

G.R.S. Form #114-B

MAR 10 1926

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ml \_\_\_\_\_ DATE 2/28/22 \_\_\_\_\_

1. NAME COLLINS, Roy E SERIAL No. 1426894

RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Co M 166th Inf

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne, Amer. Cty. ROMAGNE-sous-MONTFAUCON #1232 sec 11

CTY. NAME Meuse NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

34 sec 11 1

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 15 Bac. <sup>Plot A</sup> Apremont, Ardennes <sup>Cty #1715</sup>

GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES ~~XXXXX~~ Verdun 35 SE 276.9 N 299.75 E

CONCENTRATED TO 5/5/19 34 Sec 11 1

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Meuse Argonne Cemetery 1232

CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on body and cross.

DATE OF DEATH Oct 15, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Meuse

data F-1.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

ccg. DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_

M. B. BIRDSEYE  
1st Lt., Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 2/28/22 38 29 B

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

~~XXXX~~  
Block

Meuse-Argonne American Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse) 1232

CEMETERY

AUDITED BY  
X.D. 2.3.15-23

MAR 31 1926  
A.G.O.  
WORLD WAR DIV.

RECEIVED  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
APR 8 1922

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.

2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.

3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.

4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form 16, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.

MAR 16 28  
M. & R. BRANCH  
Q. Q. M. G.

*N. P. 11/18 Clem.*

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Report based on data furnished by  
determined*  
Collins, 1426894, *Ray* E.  
(Surname) (Number) (First Name and Initials)

Pvt. Co. M, 166. Inf.  
(Rank) (Organization)

PLACE OF DEATH: .....

CAUSE OF DEATH: .....

DATE OF BURIAL: ..... 10-15-18

PLACE OF BURIAL: .....

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

Verdun Meiziers map #35. 92' east  
75' north, 350 yds east of German  
hospital.

GRAVE NUMBER: ..... 15, Plot 1.

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

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

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

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE: .....

ADDRESS: .....

RELATIONSHIP: .....

REPORTED BY:

L. D. Williams, Chaplain,  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

*Collins, Roy E.  
Post.*

# WESTERN MILITARY BUREAU

## ROUTE AND SCHEDULE

EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE SAILING FROM NEW YORK CITY July 23, 1930

Rice County, State of Minnesota

Name Draper, Mrs Mary (M-4)

Address Southern Heights, Faribault, Minn.

Route going: CMStP&P Chicago, Penn ~~New York~~

Return: Same route

Desires stopover in Chicago, Ill



Transportation requests covering sleeping car accommodations should be drawn on CMStP&P RR.

		ROAD	TRAIN	TIME	DATE	
Itinerary going	Lv	Faribault	CMStP&P	22	7:32 PM	July 19
	Ar	Chicago	"	"	8:00 AM	" 20
	Lv	"	Penn	34	10:45 AM	" "
	Ar	New York	"	"	3:35 PM	" 21
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Accommodations: Standard sleeper Faribault, Minn to Chicago, Ill and Chicago, Ill to New York, N Y

Elapsed Time: 43 hrs: 3 min. *2*

*Mrs. S  
423*

*HGT.*

Extra Fare:

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Collins, Roy E	3	3 5 3
	CEMETERY	1	1
BURIED	GRAVE	2	3 8
	ROW	2	2 9
	BLOCK	1	2
STATE	Minn	2	2 7
RANK	Pvt	1	2
DIVISION	42	2	4 2
ORGANIZATION	166	3	1 6 6
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARTIAL	No	1	2
NAME	Mrs. Mary Draper	3	4 8 1
	STATE	2	2 7
RESIDENCE	COUNTY	2	6 6
	CITY	3	0 1 9
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	Yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Good	1	1
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	1 9 3 0
ACCEPTANCE	Yes	1	1
	Age		6 0

*Sailed*

*Archivist*  
 OCT 24 1931  
*MB*

Party "M" - Itinerary - Meuse-Argonne Group

Sailed July 23, 1930 on SS GEORGE WASHINGTON. Capt. J. A. Cistero and 1st Lt. H. R. Emery in charge. Arrived Cherbourg at day break on July 31st. Tender arrived 5.50 am, bearing Major Dailey and 9 other officers; 6 nurses and 5 civilian employees. Tender returned to dock at 7.30 am. Train left at 8.28 am. Arrived Invalides in Paris at 2.20 pm. Met by Col. Ellis, Members of his Staff and a detail of interpreters and nurses.

August 1st. Morning devoted to transaction of personal business. Exchange of money, preparation of laundry, etc. Left hotel by autobus in the afternoon for Arc de Triomphe where Mrs. Mary Sabce placed a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Mrs. Grace Forbes and Mrs. Martha Stewart each in turn also placed a wreath on the Tomb. After this ceremony, tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent. Returned to hotel for dinner.

August 2nd. Sightseeing - Paris Louvre and Notre Dame.

August 3rd. Left 7.15 am Via Porte de Pantin, Meaux, La Ferte-sous-Jouarre. Arrived Montairail 10.00 am. Rest stop Hotel du Vert Gallant. Left 11.00 am and arrived Chalons s/ Marne 1.00 pm. Lunch Hotel Haute-Mere-Dieu. Left 3.00 pm and arrived Ste. Menchould 4.15 pm. Rest stop Modern Hotel. Left 4.45 pm and arrived Verdun 6.15 pm. Dinner and sleep at hotels.

August 4th, 5th, 6th. Daily trips from Verdun to Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery.

August 7th. Left Verdun 9.15 am. Lunch at Cemetery. Left 2.00 pm Via Charpentry, Argonne Forest, Four de Paris, Vienne-le-Chateau, Vienne-la-Ville, Somme-Bienne. Arrived Suippes 4.00 pm. Rest stop Hotel Champagne. Left 4.50 pm Via Juchery, St. Hilaire-le-Grand. Arrived Reims 6.00 pm. Dinner and sleep Hotel Bristol Crystal.

August 8th. Visited Reims & Cathedral. Lunch Hotel Crystal. Left 1.30 pm Via Champfleury, Ay, Epernay, Dormans. Arrived Chateau Thierry 3.30 pm. Rest stop Hostellerie du Bonhomme. Left 4.00 pm Via Le Thiolet, Montreuil-aux-Lions, La Ferte-sous-Jouarre. Arrived Paris 6.45 pm. Dinner at Hotel.

August 9th. Fontainebleau Via Barbizon. Lunch Hotel Legris. Visit Chateau. Arrived Paris 6.30 pm. Dinner at Hotel.

August 10th. Morning free. Lunch at Hotel. Napoleon's Tomb. Dinner at Hotel. Sightseeing Night Trip.

August 11th. Morning free. Lunch at Hotel. Afternoon free. Dinner at Hotel.

August 12th. Versailles. Lunch at Belle Cycliste. Afternoon free. Dinner at Hotel.

August 13th. Left Hotel between 8 & 8.30 am for Invalides Railway Station. Train left at 9.22 am and arrived Cherbourg 3.08 pm. The departure of the train was witnessed by Col. Ellis and Members of his Staff. Transferred to tender and arrived alongside the SS REPUBLIC at 6.00 pm and sailed shortly thereafter. Capt. Cistero and Lt. Emery in charge. Arrived New York August 22nd.

Mrs. Mary Draper

AF

WAR DEPARTMENT  
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS & WIDOWS  
225 WEST 34TH ST., N. Y., N. Y., ROOM 901

POSTAL TELEGRAPH

Miss E. Jones  
4546 N. Damen Ave. Apy 305  
Chicago, Ill.

MORRILL ROSS  
Captain F. A. (DOL)  
August 22, 1930

MRS MARY DRAPER WILL ARRIVE IN CHICAGO SUNDAY AT FOUR FIFTY PM ON PENN TRAIN

PLEASE MEET HER

COLONEL WILLIAMS

Mrs. Mary Draper, Party "M", Hotel McAlpin

2808

NAME DRAPER, MRS. MARY

S.S. AMERICA AUG 28 1930

HOME FAIRBAULT, RICE COUNTY, MINN.

R.R. Pent chi.

STATION G.M. St. Park

TRAIN # Fairbault.

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE Sep - 17 - 30.

Wm Draper

924 8th Ave

Fairbault Minn

10 day stop off  
in Chicago

Stopover Chicago

Name **DRAPER, Mrs Mary**

Paris Hôtel **HOTEL AMBASSADOR**  
**BOULEVARD HAUSSMANN**

Home address **Southern Heights, Faribault, Rice County, Minnesota**

Party **M** Group **I** Unit **SS. Washington**

Date of arrival **July-31-1930** Date of departure **SS. AMERICA-Aug-13-1930**

Relationship **Mother**

Name of deceased **COLLINS, Roy E.**

Rank **Pvt** Organization **Co, M, 166th Inf.**

Cemetery **Meuse-Argonne**

REMARKS

Desires stop-over in Chicago Ill.



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

*Collins, Roy E.*

*MA.*

Party ..... *M* .....  
 Number ..... *2258* .....

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

*MRS. MARY DRAPER* ..... Actual cost of through Pullman.  
 Name of Traveler

*FAIRBAULT, RICE COUNTY,* ..... New York, to ..... *FAIRBAULT, MINN.* .....  
 Home Address

*MINN.* ..... \$ ..... *12.75* .....

New York, to ..... *FAIRBAULT, MINN.* .....  
 Destination

Via ..... *PENN TO CHICAGO - C M ST P & P TO DEST.* .....

*LIMIT - SEPT 17-30* ..... *AUGUST 24, 1930* .....  
 Date of Departure

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	Car	U. S. G. Order No.	Actual Cost
LV	<i>PENN STA</i>	<i>ERR</i>	<i>2-33</i>	<i>8:24</i>	<i>1WS P</i>	<i>L4</i>	<i>229</i>	
*AR	<i>CHICAGO</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>8:25</i>	<i>450 P</i>	<i>L6</i>	<i>225 #38</i>	<i>9.00</i>
LV	<i>"</i>	<i>GMSTP</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>9:14</i>	<i>615 P</i>			
*AR	<i>FAIRBAULT</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>9:5</i>	<i>711 R</i>	<i>L6</i>	<i>22 #865</i>	<i>3.75</i>
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TOTAL .....

Remarks:

*STOP OVER - CHICAGO - 10 days.*

*Escorted to train by Capt Wm Haskell*

July 5, 1930

Mrs. Mary Draper,  
Southern Heights,  
Fairbault, Minn.

Dear Madam:

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

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

For the Officer in Charge:

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

Enclosures:  
2 tags.

*1 Bag*

Arrived 3:35 P.M. July 21st

Mrs by Capt Maurice Ross -

QM 293 A-M  
Collins, Roy E. 1232-M

August 29, 1950.

Mrs. Mary Draper,  
Southern Heights,  
Faribault, Minn.

Dear Madam:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of the testimonial expressing your appreciation for the pilgrimage you have recently made to the cemeteries of Europe, which you and the other mothers and widows who sailed on the SS George Washington July 23rd, were so kind as to send me.

It is gratifying to know that your trip was entirely satisfactory and that the officers of the Army, the nurses, and the personnel connected with the pilgrimage rendered such courteous and efficient service. The Quartermaster Corps, which is charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages, has expended every effort that those making the pilgrimage might have a comfortable and pleasant journey. I feel, however, that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation and consideration shown by the mothers and widows.

I am indeed pleased to receive such complimentary remarks concerning the care and consideration shown the women making the journey by the officers and personnel connected with the pilgrimage.

Sincerely yours,

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

ADH  
JTH  
WRG

RS

EDK

NAME Draper, Mrs. Mary M

ADDRESS Southern Heights, Faribault, Minn.

DATE Aug 31 - 30

TO: OFFICER-IN-CHARGE,  
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

I BEG TO INFORM YOU THAT I HAVE RETURNED  
TO MY HOME SAFELY AND IN GOOD HEALTH.

SINCERELY,

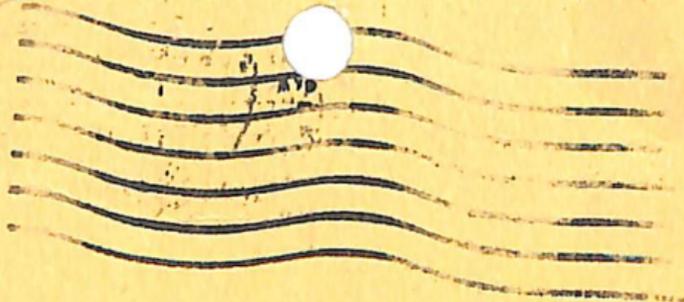
(SIGNED) Mrs Mary Draper

WAR DEPARTMENT

=====  
OFFICIAL BUSINESS



PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300.



PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

STATE

MINNESOTA  
.....

Collins, Roy E.

M

NAME ..... Draper, Mrs. Mary ..... HOME ADDRESS ..... Southern Heights,  
Faribault,  
Rice County .....

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN ..... Wm. Draper 924-8 Ave  
Faribault, Minn. ....

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE ..... July 21, 1930 ..... HOTEL ..... McALPIN ..... ROOM NO. .... 1406  
with Mrs M V Keller

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE ..... July 23 ..... VESSEL ..... Washington ..... CABIN NO. .... 1596

DESTINATION ..... CHERBOURG ..... CEMETERY ..... M.A. ....

RETURN NEW YORK

DATE AUG 22 1930

Southern Heights  
Rice County  
Faribault, Minn.

M

Draper, Mrs. Mary

NAME ..... HOME ADDRESS .....

S/S REPUBLIC

MCALPIN

RETURN ON S. S. .... HOTEL ..... ROOM NO. 1456

Cabin 517

with Mrs. E. Barlow

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

AUG 23 1930

DATE .....

ROAD Peer ..... TRAIN 21-33 CAR 229 BERTH or SEAT 24 .....

REMARKS .....

Chicago Del. 10 day

2374

RETURN RECEIPT

6232

Was using ~~the~~ 7-23-30

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

Mrs Mary Draper  
(Signature or name of addressee)

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery JUL - 9 1930, 19

Form 3811

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*P. M. General*

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number, }  
or Post Office Box, }

*Manitowish Building*

Post Office at \_\_\_\_\_

*Washington*

State \_\_\_\_\_

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Washington 6-23-30

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Date of delivery, JUN 30 1930, 192

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

Return to \_\_\_\_\_

Street and Number,  
or Post Office Box, \_\_\_\_\_

(NAME OF SENDER)  
MUNITIONS BUILDING

WASHINGTON

D. C.

RECEIVED  
JUL 3 1930  
U. S. P. O.  
CENTRAL

JUN 30 1930  
OFFICE

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING  
OFFICE  
AND DATE OF DELIVERY

QM 293 A-C  
Collins, R. E. 1232

May 22, 1930

Mrs. Mary Draper,  
Southern Heights,  
Faribault, Minnesota.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 14, relative to a stopover at Chicago, Illinois, on your return from the pilgrimage, sailing from New York on the SS WASHINGTON, July 23, 1930.

In connection therewith you are advised, arrangements will be made for such stopover, for which there will be no additional charge for either rail or pullman transportation. This stopover must not exceed ten days.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

acc. Wash. July 23<sup>rd</sup>  
S.O. not to be on land. Dist  
Card  
B

Stop over of 10 days allowed  
in Chicago - no extra  
rail nor Pullman in  
this particular case.

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advise Diddall also

Rice Co  
Roy E. Collins 1232 M  
Faribault, Minn  
May 14 - 30  
*ack*

Gp M. 293. A-C. Wash. July 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Collins R. E. 1232 - M. 7-23.

R. E. Shannon

Captain Gp M. Corps.

In regard to a letter of May 6. for  
stop-overs, the only one I  
would care to make, would be in  
Chicago. I think we go through  
there don't we. and if my niece  
is still there at that time. I  
would like to stop, but if she  
would be left by that time. I  
could come right through home  
hoping you receive this letter  
in time. I thank you.

yours truly, Mrs. Mary Draper  
Southern Heights  
Faribault, Minnesota

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Collins, Roy E. 1232M  
Washington 7-23

May 13, 1930

Mrs. Mary Draper,  
Southern Heights,  
Faribault, Minn.

Dear Madam:

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

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

Name

Wm. Draper

Address

Southern Heights, Faribault Minn

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

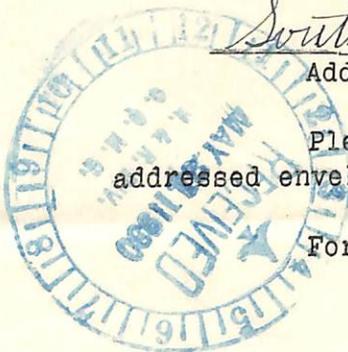
For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*A. D. Hughes*

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

Encl.  
Env.



*noted*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 18, 1930,

Collins, Roy E. 1232 M

Mrs. Mary Draper,  
Southern Heights,  
Faribault, Minn.

Dear Madam:

The following instructions prepared by the Secretary of State contain the necessary instructions to be followed by you in obtaining the passport or travel document to be utilized in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. Please read the directions carefully and call in person upon the nearest Passport Agent or clerk of a Federal or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens. Passport Agencies are located in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle. In large cities there are usually two or more courts and at each county-seat a state court authorized to accept these passport applications.

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

The instructions prepared by the Secretary of State are as follows:

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than 2½x2½ inches in size and such documentary

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

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

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

"Special Pilgrimage Passports and Pilgrimage Travel Documents when issued by the Department of State will be forwarded to the War Department.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Washington

7/23/30

1232



*Collins*

I accept the invitation extended  
(Accept or/decline)

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

Mrs. Mary Draper.  
(Name)

Southern Heights, Rice County, Faribault, Minn.  
(Town or City) (State)



RECEIVED  
APR 11 1930

M. & R. DIV.  
S. S. N. G.

QM 293 A-C  
Collins, Roy E.

January 30, 1930.

1237

Mrs. Mary Draper,  
Faribault,  
Southern Heights, Minn.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 27, 1930, relative to the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act of March 2, 1929.

With reference to your understanding from the press article enclosed with your letter that the mothers and widows are to pay their own way from their homes to New York and from New York to their homes, you are advised that within a reasonable time prior to her departure from home, each mother and widow will be furnished by the War Department with a railroad ticket covering her transportation to New York City, including sleeping car or Pullman car accommodations as her individual case may require, and a check to cover all other necessary expense of travel between her home and New York City. Likewise, upon their return to New York, each mother and widow will again be furnished transportation, including sleeping car or Pullman car accommodations, together with cash to cover per diem allowance for all other necessary travel expense from New York enroute to her home.

In view of the above your original understanding is correct, in that all expense of the pilgrimage from the date of your departure from home until your return thereto will be borne by the United States Government.

For the Acting The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

# Army Completes Plans for Gold Star Mothers' Trip

## More Than 5,000 Will Be Conducted to Graves of War Dead in France

By United Press

Washington, Jan. 18.—Never before did the quartermaster general of the army have a job like this—personally conducting five or six thousand women on a European trip.

The quartermaster general's office has all arrangements completed for the pilgrimage of Gold Star mothers to France this summer. Only the money for the trip is lacking, and that will be provided in the first deficiency bill which goes through congress. The first boatload should sail some time in June.

Eight hundred dollars will be the average cost per individual. But no individual pilgrim will handle any of her expense money, except between her home and New York, coming and going.

Even such details as the morale of the various parties have been considered by the efficient quartermaster general's office, in working out plans for the trip. An army officer will be in charge of each group, on each boat—not very large in any case, as all must travel first class under the law authorizing the expenditure

The trip will be broken so that none of the women will be taxed beyond her strength. If they need to rest in a New York hotel before

sailing for France, that will be arranged. In Paris they will have two days to recuperate from the boat trip before starting to the American cemeteries to see the graves of their dead; and on the way back will have five days' rest in Paris before sailing for home.

The trip to the cemeteries will consume seven days and will be made by bus and carefully handled. Each bus party will be routed to the large town nearest the cemetery it has come to visit, and from that town as headquarters, individuals will be taken to the graves of their war dead.

There will be no sightseeing, either there or in Paris. The trip is a pilgrimage to the graves of the war dead, and will be handled as such.

The total cost of the pilgrimage, figured at \$800 per person, will be about \$4,500,000.

### “AG.” ALUMNI TO BANQUET

Alumni of the school of agriculture at University Farm, St. Paul, will gather in the dining hall building at the farm for their annual banquet and winter meeting Wednesday. They will be entertained by students of the college who are sponsoring a program for those attending Farmers and Homemakers week.

Faribault Minn

Jan 27-30

War Department,

Washington, D. C.

Some time Oct - I blive. I received  
of the Cct from congress. No-952. ~~70th~~  
In regard to Gold Star Mothers, to make  
this trip to the cemeteries, in Europe  
where their loved one was layed to rest,  
and with all expence payed, and in  
U.S. as well as in Europe, from home to  
port, and from port to home.

Now I see by writings in papers, they  
are to pay their own. Money to New York  
and back to their home. I will sent  
one of the clippings, so you will get it  
as I see it. Now what I want to know,  
it is, this the way it is ment. please  
let me know, as I want to know  
where I am at, hoping to hear from  
you.

Yours truly

Mrs Mary Draper  
Faribault Minnesota  
Southern Heights.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Collins, Roy E. 1232 M.

October 7, 1929

*Sailed*  
JUL 23 1930

Mrs. Mary Draper,  
Southern Heights,  
Faribault, Minn.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress not later than December 15, 1929. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

In order that the report referred to may be made and plans completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested that you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office by return mail in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	yes (Yes)	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	yes (Yes)	(No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes)	No (No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age 60 (Years)	Health Fair (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English yes (Yes)	(No)
	Other language	(Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General, 1929



Very truly yours,  
U. S. Q. M. G.

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

Encl.  
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Envelope

A few remarks.

one never knows. what may turn up  
to prevent. taking the trip. but I  
shurely would like to visit my  
Son's grave.

hoping to hear from you again  
As ever Mrs Mary Draper.

Faribault, Minn

July 24—1929

Dear Sir

In reply to a letter I received June 28  
asking me if my Son Roy E. Collins  
Q.M. 293, A-C.  
was married. No, he was not married.

as for myself I think I will be able  
to make the trip with the other Gold  
Star Mothers. in 1930 to the Europe.  
to visit my Sons grave.

but will write you later

yours truly,

Mrs Mary Draper

Faribault

Minnesota  
Southern Heights



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Collins, Roy E.

June 28 1929.

Mrs. Mary Draper,  
Southern Heights,  
Faribault, Minn.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Pvt. Roy E. Collins, Co. M, 166th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

QM 293 A-M  
Collins, Roy E. 1232-M

August 29, 1930.

Mrs. Mary Draper,  
Southern Heights,  
Fairbault, Minn.

Dear Madam:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of the testimonial expressing your appreciation for the pilgrimage you have recently made to the cemeteries of Europe, which you and the other mothers and widows who sailed on the SS George Washington July 23rd, were so kind as to send me.

It is gratifying to know that your trip was entirely satisfactory and that the officers of the Army, the nurses, and the personnel connected with the pilgrimage rendered such courteous and efficient service. The Quartermaster Corps, which is charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages, has expended every effort that those making the pilgrimage might have a comfortable and pleasant journey. I feel, however, that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation and consideration shown by the mothers and widows.

I am indeed pleased to receive such complimentary remarks concerning the care and consideration shown the women making the journey by the officers and personnel connected with the pilgrimage.

Sincerely yours,

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

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June 23, 1930

Collins, Roy E.-1232

Mrs. Mary Draper,  
Southern Heights,  
Faribault, Minn.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements have been completed for your transportation to New York City on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe. One week before your departure the railroad ticket agent, of the first road shown below, will deliver your railroad and pullman ticket to you. Your route to New York will be as follows:

Lv. Faribault	GMStP&P	Train No. 22	7:32 PM	July 19
Ar. Chicago	"	"	8:00 AM	July 20
Lv. "	Penn	" 34	10:45 AM	July 20
Ar. New York	"	"	3:35 PM	July 21

(Penn Sta)

All railroad employees have been instructed by their officials to see that you are shown every courtesy and given assistance, particularly at points where it is necessary to change cars.

Should you not receive your ticket six days before the date shown for your departure please take up at once with the ticket agent and if he does not have your ticket, telegraph this office, collect, to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,  
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

June 12, 1930.

Collins, Roy E. - 1232 M

Mrs. Mary Draper,  
Southern Heights,  
Faribault, Minnesota.

Dear Madam:

Very truly yours,

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

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

In order that you may be comfortable at all times, regardless of the condition of the weather, and may avoid missing any of the sights or any part of the itinerary which has been planned for you, the following suggestions are made.

The clothing which you will take with you should be slightly heavier and warmer than you would normally wear in the United States during the summer and should be strong and durable. It is essential that you take with you the necessary equipment to afford protection from the cold and dampness. Be sure to take at least two pairs of comfortable shoes to provide a change in the event your feet become wet, a pair of rubbers, an umbrella, and a sweater or some warm wrap to be used should the weather become uncomfortably cool. It is very desirable that, in addition to the sweater, you have with you a full length coat of medium weight for general wear.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-C  
Collins, R. E. 1232

May 22, 1930

Mrs. Mary Draper,  
Southern Heights,  
Faribault, Minnesota.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of  
May 14, relative to a stopover at Chicago, Illinois,  
on your return from the pilgrimage, sailing from New  
York on the SS WASHINGTON, July 23, 1930.

In connection therewith you are advised,  
arrangements will be made for such stopover, for which  
there will be no additional charge for either rail or  
pullman transportation. This stopover must not exceed  
ten days.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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*Mr. C. W. Hill*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Collins, Roy E. 1232M  
Washington 7-23

May 13, 1930

Mrs. Mary Draper,  
Southern Heights,  
Faribault, Minn.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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Name

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Address

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Collins, Roy E. 1232-M  
7-23

May 8, 1930

Mrs. Mary Draper,  
Southern Heights,  
Faribault, Minn.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Collins, Roy E. 1232 M

April 18, 1930,

Mrs. Mary Draper,  
Southern Heights,  
Faribault, Minn.

Dear Madam:

The following instructions prepared by the Secretary of State contain the necessary instructions to be followed by you in obtaining the passport or travel document to be utilized in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. Please read the directions carefully and call in person upon the nearest Passport Agent or clerk of a Federal or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens. Passport Agencies are located in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle. In large cities there are usually two or more courts and at each county-seat a state court authorized to accept these passport applications.

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

The instructions prepared by the Secretary of State are as follows:

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than 2½x2½ inches in size and such documentary

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

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

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

"Special Pilgrimage Passports and Pilgrimage Travel Documents when issued by the Department of State will be forwarded to the War Department.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 295 A-C

Collins, Roy E. 1232-M

April 4, 1930

Mrs. Mary Draper,  
Dear Madam:  
Faribault, Minn.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.  
Regulation.

QM 293 A-C  
Collins, Roy E.

January 30, 1930.

Mrs. Mary Draper,  
Faribault,  
Southern Heights, Minn.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 27, 1930, relative to the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act of March 2, 1929.

With reference to your understanding from the press article enclosed with your letter that the mothers and widows are to pay their own way from their homes to New York and from New York to their homes, you are advised that within a reasonable time prior to her departure from home, each mother and widow will be furnished by the War Department with a railroad ticket covering her transportation to New York City, including sleeping car or Pullman car accommodations as her individual case may require, and a check to cover all other necessary expense of travel between her home and New York City. Likewise, upon their return to New York, each mother and widow will again be furnished transportation, including sleeping car or Pullman car accommodations, together with cash to cover per diem allowance for all other necessary travel expense from New York enroute to her home.

In view of the above your original understanding is correct, in that all expense of the pilgrimage from the date of your departure from home until your return thereto will be borne by the United States Government.

For the Acting 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, Roy E. 1232 N.

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Draper,  
Southern Heights,  
Faribault, Minn.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress not later than December 15, 1929. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

In order that the report referred to may be made and plans completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested that you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office by return mail in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes)	(No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age (Years)	Health (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No) Other language (Specify language spoken)	

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

FILE UNDER NO. 293. - Collins, Roy

Sept. 2/29

## INDEX SHEET

### SYNOPSIS

Letter -

From - Miss Timmie Oleson, Pres.,  
Faribault Unit #43, Amer. Legion Aux.,  
Faribault, Minn.

Ref. her let. of Aug. 21/29 - advises that the mothers of above named deceased vets, are entitled to make trip to Europe to visit the graves of their sons buried in Meuse-Argonne Cem. - France, if they have not made a previous visit to the cemeteries in Europe.

DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO. 000. - American Legion Auxiliary, Minn.

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

**Collins, Roy E.**

June , 1929.  
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**Mrs. Mary Draper,  
Southern Heights,  
Faribault, Minn.**

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late **Pvt. Roy E. Collins, Co. M, 166th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.**

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

Collins

(Surname)

Roy E

(Christian name in full.)

1,426,894

(Army serial number.)

Pvt

Co M, 166 Inf.,

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Mother

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 O. O. Draper

(Name of person to receive remains.)

American Western Union

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

Southern Heights

(Number and street.)

Fairbault, Minnesota

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Mrs O. O. Draper

Southern Heights

(Number and street or rural route.)

Fairbault, Minnesota

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by H R

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In reply refer to:  
293.8 C-R

March 19, 1923.

Mrs. Mary Draper,  
Southern Heights,  
Warrenton, Minn.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of the late Private Roye E. Collins, Company M, 166th Infantry, is Grave 38, Row 29, Block B, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse, France.

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

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

Very truly yours,

H. J. Conner,  
Assistant.

MAR 19 1923

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF COLLINS, Roy E. SERIAL NUMBER 1426894
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. M. 166th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Feb 28, 1922 From (give complete location): gr 34, sec 11, plot 1. Cty. 1232.

By: Group Maire. Unit sec 1

3. Reburied (date): Feb. 28, 1922, Meuse Argonne Cty 1232, gr 38, bl B, row 29 In (give complete location):

By: Group Reburial S Unit Nature of reburial unlined casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: wooden box and burlap and U.S. uniform. body decomposed, unrecognizable.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks: body tag agrees.

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

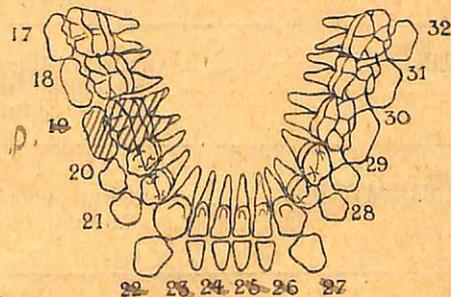
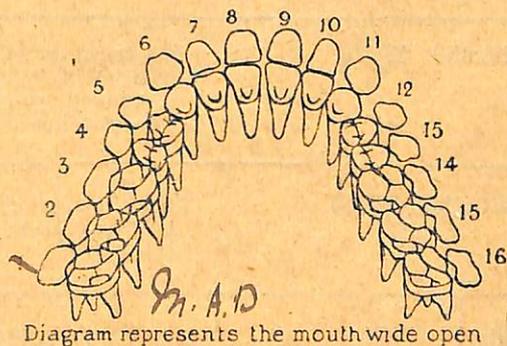
Location do

Quantity do

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

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

left tibia and fibula fractured.



7. Disinterment supervised by E. Maire.

Approved: R. Richards, 1st Lt. M.C. (Title)

8. Reburial Supervised by W.B. Sheild

Approved: A.E. Dewey, 1st Lt, QMC. (Title)

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

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

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.

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

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

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

**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.



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Feb. 28, 1922

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT  
ml

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name COLLINS, Roy E

10. Name

2. No. 1426894

11. No.

3. Rank Pvt

12. Rank

4. Org. Co M 166th Inf

13. Org.

5. D.D. Oct 15th

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. DOWRIA

(b) D.B. None

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 34 Sec. 11

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot 1 Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. None

18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne, Amer.

19. Commune or town ROMAGNE-s-MONTFAUCON

20. Dept. or County Meuse

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. #1232 secll

23. Disinterred (Date) Feb. 28, 1922

By Edmo Maire

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name COLLINS, Roy E.

Serial No. 1426894

Rank Pvt.

Organization Co. M. 166th Inf.

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

*Edmo Maire*  
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).

None

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed.

28. Nature of burial U.S. Uniform, burlap and 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 Feb. 28, 1922 By Edmo Maire

31. Casket sealed by Edmo Maire

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor *Edmo Maire*)  
Edmo Maire

AUDITED BY

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. **C-21610**



32. Designation of body:

Name **Roy E. COLLINS**

Rank **Pvt** Organization **Co M 166th Inf**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **Meuse-Argonne, Amer. #1232, ROMAGNE-S-MONTFAUCON (Meuse)**  
Feb. 28 1922

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **Feb. 28 1922** By **Edmo Maire**

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 *[Signature]*  
**R. Richards, 1st Lt. QMC.**

36. Remarks **None**

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) **Feb. 28, 1922**

To point of Concentration **Romagne Morgue**

Convoyer **T. T. Wynn** Signature Shipping Officer *[Signature]*  
**G. E. Spann, Capt. QMC.** jb

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

Convoyer (Name) Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred **Meuse Argonne Cty 1232, Feb. 28, 1922** (Date)

42. Grave No. **38** Section

43. ~~Plot~~ Block **B** Row **29**

G.R.S. Representative *[Signature]*

**A. E. Dewey, 1st Lt, QMC.**

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

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I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name COLLINS, Roy E. Ser. No. 1426894
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. M, 166th Inf.
(c) Date of death Oct 15/18 Cause of death W.R.C. (3-2-21) E.M.

TYP. B
CKR. 30



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

(a) Grave No. 34 Row - Plot 1 Sec. 11 TYP. B
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Mary Draper (mother) Fairbault, Minn.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases CKR. 30

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Mrs. W. O. Draper (b) Relationship mother
(c) Address Southern Heights, Fairbault, Minn.
(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. W. O. Draper Southern Heights, Fairbault, Minn. American G. - Western Union Del.
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. -

Examiner's Initials HR Date 3-19, 1920

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

dated no correspondence
confirming request in Par. IV., item above, or requesting that

Examiner's Initials HR Date 3-19, 1920

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

Mrs. W. O. Draper (mother) Southern Heights, Fairbault, Minn. Nov 11, 20
Cancellation memos referred to? up to remain in France

Examiner's Initials HR Date 3-19, 1920

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232-Sec. 11 SHEET No. 28

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

CARDED

MAR 30 1921

3-19-21



Location Index.....

..... Discrepancies .....

Name .....

Rank .....

Serial No. ....

Org. ....

Remarks

.....  
A.G.O. Card & Corr. ....

..... Discrepancies .....

Name .....

Rank .....

Serial No. ....

Org. ....

Remarks

.....  
G. R. S. Corr. ....

..... Discrepancies .....

Name .....

Rank .....

Serial No. ....

Org. ....

Remarks

.....  
Checkers .....

..... Discrepancies .....

Name .....

Rank .....

Serial No. ....

Org. ....

Remarks

.....  
checked 2/11

S/1357/LML 3.19.21

*7.8 Warrant,  
3-21-21,  
E. W.*

# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

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**I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:**

(a) Name COLLINS, Roy E. Ser. No. 1426894  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. M, 166th Inf. } TYP. B  
 (c) Date of death Oct 15/18 (d) Cause of death Malaria } 30

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

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III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases ////// CKR. 30

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

*G. R. S. Conres. - Mrs. W. O. Draper (mother)  
 Southern Heights, Fairbault, Minn. 11/11/20  
 requests body not to be returned to U.S.  
 Mrs 3/30/21*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
 { letter of transmittal on 3/28, 192 /

*Sec 11  
 Par 2 Not to be returned CPW*

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., APR 11 1921, 192

**VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.**

Date of and source.	Relationship and name.	Desires.	Action taken.

VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., \_\_\_\_\_, 192

APR 2 1921

COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_ CEMETERY No. \_\_\_\_\_ SHEET No. \_\_\_\_\_



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REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: COLLINS Roy E

Number: 1426894

Rank: Pvt

Organization:

Co M 166 Inf.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group:

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

5 May 1919

Grave #15 B A C APREMONT ARDENNES

35SE E299,75 N276.9

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

5 May 1919

Grave #34 Sec 11 Plot 1

Argonne Am Cemetery #1232

ROMAGNE MEUSE

1232

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

Burial good, buried in uniform and wrapped in blanket, slightly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes

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

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, G.R.S.

Supervised by: Lt Zama

R. H. ROSENTHAL

C.O. Group. 2nd Lie Unit M.C.U.S.A.

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

COLLINS 1426894 Roy E.

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

Pvt. Co. M 166th Inf.

(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: .....

CAUSE OF DEATH: .....

DATE OF BURIAL: .....

PLACE OF BURIAL: .....

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

FILE

GRAVE NUMBER: .....

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

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?.....

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE: .....

ADDRESS: .....

RELATIONSHIP: .....

REPORTED BY: .....

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).



FROM: O.Q.M.G.  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
Munitions Building  
Room

WAR. DEPARTMENT  
Office of the Quartermaster General of the  
Washington

PLEASE  
EXPEDITE

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A-0  
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 3/21/21.

File No.                      Requisition.

(SPECIAL)

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

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

Subject:        Information required for G.R.S.

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

NOTED FORM 115  
DATE 3-23-21

- a. Surname Collins ✓
- b. Christian name Roy E. ✓
- c. Serial Number 1426894 ✓
- d. Organization Co. M, 166th Inf. ✓
- e. Rank Pvt. ✓

- ~~f. Date of death~~ --- Oct 15/18
- ~~g. Cause of death~~ --- Wounded in Act.
- ~~h. Authority (C.O.#)~~ mis. W. O. Draper
- ~~i. Emergency address~~ Faribault
- ~~j. Relationship~~ not shown

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

- a. Age of enlistment
- b. Color of eyes
- c. Color of hair
- d. Height
- e. Weight

Adjustment Made  
APR 2 1921

File No. ....

DENTAL CHARTS  
(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

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

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f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)

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

BY: *[Signature]*  
H. J. CONNER, 4  
1st. Lieut. Q.M.C.

*Donnelly, W. K.*  
*Epl 27*  
*3/2/21*

CEMETERY NO:            1232-Sec. 11.

SHEET NO:                28  
TYPED BY:                I.W.

3/713/LML

Rec'd World War Dept  
Date... MAR 22 1921



WAR DEPARTMENT  
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington

Date 2/21/21

Form 8-1-A-0  
Information requested of A.G.O.

**SPECIAL**

File No. 100-100000

The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Colonelial Division)  
The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th St. S.W., Washington, D.C.

Subject: Information required for A.G.O.

It is requested that the items checked below be completed, returned  
to the office of the Quartermaster General.

1. Date of death

Uniform Collar

2. Cause of death

Service No. 100-100000

3. Authority (A.G.O.)

Serial No. 100-100000

4. Previous address

Organization Co. M, 100th Inf.

5. Relationship

Rank Pvt.

NOTED FOR FILE  
DATE

DENTAL CHARTS  
(See physical report for  
examination prior to service)

6. Age of enlistment  
(See Part 2 of the Service Record)

7. Service No.

8. Age of enlistment

8. Color of hair

Adjustment Made

9. Color of eyes

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10. Height

File No.

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11. Weight

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12. Complexion

Serial (if available or known)

Quartermaster General, U.S. Army

*[Handwritten signature and notes]*

100-100000

100-100000

*File JP.*

November 29, 1920

293.8-Cem. #84164 (Collins, Roy E. Pvt.)

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division).  
To: Mrs. W. O. Draper, Southern Heights, Faribault, Minnesota.  
Subject: Permanent burial in France.

**MAILED**

1. In reply to your letter of November 11, 1920, addressed to The Adjutant General of the Army, you are advised that your former request that the remains of your son, Private Roy E. Collins, Company M, 166th Infantry, be returned to you at Southern Heights, Faribault, Minnesota for private interment will be cancelled and instructions will be issued that the body of this soldier remain permanently interred in the Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse, provided there is no relative whose legal right to direct disposition has priority over yours.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

By:

*GAN*  
GLENN A. ROSS,  
1st Lt., Q. M. C.

HVB

*JW*

*ML*

**MAILED**  
**NOV 29 1920**  
**G.R.S.**

*[Faint circular stamp and handwritten notes]*

**FILES.**

November 29, 1920

228-B-Omn 404184 (Collins, Roy B. Pvt.)

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

Mrs. W. O. Draper, Southern Heights, Parkhurst, Minnesota.

Permanent burial in France.

From:

To:

Subject:

In reply to your letter of November 11, 1920, addressed to the Adjutant General of the Army, you are advised that your former request that the remains of your son, Private Roy B. Collins, Company M, 186th Infantry, be returned to you at Southern Heights, Parkhurst, Minnesota for private interment will be cancelled and interment will be issued that the body of this soldier remain permanently interred in the Argonne American Cemetery, Honoring-sons-Department of Meuse, provided there is no relative whose legal right to direct disposition has priority over yours.

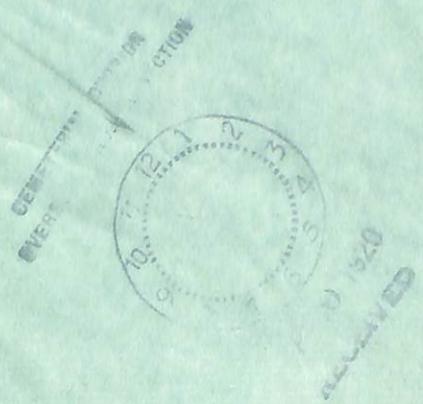
By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES G. FINNEN,  
Major, U. S. Army,  
Chief, Quartermaster Division.

*Handwritten signature*  
ELMER A. BOSS,  
1st Lt., U. S. A.

RE:  
HAB

**MAILED**  
**NOV 29 1920**  
**O.R.S.**



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# GRAVE LOCATION BLAN

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Collins, 1426894, Ray E.  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Pvt. Co. M, 166 Inf.  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH:.....

CAUSE OF DEATH:.....

DATE OF BURIAL: 10-15-18

PLACE OF BURIAL:.....

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

Verdun Meiziers map #35. 92 East, 75' north, 350 yds east of German hospital.

GRAVE NUMBER: 15, Plot 1.

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?..... Yes

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE: *OMME Binerville (Marne)*

ADDRESS: *(C-286) 35 S.W. COORD (E 292) (N 275)*

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY: L. D. Williams, Chaplain,  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

RECORDED



1018 Communal List No. 1004  
218 Daily Report No. 286

Col  
Farrington, Minn  
Nov 11th. - 20

Mr Harris  
Adjutant General.

3508

May I ask you for a forward  
advise: On regard to my Son's Body  
2 years ago card was sent me, if I wanted  
the Body, both home from France. I signed it.  
yes. if sent then I could recognize him, but  
as it is so long since, I know now that I  
could not, and I never would feel sure  
it was him, and my wish is to leave him  
where he is buried. At first he was buried  
in a French cemetery at Verdun, then later  
was Reburied, in Argonne American  
cemetery #1232. his Name Priv. Roy E. Collins  
Co. M. 100. Inf. he died from wound Oct 16

Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. O. M. G.  
File # 293.8 # 84964

Collins  
Roy E.

1918.

Now would you please let me know  
if my wish would be granted to  
have him left where he is buried.  
It will be very thankful to you  
and also thank you for what you  
have done throes past years. of our sorrow  
whitch a Mother never forgets.  
So hoping to hear from you.

I remain, Mrs O. O. Draper  
Fairbank, Minn  
Southern Heights



Some of my letters are signed  
Mrs Mary Draper, as Mary is my name  
but my Son always signed it my husband  
initials O. O.

Received A. G. O. NOV 16 1920

Chy 1232 not archived Nov 11 20 20

201. Collins, Roy E. CENTRAL RECORDS OFFICE,  
S.F. 6/25/19. ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT,  
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES,  
A.P.O. #902, FRANCE.

84164  
TAR/mt.

June 10, 1919.

From: Officer-in-Charge.  
To: Chief, Graves Registration Service,  
A.P.O. #717.  
Subject: Delayed correspondence regarding  
Pvt. Roy E. Collins.

The Commander-in-Chief directs that you expedite reply to 2nd indorsement from this office dated May 23, 1919, on communication from Mrs. W.O. Draper, Faribault, Minn., requesting information as to the whereabouts and welfare of the above mentioned soldier, with return of original correspondence.

H. M. NELLY,  
Adjutant General.

293.8.

1st Ind.

ACL/IBH.

American E.F. Hdqrs., S.O.S., O.C.Q.M., Chief, C.R.S., France, June 26, 1919.  
To: Central Records Office, A.G.D., A.P.O. #902, American E.F.

Returned. Your 2nd indorsement, dated May 23, 1919, regarding Private Roy E. Collins, Co.M., 166th Infantry was answered by this office June 10, 1919.

CHARLES C. PIERCE.  
Colonel, C.M.C., U.S.A.  
Chief, C.R.S.



201 Collins, Roy E.  
(S.F. 6/7/1919)

2nd Ind.

84104  
PLK/ejh

Central Records Office, A.G.D., A.P.O. 902, May 23, 1919 - To  
Chief, Graves Registration Service, A.P.O. 717, requesting  
all available information as to date, place and cause of death,  
and burial place of Private Roy E. Collins 1426894, formerly a  
member of Co. M, 166th Infantry, with prompt return of  
papers to this office.

H.M.NELLY,  
Adjutant General

3rd. Ind.

ACL/RH

Chief, Graves Registration Service. HQ., S.O.S. A.E.F. June 10. 1919.  
To : Central Records Office. A.G.D. APO. #902. A.E.F.

Returned. There is no burial information on record in  
this office regarding Pvt. ROY E. COLLINS, Co.M. 166th. Inf.

CHARLES C. PIERCE.  
Colonel. Q.M.G. USA.  
Chief, G.R.S.





CHASLES G. TIBBET  
 Colonel, G. M. O. Regt.  
 Chief, G. H. S.

This office retaining part. Roy E. COLLINS, Co. M. 100th Inf.

To: Central Records Office, A.H.D. APO, Secs. A.T.V.  
 Chief, Graves Registration Service, H.Q. G.O.S. A.T.V.  
 3rd. Inf. June 10, 1918.

H. M. KELLY  
 Adjutant General

papers to this office.

number of Co. M. 100th Infantry, with prompt return of

and burial slips of Private Roy E. Collins 1486894, formerly a  
 1st. Lt. 100th Infantry as to date, place and cause of death,  
 Chief, Graves Registration Service, A.T.O. V.V., requesting  
 Central Records Office, A.G.D., A.F.O. 803, Box 23, 1st. Inf. - To

101 Collins, Roy E.

Sgt. Inf.

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 100th Inf.

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Faribault, Minnesota.

3.18.19.

General Pershing.

Dear General.

Perhaps I have no right to bother you with this letter but I know you are a good kind man and good to the soldiers of our country and I am a broken hearted mother and there are many of them but mine is rather sad as I havent heard from my son since August, I kept on waiting i hopes he would get some of my letters and would get one from him, but none came. First part of February one of my letters I had written in Sept, came back to me marked Wounded apo Tours, I wrote to the War Department ,they looked up the cables reports said he was wounded October 16, and was in Field hospital #328, A.E.F. I wrote the Hospital but as yet got no answer but it has been so long may be the hospital is no longer there. Then I wrote the Chaplain of his Company, got an answer from him but he did not know mor than that he was wounded and sent to hospital.

Now March 15, I got a wire from the War Department he died but no perticlars as where, when or how. Yesterday I have written the Commander and also the captain of his Inf but I see by the paper this morning where you bid them or many of them goodbye yesterday abd they are to start for home April 1st. I am afraid my letters wont reach them in time to give them time to find out perticlars about my son's death for me.

I wish you could help me in some was as you know how our people are leaving for home and I dont know anyone to help me.

It would be such a comfort if even knew where he was buried and would hear from someone that was with him at the hospital.

Please could you do something for me, my poor child was only a boy 20 years old, his name is Private Roy E. Collins Co.M. 166th. Inf. he left home with Co. B from Faribault, Minn. in Septemberto Camp Cody, New Mexico and in June went oversea and was put in the 166 Inf. he said he was the only Co. B boy in Co.M. so you all was strangers to him and to me , it makes it harder for me to find anything I want to know so bad.

Dear General if you would help me find out what I want to know about my poor boy I would be so thankful to you. I am in hopes of hearing from you.

My name and address is

Mrs. W.O. Draper  
Faribault, Minnesota.  
Southern Heights.

4338-F102. 1st. Ind.  
G.H.Q., A.E.F. France. April 18. 1919. To: Central Records office.  
for investigation and prompt report.

