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Crabtree, Clyde #2980571

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Crabtree, Clyde S.H. 2980571
Pvt., Co. A, 4th Inf.,
Son

October 17, 1933

Mrs. Lena Thumser,
R. F. D. #4,
White Cloud, Mich.

Dear Madam:

In compliance with your recent request,
instructions have been issued to forward you a
flag in honor of the above named decedent, pro-
vided a flag has not previously been furnished
for him.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Copy to Commanding Officer, Washington, Q. M. Depot.
With instructions to furnish a flag.

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QQMG M&R

American Gold Star Mothers

OF THE WORLD WAR, INC.
NEW YORK STATE



Headquarters: Pennsylvania Hotel, Seventh Avenue and 33rd Street, New York City

Quarter Master General
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have been informed that I am entitled to an American flag from the Government in memory of

my beloved son SON OR DAUGHTER Name of Deceased Clyde Crobtree

Address of Deceased R #4 White Cloud Michigan
NUMBER STREET CITY STATE

Army, Navy, Marine Company A 4 Inf
RANK REGIMENT COMPANY

Stationed at _____

Lost at Sea _____ Among the Missing _____ Or Unknown _____

Place and Date of Death Meuse Argonne

Where Buried In France

Name of Mother Lena Thumser

Address R #4 White Cloud Michigan
NUMBER STREET CITY STATE

I will be very grateful if same will be forwarded to me.

Respectfully yours,

Lena Thumser

American Gold Star
OF THE WORLD WAR, INC.
NEW YORK STATE



Headquarters: Pennsylvania Hotel, Seventh Avenue and 33rd Street, New York City

Quarter Master General
Washington, D. C.

I have been informed that I am entitled to an American flag from the Government in memory of

my beloved Don Name of Deceased Leupe, Ernest

Address of Deceased R #4 White Plains

Army, Navy, Marine Company A

Stationed at

Lost at Sea Among the Missing Or Unknown

Place and Date of Death Manila August

Where Buried St. Francis

Name of Mother Lena

Address R #4

I will be very grateful if same will be forwarded

Respectfully yours,



QM 293 A-M
Crabtree, Clyde (MA)

August 6, 1932.

Mrs. Lena Thumser,
R. F. D. #4,
White Cloud, Michigan.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to office letter of July 8, 1932 stating that you are unable to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Clyde Crabtree.

The purpose of this pilgrimage is an endeavor to bring a measure of peace and comfort to the hearts of those whose sons and husbands gave their lives for their country. It is deeply regretted that your health prevents you from making the journey.

Should you reconsider and decide to make a pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you notify this office so that all necessary arrangements may be made for you. You are assured that everything possible will be provided for your comfort and welfare.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Crabtree Clyde (MA)

July 9, 1932

Mrs Lena Thumser
R F D #4

White Cloud Mich

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

August 14, 1931

Crabtree, Clyde Pvt. (MA) M

Mrs. Lena Thumser,
RFD #4,
White Cloud, Michigan

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter forwarded you under recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, wherein you advise that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

Competent personnel will be provided to care for the mothers and widows from the time of their arrival in New York until their return thereto. Medical attendants and all other necessities will be arranged for and in the event you decide to make a pilgrimage, you are assured everything possible will be done for your care and welfare. During the summers of 1930 and 1931 many mothers of advanced age and in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited therefrom.

Your name is being placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make a pilgrimage in 1933. However, should you change your mind in view of the above, and desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, it is requested you advise this office in order that arrangements may be made for you.

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-293-AM

June 12, 1931.

Crabtree, Clyde Pvt. (M-A) M

Mrs. Lena Thumser,
R. F. D. #4,
White Cloud, Michigan.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? _____
Write answer here

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 7, 1930.

Crabtree, Clyde - 1232 M

Mrs. Lena Thumser,
RFD #4,
White Cloud, Mich.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? _____
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Crabtree, Clyde 1232 N.

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Lena Thumser,
R.F.D #4,
White Cloud, Mich.

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,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Crabtree, Clyde
1232.

Sept. 6, 1929

Mrs. Lena Thunser,
R. F. D. #4,
White Cloud, Mich.

Dear Madam:

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

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Crabtree, Clyde

June 29, 1929.

Mrs. Lena Thumser,
RFD #4,
White Cloud,
Mich.

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. Clyde Crabtree, Co. A, 4th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since 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.

Crabtree,

(Surname.)

Clyde

(Christian name in full.)

2,980,571 ✓

(Army serial num

Private

Co. A, 4th Infantry

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Mother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

(~~Yes~~ or no.)

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

(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:

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Lerna Thunder
4 White Cloud Mich

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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checked HWV

5-16-21

Drawn by H.L.
1232-Sept. 68-30
5-13-21

QM 293 C-R

September 14, 1923.

Mrs. Lena Thumser,
R.F.D. #4,
White Cloud, Mich.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the grave of Private Clyde Crabtree, Company A, 4th Infantry, is located at the cemetery, Bois de la Chapelle, near the Bois de la Chapelle, 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, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.

You are assured in effecting removal of the remains, the utmost care and reverence were exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed 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.H. CHEAL

Assistant.

W.S.R.

Central Mail & File Dept.
SEP 14 1923
M.H.W.

RS 3/592/ARK

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Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 192

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
letter on JUN 1 1921, 192

Sec. #68

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IX.

REMARKS

Let. 9/9/21 - Mother - Mrs. Lena Thurman, White Cloud, Mich. R#4. Requests to stay remain in France.

*Let. 9/14/21 - Mother advised her request with compliments *meH 9/16/21**

Location Index

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

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 *E.A.*

checked 7/11

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To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Oct 26, 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

CC

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name CRABTREE, Clyde 10. Name _____
 2. No. 2980571 11. No. _____
 3. Rank Pvt 12. Rank _____
 4. Org. Co A 4th Inf 13. Org. _____
 5. D.D. Oct 12 14. (a) D.D. _____
 6. C.D. KIA (b) D.B. None

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 108 Sec. 68 15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
 8. Plot 3 Row _____ 16. Plot _____ Row _____
 9. _____ 17. None

18. Cemetery Meuse Argonne American 19. Commune or town Romagne sous
Meuse 21. Country France Montfaucon
 20. Dept. or County _____
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232 (sec 68) CC

23. Disinterred (Date) Oct 26, 1921 By E.G. Howell

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Clyde Crabtree Serial No. 2980571Rank Pvt Organization Co A 4th Inf25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes On body? YesSignature E. G. Howell
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).

Tag on body and tag on cross agree with form 114 A.27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable28. Nature of burial Wooden box and uniform.29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Oct 26, 1921 By E.G. Howell31. Casket sealed by E.G. HowellSignature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) E. G. Howell

AUDITED BY

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-13880

32. Designation of body:

Name CRABTREE, Clyde Serial No. 2980571

Rank Pvt Organization Co A 4th Inf

33. Consigned to: Meuse Argonne American Cemetery 1232

Name of Permanent Cemetery Romagne sous Montfaucon Meuse

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Oct 26, 1921 By E.G. Howell

35. I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector *F. B. Daniel*

F. B. Daniel, Capt/QMC.

36. Remarks None

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Oct 26, 1921 cc

To point of Concentration Morgue, Romagne

Convoyer W. J. Royed Signature Shipping Officer *G. F. Spann*

(Name) G. F. Spann, Capt. QMC

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 *KIN* Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred Oct. 27, 1921 Meuse-Argonne Cty. #1232.

42. Grave No. 233 (Date) Section

43. Block Block G Row 26

G.R.S. Representative

GEO. C. BLAND
GEO. C. BLAND, 1st Lt., Q.M.C.



Concentration.

G. R. S. Form. No. 16-A

Place Romagne 1232.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Oct. 26, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF CRABTREE, Clyde SERIAL NUMBER 2980571
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. A. 4th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Oct. 26, 1921 From (give complete location): gr 108, sec 68, plot 3.

By: Group 3 Unit sed 1

3. Reburied (date): Oct. 27, 1921 In (give complete location): Meuse-Argonne Cty. #1232 Gr. 23, Block G, row 26.

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 uniform, badly decomposed, features not recognizable.

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

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

tag on body and tag on cross agree with form 114-a.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) impossible to determine.

(b) Weigh, (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

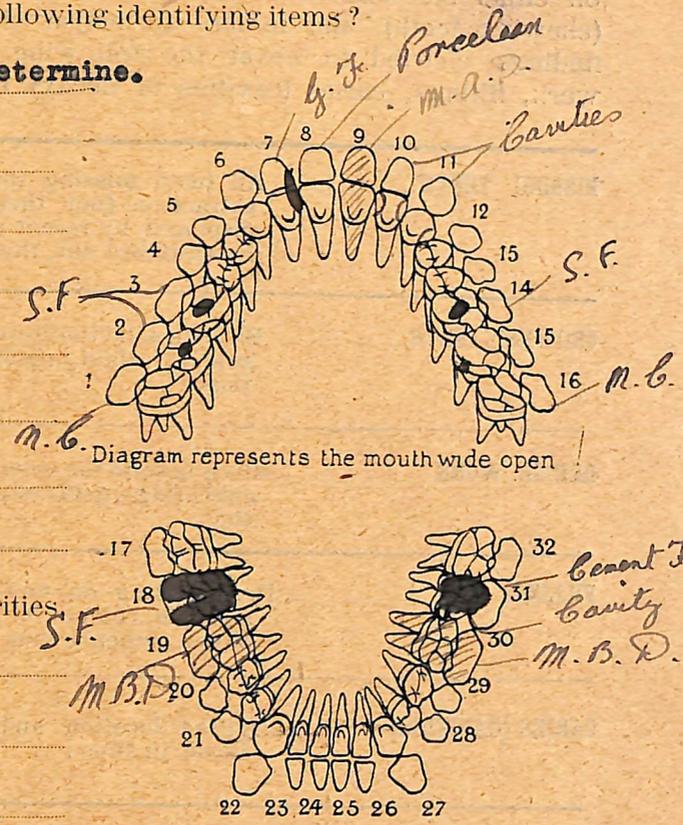
Quantity do

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

or missing parts do

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

gunshot wound in left parietal.



7. Disinterment supervised by E. G. Howell
E. G. Howell

Approved: F. B. Daniel
F. B. Daniel, Capt. Q. M. C.
(Title)

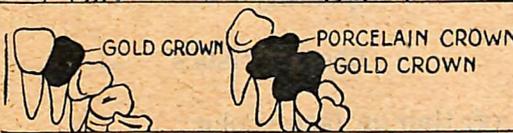
8. Reburial supervised by A. J. DuFaulx
A. J. DUFAULT

Approved: GEO. C. Bland
(Title) GEO. C. BLAND,
1st Lt., Q. M. C.

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 Questions 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.



COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 40470

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name CRABTREE, Clyde, Ser. No. 2980571
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. A. 4th Inf.
(c) Date of death 10-12-18 (d) Cause of death k/a
TYP hmp
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II. REGISTRATION CARD.—(Check Reg., Card Inf. against Loc., Ind., Inf.):

(a) Grave No. 108 Row - Plot 3 Sec. 68 TYP. hmp
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Lena Thunson (mother) White Cloud, RFD #4, Mich.

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

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

[Empty dashed lines for information]

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on ..., 192
letter of transmittal on JUN 1 1921, 192
Sec. # 68

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

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

Table with 4 columns: Date of and source, Relationship and name, Desires, Action taken. [Empty rows]

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

COUNTRY CEMETERY No. SHEET No.

File

MBA 9/16/21

September 15, 1921.

293.8-Cem. #40470 (Crabtree, Clyde, Pvt.)

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

Mrs. Lena Thumser, R.F.D. #4, White Cloud, Michigan.

Private Clyde Crabtree.



1. In reply to your letter of September 8, 1921, addressed to The Adjutant General of the Army, you are advised that instructions have already been issued that the body of the late Private Clyde Crabtree, Company A, 4th Infantry, remain permanently interred in France. The body is now interred in Grave #108, Section 68, Plot 3, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery. This is a permanent American Cemetery and the grave will be perpetually maintained by the Government in the most careful and reverent manner.

2. By authority of the Quartermaster General:

MAILED
SEP 16 1921
G.R.S.

MVB

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

MBA
HW

Noted on Form No. 115

Date *MBA 9/16/21*
copy filed in OSO.

Reg

9-8-1921

Adjutant general of the Army

Dear sir in the matter of sending the Body of C 103889 known as Pvt Clyde Crabtree CO A 4th Inf

Positively do not send body. Hence leave it in France

Crabtree Clyde

Respect
Mrs. Lena Thumser
White Cloud Mich
R # 4

Mother of PVT
Clyde Crabtree

Noted on Form No. 115

SEP 11 1921

RECEIVED
INQ. & COR. DIV.

SEP 13 1921

CEMETERIAL DIV.
O. O. M. C.



GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

40470
 Carabtree 298 0571 Clyde
 (Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)
 Pvt. Co A. 4th Inf.
 (Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL... Oct. 11, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL... France

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

Verdun A. 9, 64
 81, 38

GRAVE NUMBER...

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? *yes*

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:

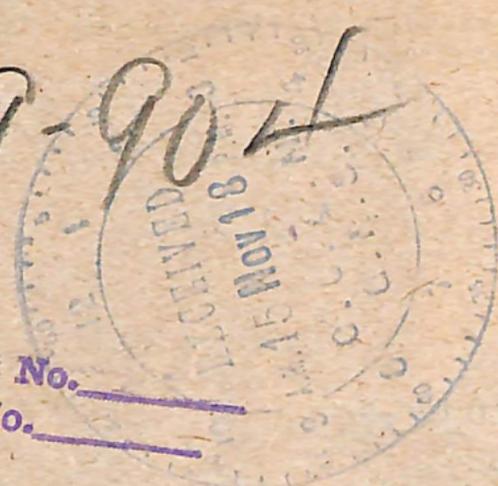
Mantillois (meuse)
 CMME. *35 WE. COORD* } E 309.64
 (179) SHT. } W 281.38

REPORTED BY:

C. C. Merrill, Chaplain 4th Inf.
 (Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

179-904



Communal List No. _____
Daily Report No. _____

40770

1. G. S. Form 1. Hq. G. File

2. Soldier's No. 2980571

3. CRABTREE CLYDE
Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials

4. ~~CVT~~ Nantillois (M.C.S.C.)
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. (C-179) SHT. 35 NE COORD E 309.6
Date of Death Cause, if known N 281.6

6. American
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. CIERGES MEUSE
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. 7 Isolated Burial
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

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

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

11. If name unknown and tags missing, give marks and descrip-
Map tion.

35 N.E. 281.6 N. X 309.5 E.

1/4 Kilo. N.E. Cierges, By S.E. edge of forest, 1/2 Kilo. N. Cierges - Nantillois

12. road, 1/2 Kilo. W. Canal - Nantillois...
Map reference, if interment is outside of cemetery road.

Sketch 85 McClure

13. Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed Sgt. Walter W. McClure

Group 3 Unit 306 G. R. S.

Handwritten initials and scribbles in red ink.



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To The AG CG

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G.R.S. Form #114-B
cc

SEP 1- 1926

DATE Oct. 27th, 1921.

1. NAME CRABTREE, Clyde SERIAL No. 2980571
 RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Co A 4th Inf
 & DIVISION - 3
 GRAVE LOCATION Meuse Argonne American Cemetery 1232 (sec 68)
 CTY. NAME Romagne sous Montfaucon NUMBER Meuse

108 GRAVE Section 68 ROW 3 PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Verdun 35NE 281.4N 309.6E
 GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT. Nantillois, Meuse C-179

COORDINATES Verdun 35NE 281.4N 309.6E

CONCENTRATED TO 6/17/19 DATE 108 GRAVE 68 ROW 3 PLOT

Meuse Argonne 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 data f-1/pfb

DATE OF DEATH Oct. 12, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Mich

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none

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

By RVC
SEP 3 1926

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR M. B. BIRDSEYE
 Ist Lt., Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Oct. 27th, 1921. DATE 23 GRAVE 26 ROW G PLOT
 Block

Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse. CEMETERY

AUDITED BY
W.B. 4/21/23

SEP 1 1926
 WORLD WAR DIV.



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.



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LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Rabtree 2980571 E. Clyde
.....
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)
Pvt. Co. 4th Inf.
.....
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL *Oct. 11, 1918*

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

Verdun A. 9:64
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GRAVE NUMBER

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:

RABTREE, Clyde - Priv. 2980571

d on or about the 12th Oct. 1918,
r information available.

Oct. 12th 1918 (Record at Statistical

REPORTED BY:
E. C. Merrill, Chaplain 4th Inf.
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(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Wilbur L. - 1st Sgt. C° A - 4th Inf.

C° A - 4th Infantry -
3rd Division.

CRABTREE, Clyde - Priv. 2980571

No known eye witnesses:

Priv. Clyde Crabtree was killed on or about the 12th Oct. 1918,
Argonne-Meuse Offensive - No further information available.

Killed in action by gun shot, Oct. 12th 1918 (Record at Statistical
Section, Hdqrs, 3rd Division.

No Informant: given.

Signed: MINICH, Wilbur L. - 1st Sgt. C° A - 4th Inf.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name CRABTREE, Clyde

Number: 2980571

Rank Unkn

Organization: Unkn

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

17th., June, 1919

Grave ISOLATED NANTLIJOIS, MEUSE

Map. 35 N.E. E. 309.6 N. 281.4

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

17th., June, 1919

Grave 108 Sec. 68 Plot 3

ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY #1

ROMAGNE MEUSE

1232

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

Burial good. Buried in uniform Badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes

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

CONFERENCE No. D.....

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Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon the bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct, as is required by C.O. 170, G.H.Q. 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 Lt. Glover.

R. H. ROSENTHAL
2nd Lieut. C.M.C.U.S.A.

C.O. Group _____ Unit _____



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HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME CRABTREE	<i>Cra</i>	3	<i>381</i>
BURIED ✓	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
	GRAVE <i>23</i>	2	<i>23</i>
	ROW <i>26</i>	2	<i>26</i>
	BLOCK <i>7</i>	1	<i>7</i>
STATE	<i>Mich</i>	2	<i>26</i>
RANK	<i>Post</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>3</i>	2	<i>03</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>4</i>	3	<i>004</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL	<i>Mar</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Thynner</i>	<i>Th</i>	3	<i>081</i>
<i>Mrs Lena</i>	STATE <i>Mich</i>	2	<i>26</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Herrings</i>	2	<i>62</i>
<i>Rd #4</i>	CITY <i>White Cloud</i>	3	<i>XXX</i>
RELATION	<i>mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Bad</i>	1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>W age</i>	1	<i>263</i>

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QM 293 A-M
Crabtree, Clyde (MA)

August 8, 1932.

Mrs. Lena Thumser,
R. F. D. #4,
White Cloud, Michigan.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to office letter of July 9, 1932 stating that you are unable to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Clyde Crabtree.

The purpose of this pilgrimage is an endeavor to bring a measure of peace and comfort to the hearts of those whose sons and husbands gave their lives for their country. It is deeply regretted that your health prevents you from making the journey.

Should you reconsider and decide to make a pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you notify this office so that all necessary arrangements may be made for you. You are assured that everything possible will be provided for your comfort and welfare.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Crabtree Clyde (MA)

July 9, 1932

Mrs Lena Thumser
R F D #4
White Cloud Mich

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

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

No am not well
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Mrs Lena Thumser

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Crabtree, Clyde Pvt. (MA) M

August 14, 1931

Mrs. Lena Thumser,
RFD #4,
White Cloud, Michigan

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter forwarded you under recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, wherein you advise that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

Competent personnel will be provided to care for the mothers and widows from the time of their arrival in New York until their return thereto. Medical attendants and all other necessities will be arranged for and in the event you decide to make a pilgrimage, you are assured everything possible will be done for your care and welfare. During the summers of 1930 and 1931 many mothers of advanced age and in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited therefrom.

Your name is being placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make a pilgrimage in 1933. However, should you change your mind in view of the above, and desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, it is requested you advise this office in order that arrangements may be made for you.

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-293-AM

June 12, 1931.

Crabtree, Clyde Pvt. (M-A) M

H. C. C.

Mrs. Lena Thumser,
R. F. D. #4,
White Cloud, Michigan.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes

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



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

No Ill Health
Write answer here

Lena Thumser
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 7, 1930.

Grabtree, Clyde - 1232 M

**Mrs. Lena Thumser,
RFD #4,
White Cloud, Mich.**

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



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

NO
(Write answer here)

Mrs. Lena Thumser
(Sign here)

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7 , 1929.

Crabtree, Clyde 1232 M.

Mrs. Lena Thumser,
R.F.D #4,
White Cloud, Mich.

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 ⁶³ (Years)	Health (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes)	(No) Other language <i>English</i> (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,



Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Crabtree, Clyde
1232.

Sept. 6, 1929

Mrs. Lena Thumser,
R. F. D. #4,
White Cloud, Mich.

Dear Madam:

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

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

Write answers in space below

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

no

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

Mrs Lena Thumser

White Cloud

Mich R #4

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

no

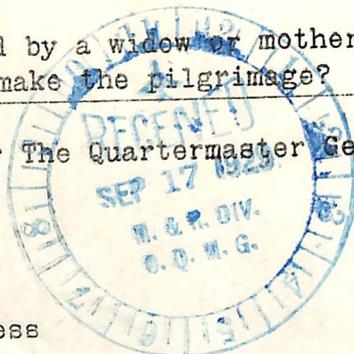
For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

John T. Harris

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Crabtree, Clyde

June 29, 1929.

Mrs. Lena Thumser,
RFD #4,
White Cloud,
Mich.

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. Clyde Crabtree, Co. A, 4th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since 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,

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