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Sunday afternoon the mortal remains of Ray Carver who died overseas were laid At Rest with Military honors. Saturday morning the body arrived in Collins under military escort and was at once removed to the Carver home and remained there until Sunday afternoon.

On July 14th, 1918, Ray Carver entered the service of the United States being then called to defend the Stars and Stripes in company with a large number of other boys, neighbors and friends, and the following day they all went aboard the special train and on to Camp Pike, Arkansas. From camp they were moved as rapidly as possible and on October 6th Ray landed overseas and two days later died in a hospital there. This is in brief the story of military life of our fellow townsman and neighbor but it is only superficial.

Ray Carver was a member of the Fifth Company, 1st Infantry of the September Automatic Replacement Unit of Camp Pike.

He was born December 14th, 1894 and at the time of his death was in his twenty fourth year. From Camp Pike he was sent to New Jersey on September 20th and soon after this he was sent overseas landing: at St. Azair, France on October 6th. During the voyage over he was afflicted with influenza and on landing was immediately taken to Base Hospital No. 101 where he died two days later from pneumonia and complications.

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The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 in the Church of Christ and were attended by the largest gathering of sympathetic friends and neighbors ever gathered together in Collins on a similar occasion and the whole community mourned with the bereaved family. The services were in charge of the Freeland—Carver Post No 81, which was named after him, and the sermon was preached by Rev. Fred W. Ingvaldstad who chose as his subject "Life's Transition." The choir consisting of Mesdames H. Gearhart, Francis Gilley, Maude Stigler, Miss Mary Holmes and Messrs John Witmer, Chas. Cooper, C. W. Kirk and J. G. Gingles. Mrs. Jennie Biddick accompanied them on the piano.

Ray was a member of the Christian Church and was loved and respected by the entire community. He was an industrious energetic young man most loved and cherished by those who knew him best.

Among the many floral offerings, was one by the American Legion displaying their emblem and from the Women's Auxiliary.

The formation of the funeral cortege from the Church to the cemetery was as follows: firing squad, escort, clergymen, hearse, pall bearers, mourners, and friends. The American Legion members marched in a body and the Auxiliary marched in a body from the late residence to the Church. The pall bearers were: H. C. Westcott, H. H. Dollarhide, Arlo Heinrich, Chas. Shearer, Clarence Kern, and Ralph McCord.

### Memorial Services Held

The Memorial Services were held Sunday afternoon at the Christian Church, in honor of Charles D. Priest, Ray Carver and Madison Freeland, who died in the service of their country. They were conducted by Rev. A. Kern of Elkhart, Rev. McClure and Rev. Ingvaldstad of Collins. After the processional of returned soldiers and sailors, special music was rendered by a community chorus. There was a large attendance, considering the bad roads and the program was very interesting and much appreciated by all. Collins has given her share of heroes to the war and all her boys have given a good account of themselves.

The remains were taken to the beautiful Collins cemetery and laid At Rest with military honors until the great Resurrection Day.

### CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank the friends and neighbors for their many expressions of sympathy in our sorrow and for beautiful floral offerings.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Carver and family.