



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



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



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



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



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

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

1925

CODE SLIP
LOCO PARENTIS

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Collins	3	3 0 2
BURIED	CEMETERY	1	2
	GRAVE	2	0 5
	ROW	2	0 5
	BLOCK	1	3
STATE	New York	2	3 7
RANK	Priv. 1/c	1	2
DIVISION	77	2	77
ORGANIZATION	306	3	306
ARM	Inf.	1	1
MARITAL	W.	1	2
NAME	Slout	3	9 12 5
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	2 5
	COUNTY	2	0 9
	CITY	3	0 1 2
RELATION	loco parentis	1	4
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	No	1	2
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

Mother dead
 Children raised
 in orphanage

AUDITED
 MAY 18 1932
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September 4, 1930.

QM 293 A-M
Collins, Dennis, Pvt. 1st cls. 608 LP

Mrs. Josie Stout,
5 Croton Road,
Ayer, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of the form which you completed and returned to this office in connection with the pilgrimages of mothers and widows to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

The information furnished by you does not indicate that you stood in loco parentis to your brother, the late Private first class Dennis Collins, within the meaning of the law, and it is regretted to advise you are not eligible to make a pilgrimage to his grave in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, France, at the expense of the Government.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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State of Mass)
County of Syer) SS

Name of deceased soldier Dennis Collins 608

Rank 1st Class Private Organization 306 Inf. Co. C.

1. The undersigned disinterested persons, not related to the applicant or to the deceased soldier, depose and say of their own personal knowledge that:

(a) Fosie Stout stood in loco parentis to Dennis Collins (name of applicant) (deceased soldier) from _____ to _____

(b) The age of the deceased soldier at the time the status in loco parentis began was _____ years, _____ months, _____ days. The age of _____ (name of applicant) parentis began was _____ years, _____ months, _____ days.

(c) _____ (name of applicant) during the time she stood in loco parentis to the said deceased soldier, actually provided for such soldier in the following manner and to the following extent:

I cant say I assumed the obligations which a father would as my Brother and I were

(d) The following additional circumstances, facts and declarations tend to show that the said applicant actually assumed the obligations which a father would have assumed in the matter of making provision for the support of the deceased soldier:

raised in a home for orphans my Parents died when we ^{were} Babie my Brother was Born the year 1888 I was Born the year 1887. we were taken out of home when we were 15 yrs of age

2. In making the above statements, it is understood that the term in loco parentis means that:

- (a) A person must act the part of a lawful father in performing the duty of providing for him; taking the place of a father in this particular.
- (b) To obtain the benefits of the Act of March 2, 1929, a woman must have occupied this status towards a particular deceased service man for a period of not less than 5 years at any time prior to the soldier, sailor, or marine becoming 18 years of age. Circumstances and facts should be stated in detail in order to insure intelligent decision. If additional space is required please write on the back of this sheet.

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Signed: _____

Address: _____

Signed: _____

Address: _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____ 19____.

(Seal)

(Notary Public)

although my means were small working for a private family I had turned all in to lady that Boarded my Brother untill he become 18 yrs of age

Yours Truly

Jose Stout
5 Grotow Road
Hyer Mass



QM 293 A-M
Collins, Dennis - 608 S

August 15, 1930

Mrs. Josie Stout,
Box 104,
Ayer, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 8, 1930, together with the form letter forwarded to you from this office relative to the pilgrimages of mothers and widows to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

Under the law, pilgrimages are authorized only for mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces. The only provision of the law under which anyone other than the mothers and widows could be considered for this pilgrimage is contained in Section 4 (a) of the Act as amended, which reads in part, "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for a period of not less than five years at any time prior to the soldier, sailor or marine becoming 18 years of age".

However, in order to satisfy legal requirements it will be necessary for you to furnish as proof of your relationship in loco parentis to your brother, the late Private Dennis Collins, the affidavits of at least two persons not related to you.

In the event you believe you are eligible under the law to make this pilgrimage, it is requested that the enclosed form be completed and returned to this office in order that your eligibility may be determined. Under paragraphs 1 (c) and 1 (d), sufficient information should be included to permit an intelligible decision as to eligibility.

If you are eligible under the law to make this pilgrimage, you will be invited to make the journey during the summer months of 1931 inasmuch as there are no reservations available this year on the steamships utilized for the pilgrimages.

For The Quartermaster General.

LG *ETC*

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:
2 affidavit forms
Act
Amendment
Envelope.

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

Aug 8. 1930.

Qm 293 AC-

H. L. Hughes
Washington

Dear Sir

I hope you will pardon me
for delaying this letter so long, as
I have been sick and unable to
call at post office for past 3 weeks
I would like to make pilgrimage to
cimiteries if you could arrange it, so I can
take trip before cold weather sets in

Very Truly Josie Stout

Box 104

Ayer Mass



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Collins, Dennis - 608 S

July 8, 1930

Mrs. Josie Stout
General Delivery
Ayer, Mass.

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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:

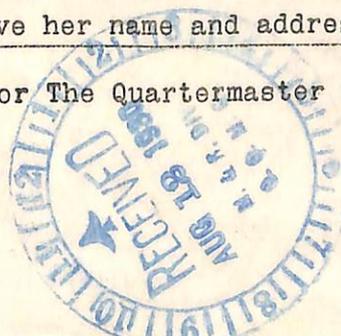
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Sister
Josie Stout
Ayer, Mass. Box 104

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes
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

Collins, Dennis
608

September 13, 1929.

Mrs. Josie Stout,
General Delivery,
Ayer, Mass.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated Aug. 31, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

No

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

No

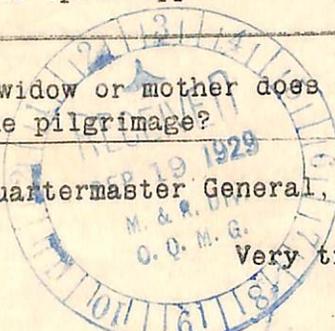
3. If survived by a widow or mother does she desire to make the pilgrimage?

No

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Collins, Dennis

August 31, 1929

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WAR DEPARTMENT
 OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
 WASHINGTON

*Parents Deceased
 no Dates*

DATE 7-20-29

NAME RANK SERIAL ORGANIZATION DATE OF DEATH
 COLLINS, Dennis Pvt. 1/cl. 1701324 Co. C, 306th Inf. 9/5/18

STATE CTY. NO. 608 GRAVE 5 ROT 5 BLOCK C

Check relationship

Living - Deceased

MOTHER

STEPMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)

NAME

AND

ADDRESS

MOTHER THRU ADOPTION (For the year prior to commencement of service)

MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS (For the year prior to commencement of service)

WIDOW (Who has not remarried)

:	:	:
:	:	:
:	<i>Sister</i>	:
:	:	:
:	<i>Mrs. Josie Stout,</i>	:
:	<i>Gen. Del,</i>	:
:	<i>Ayer, Mass.</i>	:
:	<i>add of 7/5/27</i>	:
:	_____	:
:	_____	:
:	_____	:

Veterans Bureau Claim Number 0 55 0 50

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7/27/29
Ans

September 4, 1930.

QM 298 A-M
Collins, Dennis, Pvt. 1st cls. 608 LP

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For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Collins, Dennis - 608 S

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Assistant.

O. G. M. G. M. & R. DIV.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

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If so, give her name and address:

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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?

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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A. D. HUGHES,
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Collins, Dennis
608

September 13, 1929.

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Ayer, Mass.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated Aug. 31, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
COLLINS, Dennis - Pvt.1/c

September 30, 1924

Mr. James Cassidy,
502 East 72nd St.,
New York City, N.Y.

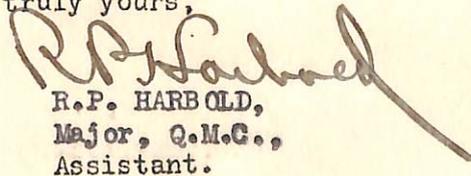
Dear Sir:

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

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

Very truly yours,


R.P. HARBOLD,
Major, Q.M.G.,
Assistant.

1-Incl.
Record card.

FILE

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

[Handwritten signature]

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300.

WASHINGTON, D.C.
SEP 30
1:30 PM

REGISTER
OR
INSURE
VALUABLE MAIL

RETURNED TO SENDER
OCT 1 1924
DO NOT POST AGAIN IN THIS
ENVELOPE OR WRAPPER

Mr. James Cassidy,

502 East 72nd St.,

New York City,

N.Y.

Sta.

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N. D.

NEW YORK, N.Y.
OCT 1 1924
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[Handwritten initials]
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REGISTER
OR
INSURE
VALUABLE MAIL

Soldier's  Overseas
Grave

Name Dennis Collins

Rank Private, First Class

Organization Company C, 306th Infantry

Grave No. 5 Row 5 Block C

Cemetery Oise-Aisne American

Location Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France

QM 293 A-C
B COLLINS, Dennis $\frac{1}{2}$ Pvt. 1/c

September 30, 1924

Mr. James Cassidy,
502 East 72nd St.,
New York City, N.Y.

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

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

Very truly yours,

R.P. HAROLD,
Major, Q.M.G.,
Assistant.

1-Incl.
Record card.



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Place _____

Date May 7/19

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name ^{*crucis*} D. Collins,

Number: 1701324

Rank: Pvt.

Organization: None

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group 1 Unit 304

Disinterred (Date) May 7/19 From: (Give complete location)

From Grave # 1 Sketch 155-Forsberg

33NE E202.70 N291.88

Inquest
(611)

Reburied (Date) May 7/19 in: (Give complete location)

Grave # 47 Section C. Cemetery #18 Fismes (Marne)

Map #34 Reims. SW. 286.25N-205.75E

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

Buried 2 feet deep--Body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes and one on cross.

What other means of identification were found upon the body? None

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon the bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct, as is required by G.O. 170, G.H.2, 1918., after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Cpl. C.A. Gammon

1st. Lt. Oscar W. Forsberg.

C.O. Group 1 Unit _____

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 24403

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name COLLINS, Dennis Ser. No. 1701324
(b) Rank Pvt. 1.c Organization Co. C, 306th Inf.
(c) Date of death 9-5-18 (d) Cause of death K/A
TYP. DB
CKR. [signature]

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

(a) Grave No. 47 Row - Plot 2 Sec. C TYP. DB
(b) Emerg. Address Mr; James Cassidy, (Friend) 502 E. 72nd St. New York City.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases CKR. [signature]

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt no card in file 46 - 12-2-20

(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

Examiner's Initials Date, 12-2, 1920.

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes AH

Examiner's Initials Date 12-2, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 617 SHEET No. 227

G. R. S. Form No. 115 Amended Apr. 16, 1920

Make Form No. 114

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

44-17-21

checked 12/2/20

CARDED

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Jan. 24, 1922

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT jc. COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name COLLINS, Dennis

10. Name

2. No. 1701324

11. No.

3. Rank PFC.

12. Rank

4. Org. Co. C. 306th Inf.

13. Org.

5. D.D. Sept. 5th 1918

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. KIA.

(b) D.B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 47 Sec. C.

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot 2 Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. No discp

18. Cemetery American Cty.

19. Commune or town FISMES

20. Dept. or County Marne

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 617

23. Disinterred (Date) 1-24-22

By B. A. Bradford

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Dennis Collins

Serial No. 170132

Rank P.F.C.

Organization Co. C. 306th Inf.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes On body? No

B. A. Bradford
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).

Former reburial by Field Section. Bottle record found on body checks.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed features unrecognizable

28. Nature of burial Burlap and pine 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 1-24-22 By B.A. Bradford

31. Casket sealed by B.A. Bradford

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor B.A. Bradford)

AUDITED BY
701 5-22-22

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.)

Box No. **C-22823**

32. Designation of body:

Name **Dennis COLLINS**

Serial No. **1701324**

Rank **PTC.**

Organization **Co. C. 306th Inf.**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **Oise-Aisne Amer. Cty. 608 SERINGES-et-NESLES (Aisne)**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **1-24-22**

By **B.A. Bradford**

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

R. O'Leary
R. O'Leary, 1st Lt. MC

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 **Oise Aisne, Am. Cty 608 seringes et Nesles, Aisne.**

(Name)

Convoyer

Signature Shipping Officer

R. O'Leary
R. O'Leary, 1st Lt. MC

40. Received: Date **JAN 24 1922**

G.R.S. Representative **R. O. Woods**

41. Reinterred **Aug. 21, 1922, Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes et Nesles (Aisne)**

(Date)

42. Grave No. **5**

Section **----**

43. Plot **BLOCK C**

Row **5**

G.R.S. Representative

W. D. Cleary
W. D. Cleary

Lt., Chaplain, USA.

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REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Jan. 24th, 1922

1. REMAINS OF COLLINS, Dennis SERIAL NUMBER 1701324

RANK P. F. C. ORGANIZATION Co. C. 306th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Jan. 24th, 1922 From (give complete location): Gr. 47, Sec. C, Plot 2, Cem. 617

By: Group 1 Unit Sec. 7

3. Reburied (date): Aug. 31, 1922 In (give complete location): Gr. 5, Block C, Row 5, Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes et Nesles (Aisne)

By: Group re-burial group Unit ----- Nature of reburial Linedasket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: Burlap and pine box. Badly decomposed, features not recognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? No On grave marker? Yes

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks: Bottle record found with body checks. Formerly reburial by Field Section

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) " "

(c) Hair—Color None

Quantity

Characteristics

(d) Hair on face—Color None

Location

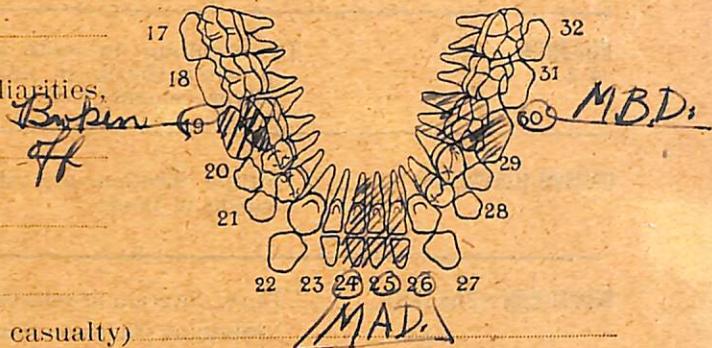
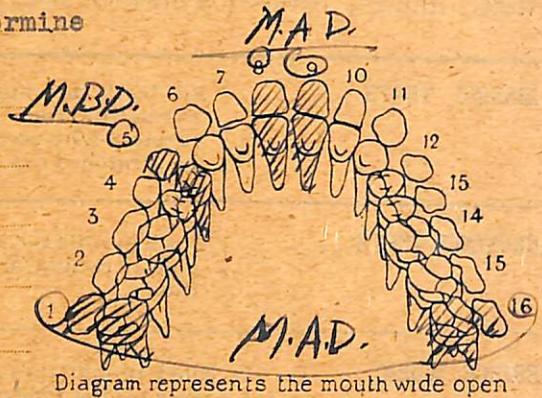
Quantity

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

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

Left scapula fractured.

~~Other bones, etc.~~



7. Disinterment supervised by Ben A. Bradford, Sup. Emb.

Approved: R. F. O'Leary, 1st Lt., QMC.
(Title)

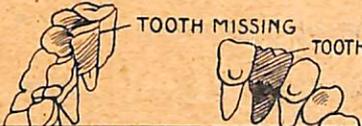
8. Reburial supervised by L.D. Hays

Approved: W.D. Cleary
(Title) Lt., Chaplain, USA.

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

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

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A

Information requested of A.G.O.

Date *5-18-22*

File No. _____ Registration. _____

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cometerial 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 *Collins*
- b. Christian name *Dennis*
- c. Serial Number *1701324*
- d. Organization *Co. 306 Inf*
- e. Rank *Put. 4e*
- f. Date of death *9-5-18*
- g. Cause of death *K.A.*
- h. Authority (C.O.#) *267*
- i. Emergency address *James ... 502 J - W. 72 St. N. Y. C.*
- j. Relationship *friend*

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

- a. Age of enlistment *29 1/2*
- b. Color of eyes *Brown*
- c. Color of hair *Brown*
- d. Height *5'7 1/2 in*
- e. Weight *135*
- 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

*scar on neck - Tattoo on left arm
mole on back Ad on back -*

*DS attached to case papers
NO: *ASiegel 5-18-22*
(In case of *Walter M. Brawley*)
CEMETERY NO: _____*

SHEET NO:
TYPED BY:

S/3310/LML

5/23/22

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

BY: *Charles J. Wynne*
Charles J. Wynne,
Captain, Q.M.C., U.S.A.

*Robert C. Davis
Acting The Adjutant General
per 24*

REC'D ARCHIVES BR.

MAY 19 1922

ADDRESS REPLY TO

-----Division
DIRECTOR OF STORAGE
MUNITIONS BUILDING

WAR DEPARTMENT
PURCHASE, STORAGE, AND TRAFFIC DIVISION
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE
WASHINGTON

No:

From:

To:

Subject:

March 26th, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Gen. Div., Corr. Br.
(COLLINS, Dennis)

Mr. James Cassidy,
502 East 72nd Street,
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Kindly inform this office at your earliest convenience whether or not the late Dennis Collins, Private First Class, Serial Number 1701324, Company C, 306th Infantry, is survived by widow, children, father, mother, brothers or sisters, and if so, furnish the name and address of each.

This information is desired in order that the Department may be assured that the proper person to determine the disposition of remains of the late soldier is given an opportunity of expressing his or her wishes.

If the late soldier is not survived by any of the above mentioned relatives, please state whether you desire the body left in France in a permanent American Cemetery, returned to the United States and shipped to you at Government expense, or interred in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia.

The Department desires to convey to you assurance of sympathy in your bereavement.

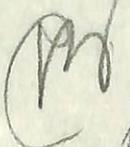
Your early reply will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

BY:

J. F. BUTLER,
Captain, Infantry.


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March 20th, 1921.

File No. 222.8 Com. Div., Govt. Pr.
(COLLINS, Dennis)

Mr. James Cassidy,
502 East 72nd Street,
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Kindly inform this office of your earliest
convenience whether or not the late Dennis Collins, Private
First Class, Serial Number 1761322, Company C, 202nd Infantry,
is survived by widow, children, father, mother, brothers or
sisters, and if so, furnish the name and address of each.

This information is desired in order that the
Department may be assured that the proper person is determining
the disposition of remains of the late soldier as given an
opportunity of expressing his or her wishes.

If the late soldier is not survived by any of
the above mentioned relatives, please state whether you desire
the body left in France in a Government Warship Cemetery,
returned to the United States and buried to you at Government
expense, or interred in the National Cemetery at Arlington,
Virginia.

The Department desires to convey to you
assurance of sympathy in your bereavement.

Your early reply will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. H. SHUMWAY,
Captain, G.M. Corps,
Officer in Charge.

BY:

J. T. HULLER,
Captain, Infantry.

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WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

CEMETERIAL DIVISION

WASHINGTON

Hoboken, N. J.

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NOTE—INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED SOLDIER SHOULD BE FURNISHED TO THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY, OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, WASHINGTON, D. C., OR TO THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, HOBOKEN, N. J., BY THE NEAREST NEXT OF KIN IN EACH CASE.

JAN 28 1921

FROM: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O. Q. M. G.

To: Mr. James Cassidy, 502 E. 72nd St., New York City.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. 1/c Dennis Collins, Ser. No. 1701324, Co. C, 306 Inf.

The records of this office show that ~~you have requested that the body of the deceased be returned to the United States~~ **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 next of kin may choose between, (1) return of the body to any address in the United States; (2) interment in the National Cemetery, Arlington, Va., or any other National Cemetery; or (3) body to remain in Europe.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

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

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 or not these relatives are STILL LIVING.

Was soldier married? _____

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
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.

Address

Relationship

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Date

Signature

I, the undersigned, am the _____ and nearest living next of kin of the within-named 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 instructions for the disposition of a body are not received from the next of kin 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 next of kin 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 next of kin, please ask the nearest next of kin, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
7. If YOU are not the nearest living next of kin 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.

NOTE.—INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DISPOSITION OF REMAINS will be issued by this office upon the properly executed authority of the legal next of kin in each case. The widow is the first person having disposition of the remains of her husband. Should there be no widow or children, the father and, in turn (upon his decease), the mother, is the proper authority. The brothers, in order of seniority, and then the sisters in order of seniority, if there are no brothers, rank next in authority to decide. Under an opinion rendered by the Judge Advocate General of the Army, if a widow has remarried she forfeits her right, and the next of kin as given above will make decision.

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

COLLINS, 1701324, Dennis

(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Pvt. 1cl. Co. C 306th., Infantry

(Rank). near Tauxere (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: ~~near Tauxere~~ near Tauxere

CAUSE OF DEATH: shrapnel

DATE OF BURIAL: Sept 5, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: ~~near Tauxere~~ west of Tauxere

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

FILE

GRAVE NUMBER: -

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? - Cross? yes

Headboard? - Bottle? -

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? no

Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker? yes (1.1.18)

If name unknown and tags missing, description and marks should be given here: 337E COORD

NEAREST RELATIVE: James Cassidy

ADDRESS: 502 W. 72nd St New York City

RELATIONSHIP: unknown

REPORTED BY: W. Sprague

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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



G.R.S. FORM NO. 12

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.

FROM : ADJUTANT GENERAL.

TO : C.O.Co. C 306th., Infantry

SUBJECT : Information for burial Register.

1. You are directed to transmit without delay to the Chief, Graves Registration Service, the information indicated on enclosed Graves Location Blank as necessary for the completion of official records.

By Command of General Pershing:

Robert C. Davis
Adjutant General.

Note:

In case this item is checked, you will note hereon:

Nearest relative of deceased:

Relationship: _____

Address: _____



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G.R.S. Form No. 107.
Notification of Grave Location,

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 5, 1920

FILE

To: Mr. James Cassidy
502 E. 72nd St.,
New York Coty, N.Y.

Case of: Private first class Dennis Collins, 1701324,
Company C., 306th Infantry

FILE

Place of Burial: Disinterred and reburied in
Grave No. 47, Section C, Plot #2,
American Cemetery, #617,
Fishes, Marne

1.- It would be likely to involve further delay if we should write personal letters in each of the many cases of notification of relatives as to the present resting places of their noble dead who glorify the nation's roll of honor.

2.- Will you therefore, please accept this letter as being the best we can do, just now? And will you also accept the sympathy of those who have been working hard for many months to render worthy service to tens of thousands of sorrowing people, in the care of their dead?

3.- Many delays in notification have resulted from our ignorance of proper addresses, shortage of clerical personnel, incomplete and imperfect information, or non-delivery and return of former letters.

4.- Thousands of bodies have been transferred to larger and better cemeteries, for reasons which were deemed imperative by the military authorities of all the Allied Nations, and the great task of improving these cemeteries is well under way. The most diligent care has been exercised to insure accuracy, and this immense project is being carried through as an unquestionable service to the friends of our dead.

5.- In serving you and others, we have been hampered by conditions and consequences of such a war as we hope may never involve our country again.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

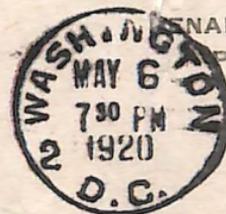
CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Colonel, Q. M. Corps,
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

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WAR DEPARTMENT.

Cemeterial Division

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PAYMENT OF POSTAGE \$300.



N. D.

Mr. James Cassidy
502 E. 72nd. St.,
New York City, N.Y.

STAMP

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MAY 5 1920
DO NOT POST AGAIN IN THIS
ENVELOPE OR WRAPPER

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