

To The A. G. O.

G.R.S. Form #114-B

FEB 6 - 1926

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FULL NAME..... COLLINS, Gordon B. ✓ *Collins*

RANK..... Private ✓ *100* SERIAL..... 1308360 ✓

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION..... Company G, 117th Infantry ✓ *300m*

DATE OF DEATH..... *Oct 8, 1914* ✓

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME..... *Tenn.* ✓

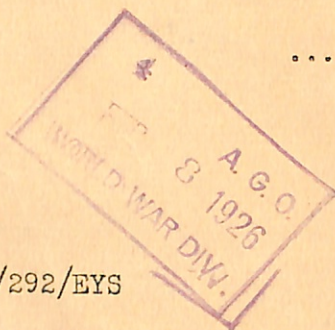
MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED..... *some found* ✓

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION..... *54* *14 17* *A*

Date Grave Row Block

636

Cemetery



AUDITED BY  
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WORLD WAR DIV.

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Collins, 1308360 Gordon B.*  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

*Cpls. 117 Inf*  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL *Oct 1973*

PLACE OF BURIAL *Sevier Cemetery*

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

*Sheet 62 RB 17 D-7.1*

GRAVE NUMBER *34 Row C Plot 1*

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?  Cross? *Yes*

Headboard?  Bottle? *Yes*

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:

*Chaplain Arthur J. Foster*  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

U. S. 117th

(a) Y  
(b) H  
(c) M  
(d) Y  
(e) M  
(f) O

Pvt 1st 1308360  
14th St. Dayton Ave.  
Knox Tenn

Lt. searcher

Knox Tenn

U.S.G.V.  
Emerg

G. G. 117th Inf.

ROBERT Gordon B. Pvt 1st 1303160  
Home address: etc. W. Hayes Ave.  
Jackson Tenn

- (a) Yes
- (b) Held Yes
- (c) Buried near Present
- (d) Yes
- (e) None
- (f) Gold eye tooth .- intimate friend

Informant. Allison Jacob. W. Pvt. 1303161  
G. G. 117th Inf  
Home South Pittsburg Tenn  
January 30th 1919

E. Charlson 1st Lt. searcher

U.S.G.V.

Emergency address: (wife)

Mrs. Bertha C. Collins Jackson Tenn

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: Collins, Gordon B.

Number: 1308360

Rank:

Organization:

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group # 2 Unit 302

Disinterred (Date) June 9th, 1919. From: (Give complete location)

Grave # 34, Row # 3, Plot A, Sevier Military Cemetery, Map Rfs., Cambrai S.E.,  
East 184.5, North 362.7.

Reburied (Date) June 9th, 1919. in: (Give complete location)

Grave # 74, Row # 3, Plot B, Bony Military Cemetery, Map Rfs., 13 S.W. East 176.3  
North 363.8.

Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment  
No wrapping, condition poor.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes.

What other means of identification were found on the body? None.

11247

CONFIRMED N.D.

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon 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:

*James M. Anderson*  
*John J. [Signature]*

*C. E. Brade, 2nd. Lt. C.M.G.*

U.S.A.  
C.O. Group # 2 Unit 302

C.O. Globe # 3 June 20 1918

A. H. C. H. Inc. *[Signature]*

Subscribed by: *[Signature]*

Section marked will be made and referred to Chief, Graves Registration Service. Other being carefully examined for signs to identify in doubtful cases, no- sent to the Effects Dept direct as to reported by G.O. 110, G.H. S. 1918.

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon bodies, they will be promptly

Note:

CONFIDENTIAL

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What other marks of identification were found on the body: None.

Was one identification tag found upon the body: Yes.

No markings, condition good.

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

Notes: 9. 235

Graves # 11, Row # 2, Plot # 3, Box # 11111111, *[Circled 11582]* to P.M. 11582

Reported (Date) June 20, 1918. (Give complete location)

Was 1000, 1000, 2000.

Graves # 11, Row # 2, Plot # 3, Section 11111111, *[Circled 11582]*

Disinterred (Date) June 20, 1918. From: (Give complete location)

Disinterment and reported made by Globe # 3 Unit 205

Name: Registration

Name: Collins, Gordon B.

Number: 1108350

Remarks of:

REPORT OF REGISTRAR AND ASSISTANT



Date June 11, 1918

Place: *[illegible]*

CODE SLIP

LOCO PARENTIS

| HEADING           | SUB-HEADING | NO. OF COLS      | CODE |
|-------------------|-------------|------------------|------|
| NAME              | Collins     | COL              | 3    |
|                   |             |                  | 352  |
| BURIED            | Gordon B.   | CEMETERY 636     | 1    |
|                   |             | GRAVE 4          | 2    |
|                   |             | ROW 17           | 2    |
|                   |             | BLOCK a.         | 1    |
| STATE             |             | 2enn             | 2    |
|                   |             |                  | 48   |
| RANK              |             | P7C              | 1    |
|                   |             |                  | 2    |
| DIVISION          |             | 30               | 2    |
|                   |             |                  | 30   |
| ORGANIZATION      |             | 117              | 3    |
|                   |             |                  | 117  |
| ARM               |             | Inf              | 1    |
|                   |             |                  | 1    |
| MARITAL           |             | Remarried        | 1    |
|                   |             |                  | 3    |
| NAME              | Maroney     | MAR              | 3    |
|                   |             |                  | 318  |
| Mrs. Pat          |             | STATE Mo         | 2    |
|                   |             |                  | 29   |
| RESIDENCE         |             | COUNTY Jackson   | 2    |
|                   |             |                  | 48   |
| No Active Address |             | CITY Kansas City | 3    |
|                   |             |                  | 031  |
| RELATION          |             | Loco Parentis    | 1    |
|                   |             |                  | 4    |
| OTHER             |             |                  | 1    |
| ELIGIBILITY       |             |                  | 1    |
| NATIVITY          |             |                  | 1    |
| RACE              |             |                  | 1    |
| ENGLISH           |             |                  | 1    |
| ATTENDANT         |             |                  | 1    |
| HEALTH            |             |                  | 1    |
| NO. OF SONS       |             |                  | 1    |
| DATE OF           | MO.         |                  | 1    |
| TRIP              | YR.         |                  | 1    |
| ACCEPTANCE        |             |                  | 1    |

**AUDITED**  
 JUN 4 1922  
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Mackey Dept

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QM 293 A-M  
Collins, Gordon B. (Son)

December 15, 1932

Mrs. Fred Wilson,  
2911 East 61st St.,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Madam:

It will be appreciated if you will furnish the address of your mother, Mrs. Pat Maroney, in order that she may be communicated with relative to her eligibility to make a pilgrimage to the grave of her brother, the late Private first class Gordon B. Collins in the Sonne American Cemetery in France.

A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:  
Env.  
bb

Jackson Tenn  
Dec. 8-32

Ward kept.

I have tried to get Mrs  
Maroney's address for you.  
~~but can't~~. so am sending  
her daughter's address, & I have  
written her also.

Mrs Fred Wilson

2911. E. 6th St

Kansas City, Mo.

Maybe she will give the letter  
to Mrs Maroney's her mother.

Yours Truly

Mrs Bertha C. Dymeson

212 Westwood

Jackson  
Tenn.

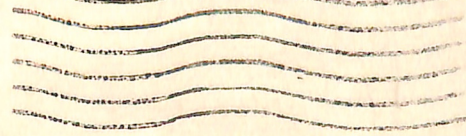


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PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID  
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THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL,

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

Memorial Branch

QM 293 A-M  
Collins, Gordon B. (SOM)

November 30, 1932

Mrs. Bertha C. Dennison,  
212 Westwood,  
Jackson, Tennessee.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to office letter of September 7th, requesting that you furnish the correct address of Mrs. Pat Maroney, sister of the late Private first class Gordon B. Collins who gave his life for his country during the World War. To date no reply has been received.

It is the earnest desire of this office to give every eligible mother and widow the opportunity to visit the cemeteries of Europe before the conclusion of the pilgrimages in 1933. Although it is possible that Mrs. Maroney may be eligible to visit the grave of her brother at the expense of the Government, efforts to communicate with her in an effort to establish her eligibility have been unsuccessful. It is therefore requested that you furnish her present address. It will be appreciated if you will also advise whether or not Mrs. Maroney provided the late Private Collins with food, clothing and shelter for five years at any time prior to his reaching eighteen years of age.

A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:  
Envelope.  
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QM 293 A-M  
Collins, Gordon B. (Son)

September 7, 1932

Mrs. Bertha C. Dennison,  
212 Westwood,  
Jackson, Tennessee.

Dear Madam:

This office is making an earnest endeavor to communicate with all women who may be eligible to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

It will therefore be greatly appreciated if you will advise the correct address of Mrs. Pat Maroney, in order that she may be communicated with relative to her eligibility to make a pilgrimage to the grave of her brother, the late Private first class Gordon B. Collins, under the loco parentis clause of the Act, as amended. Correspondence forwarded to 3933 Norton Street, Kansas City, Missouri, the address you previously furnished, has been returned unclaimed.

A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying. ①

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:  
Envelope.

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Write Kern W.

Mrs. Bertha C. <sup>see lot. 8. 2729</sup> Dennison

212. ~~Westwood~~

Jackson. Tenn.

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mail ret'd used-

fr-add she gave  
in 1929

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Collins, Gordon E. Pvt. Co. G. 117 Inf. Tenn.

Ret from 3-2-90 - enl 1-22-18

widow remarried

Q-76251

date of Mothers death

date of Fathers death

Is Sister a rec. loco

Mrs Pat Maroney

mail ret. from - 3933 Norton St. Kansas City, Mo

no correspondence from anyone except  
widow. Very little info in file over

Run widow.

212 Westwood

Jackson - Tenn.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Collins, Gordon B. (Som)

June 8, 1932

Mrs. Pat Maroney,  
3933 Norton Street,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to your eligibility to visit the grave of your brother, the late Private first class Gordon B. Collins, under the loco parentis clause of the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended.

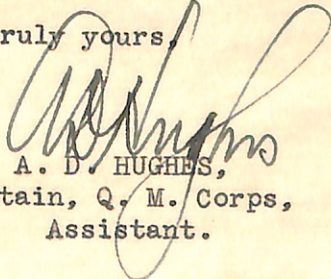
To date no reply has been received, and it is therefore requested that you furnish the following information, in order to assist this office in determining whether or not you are eligible to make the journey.

1. Dates of death of your parents, if they are deceased.
2. Did you provide your brother with food, clothing and shelter for five years at any time prior to his reaching eighteen years of age?

A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:  
Envelope.

*Send V.B.*

*Unclaimed*

QM 293 A-M  
Collins, Gordon B. 636

July 3, 1930

Mrs. Pat Maroney,  
3933 Norton Street,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Further reference is made to office letter of October 24, 1929, in which you were informed that you were not eligible under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your brother, the late Gordon B. Collins.

However, section 4 (a) of the Act was amended under date of May 15, 1930, to read in part as follows: "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 eighteen years of age".

In order to satisfy the legal requirements, it will be necessary for you to furnish as proof of the relationship, in loco parentis, the affidavits of at least two persons who are not related to you.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

Enclosure:  
Act-Amendment.  
Aff. Forms.  
Envelope.

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

QM 293 A-C  
Collins, Gordon B.

October 24, 1929.

Mrs. Pat Maroney,  
3933 Norton Street,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Mrs. Bertha C. Dennison, the former widow of your brother, the late Private Gordon B. Collins, Company G, 117th Infantry, has furnished this office with information to the effect that you stood in loco parentis to your brother.

In connection with your eligibility to visit his grave under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, a copy of which is enclosed herewith, please be advised that the only condition under which you could be eligible to make such a pilgrimage would be by qualifying under Section 4 (a) of the Act which states in part, "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for the year prior to the commencement of his service in such forces".

It has been held that within the meaning of the law, a person cannot stand in loco parentis to an adult unless such adult is mentally or physically incapacitated. No man who was mentally or physically incapacitated was accepted for service in the military or naval forces. Inasmuch as your brother was an adult at the time of the commencement of his service, his age having been 27 years and 6 months, no person could have stood in loco parentis to him for the year prior to his entry into the service. Therefore, I regret to advise that you are ineligible within the meaning of the law, to make this pilgrimage 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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1 Encl.  
Act.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Collins, Gordon B.  
636

August 27, 1929.

Mrs. Bertha C. Collins,  
634 N. Royal St.,  
Jackson, Tenn.

*(Mrs Bertha C. Stenwison  
212 West Wood  
Jackson Tenn.)*

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 16, 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?

*He has a sister who raised  
him from a baby.  
Mrs Pat Maroney  
3933 Norton St  
Kansas City Mo.*

*I would be so happy to go to  
my husband's grave  
but you say if remarried  
you can't go, remarried  
does not keep us from  
loving them & wanting to go  
to their graves.*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Collins, Gordon B.

May 16 1929.

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Mrs. Bertha C. Collins,  
634 N. Royal St.,  
Jackson, Tenn.

27 <sup>6</sup>/<sub>12</sub> yrs  
And 9-22-17

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 widow of the late Private Gordon B. Collins, Co. G. 117th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Bony, Aisne, France.

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother 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.

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relationship is that of a stepmother, mother through adoption or a woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. In case you have remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

QM 293 A-M  
Collins, Gordon B. (Som)

December 15, 1932

Mrs. Fred Wilson,  
2911 East 61st St.,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Madam:

It will be appreciated if you will furnish the address of your mother, Mrs. Pat Maroney, in order that she may be communicated with relative to her eligibility to make a pilgrimage to the grave of her brother, the late Private first class Gordon B. Collins in the Somme American Cemetery in France.

A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:  
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QM 293 A-M  
Collins, Gordon B. (SOM)

November 30, 1932

Mrs. Bertha C. Dennison,  
212 Westwood,  
Jackson, Tennessee.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to office letter of September 7th, requesting that you furnish the correct address of Mrs. Pat Maroney, sister of the late Private first class Gordon B. Collins who gave his life for his country during the World War. To date no reply has been received.

It is the earnest desire of this office to give every eligible mother and widow the opportunity to visit the cemeteries of Europe before the conclusion of the pilgrimages in 1933. Although it is possible that Mrs. Maroney may be eligible to visit the grave of her brother at the expense of the Government, efforts to communicate with her in an effort to establish her eligibility have been unsuccessful. It is therefore requested that you furnish her present address. It will be appreciated if you will also advise whether or not Mrs. Maroney provided the late Private Collins with food, clothing and shelter for five years at any time prior to his reaching eighteen years of age.

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For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Envelope.  
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QM 293 A-M  
Collins, Gordon B. (Som)

September 7, 1932

Mrs. Bertha C. Dennison,  
212 Westwood,  
Jackson, Tennessee.

Dear Madam:

This office is making an earnest endeavor to communicate with all women who may be eligible to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

It will therefore be greatly appreciated if you will advise the correct address of Mrs. Pat Maroney, in order that she may be communicated with relative to her eligibility to make a pilgrimage to the grave of her brother, the late Private first class Gordon B. Collins, under the loco parentis clause of the Act, as amended. Correspondence forwarded to 3933 Norton Street, Kansas City, Missouri, the address you previously furnished, has been returned unclaimed.

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For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Enclosure:  
Envelope.

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QM 293 A-M  
Collins, Gordon B. (Som)

June 8, 1932

Mrs. Pat Maroney,  
3933 Norton Street,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

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To date no reply has been received, and it is therefore requested that you furnish the following information, in order to assist this office in determining whether or not you are eligible to make the journey.

1. Dates of death of your parents, if they are deceased.

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For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Envelope.

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QM 293 A-M  
Collins, Gordon B. 636

July 3, 1930

Mrs. Pat Maroney,  
3933 Norton Street,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

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For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure  
Act Amendment.  
Aff. Forms.  
Envelope.

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Q1 295 A-C  
Collins, Gordon B.

October 24, 1929.

Mrs. Pat Maroney,  
3935 Norton Street,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Mrs. Bertha C. Dennison, the former widow of your brother, the late Private Gordon B. Collins, Company G, 117th Infantry, has furnished this office with information to the effect that you stood in loco parentis to your brother.

In connection with your eligibility to visit his grave under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, a copy of which is enclosed herewith, please be advised that the only condition under which you could be eligible to make such a pilgrimage would be by qualifying under Section 4 (a) of the Act which states in part, "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for the year prior to the commencement of his service in such forces".

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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

Collins, Gordon B.  
836

August 27, 1929.

Mrs. Bertha C. Collins,  
634 N. Royal St.,  
Jackson, Tenn.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Collins, Gordon B.

May 16 1929.

Mrs. Bertha C. Collins,  
634 N. Royal St.,  
Jackson, Tenn.

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 widow of the late Private Gordon B. Collins, Co. G. 117th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Bony, Aisne, France.

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother 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.

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relationship is that of a stepmother, mother through adoption or a woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. In case you have remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Q. M. G. M. E. R. W.

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To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE April 2, 1928

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 COLLINS, Gordon B.  
 2. No. 1308360  
 3. Rank Pvt.  
 4. Org. Co. G, 117th Inf.  
 5. D.D. Oct. 8, 1918  
 6. C.D. KIA

10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_  
 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) D.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 5 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. Plot Block A Row 14  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

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

18. Cemetery Somme  
 20. Dept. or County Aisne  
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. #636

19. Commune or town Bony  
 21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) April 2, 1928

By P.D. WOODMAN

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name COLLINS, Gordon B.  
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. 1308360  
 Organization Co. G, 117th Inf.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker?

On body? T.O.B.

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).

T.O.B. reads as above and Jackson, TENN" on reverse side.

27. Condition of body \_\_\_\_\_

28. Nature of burial Pine box and burlap

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? \_\_\_\_\_

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date April 2, 1928

By P.D. WOODMAN

31. Casket sealed by P.D. WOODMAN

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)



P.D. WOODMAN

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. \_\_\_\_\_

32. Designation of body:

Name COLLINS, Gordon B. Serial No. 1308360

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. G, 117th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Somme, Bony, Aisne

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) April 2, 1928 By J.J. DILLON

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

*J.J. Dillon*  
J.J. DILLON

36. Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

(Name)

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_

To Permanent Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_

(Name)

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

40. Received: Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

41. Reinterred: April 2, 1928 Somme American Cty.

(Date)

42. Grave No. 4 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot Block A Row 17

G.R.S. Representative

*J.F.V. Brady*  
J.F.V. BRADY,  
Superintendent.

Place Somme Cty. 636.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date April 2, 1928.

1. REMAINS OF COLLINS, Gordon B. SERIAL NUMBER 1308360

RANK Private. ORGANIZATION Co. G, 117th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : April 2, 1928. From (give complete location) :  
Grave 5, Block A, Row 14.

By : Group Cty. Unit \_\_\_\_\_

3. Reburied (date) : April 2, 1928. In (give complete location) :  
Grave 4, Block A, Row 17.

By : Group Cty. Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial Metallic Case t.

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

5. (a) Identification tags : Buried with body ? T.O.B. On grave marker ? Al. Strip.

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment and general remarks :  
T.O.B. reads as above and "Jackson, TENN." on reverse side.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) \_\_\_\_\_

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

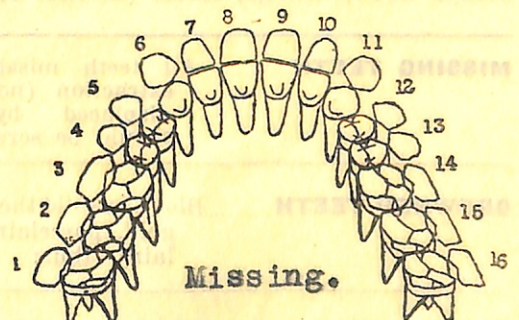
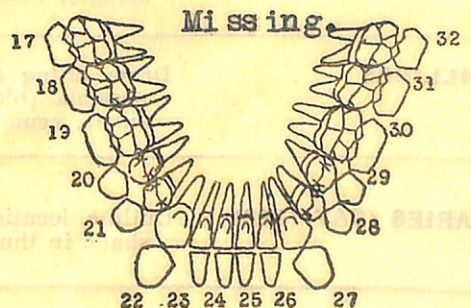


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



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

All ribs fractured or missing; 18 vertebrae missing; right tibia and fibula shattered; right and left femur shattered; head shattered, both jaws missing; right and left scapula shattered; left radius fractured, lower third missing; right ulna fractured, lower third missing; right humerus and ulna missing; left ulna fractured, lower third missing.

7. Disinterment supervised by R. Woodman

Approved :

(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by J. J. Willow

Approved :

(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), 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.

636-258

Collins, Gordon B

1,308,360

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number)

Pvt

Co G 117 Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

wife

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

yes

(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery?

no

(Yes or no.)

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

Mrs Gordon B. Collins

western Union

(Name of person to receive remain's.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Southern)

Tenn

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

Jackson

(State.)

(Sign here)

Mrs Gordon B. Collins

261 W. Sycamore

Jackson Tenn

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by pm  
636-258  
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**REVIEWED  
OSP SS.**

cl 2-9-21

QM 293 A-C

COLLINS, Gordon B. - Pvt.

April 27, 1926

Mrs. Bertha C. Collins,  
634 North Royal St.,  
Jackson, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

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

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

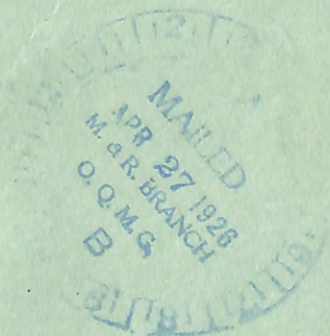
Please be assured that in effecting removal of the dead, the utmost reverential care was exercised by those who performed this sacred duty. For the future, these graves will be perpetually maintained by the Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

1 Incl.  
Record card.

L.W. REDINGTON,  
Major, Q.M.C.,  
Assistant.

RD  
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# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File -37809

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name Collins, Gordon B. Ser. No. 1308360  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. G. 117th Inf.  
 (c) Date of death 10-8-18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. ZK  
 CKR. hBR

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

(a) Grave No. 74 Row 3 Plot B Sec. - TYP. DB  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Bertha C. Collins, (Wife) 408 N. Hays Ave., Jackson, Tenn.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases NO CARD CKR. g.m.c.

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Mrs. Gordon B. Collins (b) Relationship wife  
 (c) Address 261 W. Lyncamore, Jackson, Tenn.  
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? Yes  
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at no

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. Mrs. Gordon B. Collins, Jackson, Tenn. Southern Exp. + W. U. Tele.

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

Examiner's Initials Phe Date 9-2, 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 Pm Date 9-2, 1920.

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

Wife Mrs Gordon B Collins  
634 N Royal St Jackson, Tenn (4-12-20)  
Cancel request on card. Leave body where it is.

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes 26th  
 Examiner's Initials HW Date 9-3, 1920.

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 636 SHEET No. 258

*checked by  
 cd 2-9-210*

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_, Checked by \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

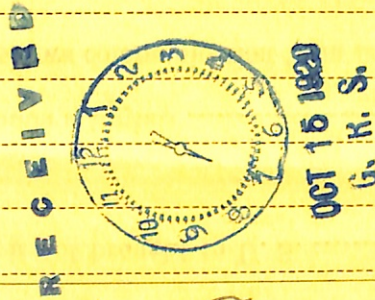
Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on **SEP 16 1920**, 1920

*Par. # 2 Not to be returned. (MCD)*

IX.

**CORRECTIONS**

| CHANGE OF ADVICE.           | ACTION TAKEN. |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Desires body be _____       |               |
| Body to be shipped to _____ |               |



X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: *9/16/20 - Form 120 - from Mrs. Gordon B. Collins, wife, confirms previous instructions: - Body remain in France* *10-11-20*

*Let. 6/7/21 - Widower, Mrs. Gordon B. Collins, 634 N. Royal St., Jackson, Tenn. State she has been informed all bodies are to be returned. Does not desire body returned but if report is true request body returned to her. Ask if relative requested body returned.*

*Let. 6/11/21. Sug admin Widower & sis are returned although requested by legal rep. Body will remain permanently interred in present resting place unless desired returned - MCD 6/29/21*

636-258

June 18, 1921.

293.8-Cem.#37809-(Collins, Gordon B. Pvt.)

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

Mrs. Gordon B. Collins, 634 N. Royal St., Jackson, Tenn.

Disposition of remains.

1. In reply to your letter of June 7th 1921, you are advised that the records of this office contain your request that the remains of your husband, the late Private Gordon B. Collins, Company C, 117th Infantry, be permanently interred in France and instructions have been issued that your wishes be complied with.
2. The body of the deceased is now interred in Grave 74, Plot B, Row 3, Flanders Field American Cemetery at Bony, Department of Aisne. As this is a permanent American Cemetery in France, the body will remain undisturbed in its present resting place, unless you desire it returned.
3. You are further advised that the remains of our soldier dead are returned to this country only in those cases where the legal next of kin desire such action. The relatives of many of our soldier dead have requested their remains to be interred in permanent American Cemeteries in France and such action is being taken.
4. The records of this office do not contain any request with reference to the disposition of these remains, other than yours.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

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HW

RECEIVED BY  
MAIL UNIT

JUN 21 1921

Cemeterial Division  
Overseas Project Sub-Section

Noted on Form No. 115  
Date MA 6/29/21



SEP 11 1920

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

Rush Answer

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

To: Mrs. Gordon B. Collins, 634 N. Royal St., Jackson, Tenn.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Gordon B. Collins, Ser. No. 1308360, Co. G, 117th Inf.

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

If these are not the correct instructions, please 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.

OCT 9 20

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        |
|--|-----------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Soldier's widow                            | Mrs Gordon B. Collins | 634 N. Royal     | Jackson Tenn |
| Soldier's children<br>(Name oldest first.) | 1                     |                  |              |
|  | 2                     |                  |              |
|  | 3                     |                  |              |
| Father                                     |                       |                  |              |
| Mother                                     |                       |                  |              |
| Brothers<br>(Name oldest first.)           | 1 R. E. Callina       | 2829 Indiana     | Kansas Mo.   |
|  | 2                     |                  |              |
|  | 3                     |                  |              |
| Sisters<br>(Name oldest first.)            | 1 Mrs Edna Mcronney   | 2829 Indiana Ave | Kansas Mo.   |
|  | 2                     |                  |              |
|  | 3                     |                  |              |

Date Sept 16 - 20

Signature Mrs Gordon B. Collins

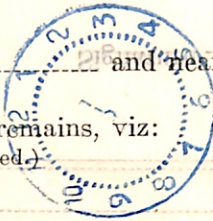
Address 634 N. Royal St

Relationship wife

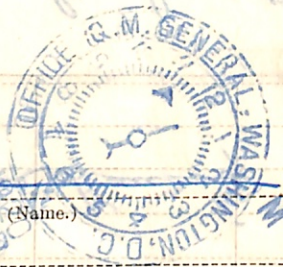
IMPORTANT.—CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper.

Sept 16, 1920

I, the undersigned, am the wife and nearest living relative of the within-named soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz: (Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)



OCT 15 1920  
G. H. S.



1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

2. ~~To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to~~

(R. R. station.)

(Name.)

(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.

*Please give me all information of where he is living and which cemetery.*  
Signature Mrs Gordon B. Collins



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.

WASHINGTON  
CIVILIAN REGISTRATION SERVICE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNMENT GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WAR DEPARTMENT

SEP 17 1920

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

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

To: Mrs. Gordon B. Collins, 634 N. Royal St., Jackson, Tenn.

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| NAME OF—                                    | NO. AND STREET. | TOWN. | STATE. |
|---|-----------------|-------|--------|
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| Soldier's children.<br>(Name oldest first.) | 1               |       |        |
|   | 2               |       |        |
|   | 3               |       |        |
| Father                                      |                 |       |        |
| Mother                                      |                 |       |        |
| Brothers.<br>(Name oldest first.)           | 1               |       |        |
|   | 2               |       |        |
|   | 3               |       |        |
| Sisters.<br>(Name oldest first.)            | 1               |       |        |
|   | 2               |       |        |
|   | 3               |       |        |

Date

Signature

Address

Relationship

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

Address

Relationship, 1920.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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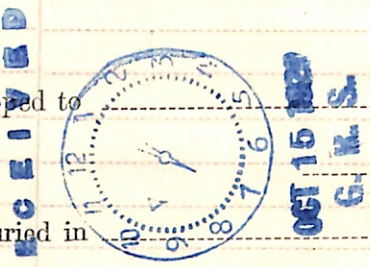
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WASHINGTON  
SERVICES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WAR DEPARTMENT



COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File No 37809

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(a) Name COLLINS, Gordon B. Ser. No. 1308360  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. G. 117th Inf.  
 (c) Date of death 10-8-18 Cause of death K/A

TYP ZK  
 CBR

acp  
 MB

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

(a) Grave No. 74 Row 3 Plot B Sect. --  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Bertha G. Collins, (Wife) 408 N. Hays Ave., Jackson, Tenn.

TYP DB

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

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

*G.R.S. Files (4-12-20) Wife Mrs Gordon B. Collins  
 634 N. Royal St. Jackson Tenn. cancels request  
 on card. Leave remains in France - 1st 9-20-20*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 192  
 (letter of transmittal on 9/16 1920)

Par. #2. Not to be returned. (McD)

OCT 4 1920

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. 192 *ell 10-2-20*

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

| Date of and Source | Relationship and name | Desires | Action taken |
|--------------------|-----------------------|---------|--------------|
|--------------------|-----------------------|---------|--------------|

VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. 10-15 1920

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY NO. 636 SHEET NO. 258  
 G.R.S. FORM 115-A  
 August 1920

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G.R.S. #106  
DISPOSITION OF BODY

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

April 30, 1920

For information of:

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

Case of:

Pvt. Gordon B. Collins  
Co.G. 117th Inf. 30th Div.

Grave Location:

Buried in American City  
Bony-Aisne. Grave #74, Plot B. Row 3.

Request for action checked below:

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

has been made by:

Mrs. Gordon B. Collins  
634 N. Royal St.  
Jackson Tenn.,

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

RS

*Carroll*

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Colonel, Q.M.G., U.S.A.

Chief, Graves Registration Service.

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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

## LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Collins, 1308360 Gordon B  
.....  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Cpls. 117 Inf  
.....  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL Oct 10 1978

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

Sheet 62 RB 17 D-7.1

GRAVE NUMBER 34 Row C Plot 1

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

### IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? yes  
Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker? .....  
If name unknown and tags missing, description and marks should be given here:

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REPORTED BY:  
Chaplain Luther S. Foster  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)



1. G. B. S. Form No. 1.

Hq. G. B. S. File

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2. Soldier's No. 1308360

3. Collins, Gordon B.  
Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials

4. Pvt. G.  
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. K. I. A.  
Date of Death Cause, if known

6. 10/13/18 Sevier, Mil.  
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. Geneva  
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. 34, Row C 1  
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

9. Name Peg? Cross?  Headboard? Bottle?  
Check Method of Marking

10. Buried with Body? Attached to Grave Marker?  
Identification Tags

11. If name unknown and tags missing, give marks and description.

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12. 62B.C. 18. c. 11  
Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

13. Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed. Chas. Ed. Evans

Group 2 Unit. 302. G. B. S.

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File O.S.P.  
MH 6/29/21

June 18, 1921.

293.8-Cem.#37809--(Collins, Gordon B. Pvt.)

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

Mrs. Gordon B. Collins, 634 N. Royal St., Jackson, Tenn.

Disposition of remains.

FILE

1. In reply to your letter of June 7th 1921, you are advised that the records of this office contain your request that the remains of your husband, the late Private Gordon B. Collins, Company G, 117th Infantry, be permanently interred in France and instructions have been issued that your wishes be complied with.

2. The body of the deceased is now interred in Grave 74, Plot B, Row 3, Flanders Field American Cemetery at Bony, Department of Aisne. As this is a permanent American Cemetery in France, the body will remain undisturbed in its present resting place, unless you desire it returned.

3. You are further advised that the remains of our soldier dead are returned to this country only in those cases where the legal next of kin desire such action. The relatives of many of our soldier dead have requested their remains to be interred in permanent American Cemeteries in France and such action is being taken.

4. The records of this office do not contain any request with reference to the disposition of these remains, other than yours.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

LN

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

HW

*Jaw* MAILED  
JUN 18 1921

RECEIVED BY  
Q.M.G. MAIL UNIT

JUN 21 1921

Noted on Form No. 115

Date *MH 6/29/21*

*Copy filed in O.S.P.*

Continued Division  
C. M. G.

STATUS OF

CTY. #

636-258

as of (Date)

6/15/24

Total Burials in Cty.

1810

Letter of Trans. No. of Bodies to be returned,

990

Bodies in Storage

( Con. Center

72 at Bong

Cable

4/1/21

( Port

Cable

Operations to Commence

Jan - 1921

Bodies returned

973 from 12-15-20 to 4/3/21

" enroute

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Jackson, Tenn.

June 7th, 1921.

Charles C. Pierce,  
Colonel, Q. M. Corps,  
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Dear Sir:--

In reference to body of Private Gordon B. Collins, #1308360  
Company G, 117th. Infantry. 30<sup>th</sup> Dec -

I have been informed lately that all bodies of the American  
soldiers would be sent back to the states. Will you please  
advise me concerning this. I have signed papers not to have  
his body sent back, but if this report is true, I want his  
body sent to me. Also, will you please inform me if any of  
his relatives have asked for his body to be sent back.

Any information you can give me along this line will be  
appreciated very much.

Yours very truly,

*Mrs Gordon B. Collins*  
*634 N. Royal St.*

P. S. Place of burial of above body:  
Disinterred and reburied in Grave No. 74, Plot B. Row 3,  
American Cemetery #636,  
Bony, Aisne.

Noted on Form No. 113

Date 7/14 6/29/21

Recorded, Tennessee War Dept., O. O. A. I., G.  
File # 298,8-37809

*Collins, Gordon B.*

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Jackson, Tenn.  
June 7th, 1921

Quartermaster J. P. ...  
Colonel G. M. ...  
Chief, Graves Registration Service

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body sent to me. Also, will you please inform me if any of  
his relatives have asked for his body to be sent back.

Any information you can give me at this time will be  
appreciated very much.

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INQ. BRANCH

JUN 11 1921

G. R. S.  
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CEMETERIAL  
DIV. Q. M. G.



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P. S. Place of burial of above body:  
Interred and reburied in Grave No. 74  
American Cemetery #688  
Bony, France.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
WASHINGTON  
April 30, 1920

FILE

No, 37809 ( Private Gordon B, Collins)  
From The Quartermaster General U.S.Army ( Cemeterial Division)  
To Mrs. Gordon B. Collins, 634 N. Royal St. Jackson Tenn.  
Subject; Grave Location. Request for permanent burial:

1. In reply to your inquiry of April 12, 1920, we beg to say that the records of the Cemeterial Division contain the following information as to grave location of Private Gordon B. Collins, Company G, 117th Infantry, 30th Division, Reburied in American Cemetery Bony Department of Aisne, Grave # 74 Plot B, Row 3,

2. The grave has been registered and suitably marked for present purposes, pending the adoption of a more permanent monument by the National Fine Arts Commission which now has the matter under consideration.

3. Your request for the permanent burial of your husband in France has been noted, and the necessary instructions will be forwarded to the Chief, American Graves Registration Service Q.M.C. in Europe.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE  
Colonel U.S. Army  
Chief, Cemeterial Division

By:  
CHARLES J. WYNN  
Captain Q.M.C.

*C. J. Wynn*

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U. S. A. S. MAIL  
APR 30 1920  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE & STORAGE  
WASHINGTON

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ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY *4/26/20*

\_\_\_\_\_ Circumstances of Death  
(Par. #2, Bul. 10-C-W)

\_\_\_\_\_ Liberty Bonds  
(G.R.S. Form 111)

\_\_\_\_\_ Flowers, Flags, etc.  
(Par. #6, Bul. 10-C-W)

\_\_\_\_\_ War Risk Insurance  
(G.R.S. Form 111)

\_\_\_\_\_ Monument  
(Par. #6, Bul. 10-C-W)

\_\_\_\_\_ Photographs  
(Par. #11, Bul. 10-C-W)

\_\_\_\_\_ Discrepancies in Inscription  
(Par. #9, Bul. 10-C-W)

\_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Burial In  
 (a) France (G.R.S. Form 106)

\_\_\_\_\_ Personal Effects  
(G.R.S. Form 111)

\_\_\_\_\_ (b) Other Countries

\_\_\_\_\_ Accrued Pay  
(G.R.S. Form 111)

\_\_\_\_\_ Return of Bodies From  
 (a) France (G.R.S. Form 106)  
(Par. #12, Bul. 10-C-W)  
 (b) Other countries

\_\_\_\_\_ Maintenance  
(Par. #7, Bul. 10-C-W)

Remarks; *M.S.*  
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NOTE: In addition to information furnished on Nos. 1, 6, 11, and 12, G.R.S. Form 101-A (Information Blank), supply data on the following:

Nos. *2*, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15.

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*M.S.*  
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Analysis Clerk.

A. R. C. MAIL ROOM  
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APR 14 1920

REFERRED TO

37800 B.R.S.  
APR 4 1920  
Jackson  
Received - - - Dept  
April 12-20

American Red Cross -

Am writing in regard  
to my husbands body being  
interred -

Have decided to let it  
remain where it is - as  
I feel like it is best now  
and will always be  
taken care of in the American  
National Cemetery over there  
Prof Gordon B. Collier  
Co G, 117. Inf. 30th Division



APR 14 1920  
M. B. R. O. O. O.

I surmise the Red Cross  
is the place I should ask  
to take this matter up for  
me:

Thanking you kindly  
I am

Mrs Gordon B. Collins  
634. N. Royal St.



Forms 004.5 & LO.B. sent April 29th, 1919.



# FIRST NATIONAL BANK

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS, \$250,000.00

JACKSON, TENN.,

January 11th-1919.

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*Photo*

Chief, Graves Registration Service,  
Headquarters Service of Supply,  
A. B. O. 717,  
American M. F. France,

Gentlemen:-

Referring to your letter of December  
16th, I respectfully ask that you send me photograph  
of the grave of Private Gordon B. Collins, Co., G.  
117th Infantry, who is buried in Military Cemetery,  
Geneve, Aisne, France.

if  
I would also be pleased ~~with~~ you would have  
the proper authorities in Washington to forward me  
the personal effect, if there were any, of the  
above named soldier.

Thanking you for anything you can do for me  
along this line, I am

Truly yours,

Mrs Bertha C. Collins

261 W. Sycamore St.

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Form G-10-1 (Rev. 10-1-58) (Use for all forms)

**BRUCE W. HARRIS**

CHIEF, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D.C.

January 11th 1961

Chief, Graves Registration Service,  
Department of Defense

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I received your letter of December 15, 1960, regarding the remains of Private Gordon S. Collins, USMC, who was reported missing in action during the Korean War. I am sorry that I cannot provide you with more information at this time. The remains of Private Collins are currently being held at the National Archives and Records Administration, College Park, Maryland. I will be pleased to discuss this matter with you at any time.

Sincerely,  
Bruce W. Harris

Very truly yours,  
Bruce W. Harris



Very truly yours,

*Handwritten signature*

*Handwritten date*

