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G.R.S. Form #114-B

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To The A. G. O.

JUN 1-

DATE 2/17/22

1. NAME CRAIN, Wilford E SERIAL No. 1906253

RANK Sgt ORGANIZATION & DIVISION Co D 327th Inf 82nd Div

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne Amer 1232 Romagne-s-Montfaucon Meuse Sec 8

CTY. NAME NUMBER

97 Sec 8 2

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Plot 3 Gr. 9 BAC, Chatel Chehery, Meuse Cty #854

GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES Verdun 35NW 281.1N 298.65E

CONCENTRATED TO 4/8/19 97 8 2

DATE GRAVE ROW 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. 7, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Illinois

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED None

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

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

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 2/17/22 2 7 E

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT Block

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

CEMETERY

AUDITED BY L.P.L. 3-15-23 Meuse Argonne Amer Div'd

APR 2, 1923

JUN 9 AGO 1926 WORLD WAR DIV.

Major General,
The Adjutant General.
By arb

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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, statment 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.

Not Rptd

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Grain 1906253 Wilford E.
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

pvt Co D 327 Inf
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Chatel Chehery

CAUSE OF DEATH: G. S. W.

DATE OF BURIAL: Oct. 18th 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: Chatel Chehery

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

Map Vouziers 1/50.000 — 29.7.55
281.

GRAVE NUMBER: 9

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? yes

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: yes

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:

Chaplain R. H. Gearhart Per. M.F.R.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

This portion to be forwarded to Central Records Office, A. G. O., A. E. F.

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME Crain, Wilford E.	Cra	3	3 5 1
BURIED	CEMETERY 1232	1	1
	GRAVE 2	2	0 2
	ROW 7	2	0 7
	BLOCK E.	1	5
STATE	Ill	2	13
RANK	Sgt.	1	2
DIVISION	82	2	82
ORGANIZATION	327	3	327
ARM	Inf.	1	1
MARITAL	no	1	2
NAME Crain	CBA	3	3 8 1
RESIDENCE Mrs. Mary Hailey	STATE Ill.	2	13
	COUNTY Jefferson	2	41
	CITY Mattoniville	3	XXX
RELATION	mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Bad	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE 29/514	no age	1	2 9 5

AUDITED JAN 12 1932

QM 293 A-M
Crain, Wilford E. MA

September 23, 1932.

Mrs. Mary Hartley Crain,
Waltonville,
Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date advising that you do not desire to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Sergeant Wilford E. Crain.

The purpose of this pilgrimage is an endeavor to bring a measure of peace and comfort to the hearts of those whose loved ones lost their lives during the late war. It is deeply regretted that you feel that your health will not permit you to take advantage of the offer of the Government at this time.

Should you reconsider and decide to make the journey it is requested that you notify this office and arrangements will be made for you. You are assured that everything possible will be done for your comfort and welfare.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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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
Crain, Wilford E. (MA)

Sept. 7, 1932.

Mrs. Mary Hartley Crain,
Waltonville, Ill.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

In order that your desires may be of record, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	No
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: 75 Health: not very good
3. Do you speak English?	Yes
4. What other language do you speak?	None

Sign here

NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

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

Crain Wilford E (MA) July 9 1932

Mrs Mary Hartley Crain
Waltonville Ill

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?_____
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)_____

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Crain, Wilford E. Sgt. (MA) M

August 17, 1931

Mrs. Mary Hartley Crain,
Waltonville, Ill.

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.

Crain, Wilford E. Sgt. (M-A) M

Mrs. Mary Hartley Crain,
Waltonville, Illinois.

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. No

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.

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DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? no not able to go
Write answer here

Mrs. Mary Hartley Crain
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 6, 1930.

Crain, Wilford E. - 1232 M

Mrs. Mary Hartley Crain,
Waltonville, Ill.

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.

RECEIVED JUN 12 1930 U. S. A. G. DIV. A. P. M. G.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? No

(Write answer here)

Mrs Mary Hartley Crain

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Crain, Wilford E. 1232--M

February 19, 1930

Mrs. Mary Hartley Crain,
Waltonville, Illinois.

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. 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) no
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) (No) 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 73 Health not good (Years) (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No) Other language (Specify language spoken)

RECEIVED FEB 26 1930 M. & R. DIV. O. Q. M. G.

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 GENER

WASHINGTON

DATE January 17, 1930

NAME	RANK	SERIAL	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
Crain, Wilford E.	Sgt.	1906253	Co. D. 327th Inf.	Oct. 7, 1918

STATE Illinois CTY. NO. 1232 GRAVE 2 ROW 7 BLOCK E

NAME AND ADDRESS	Check relationship	Living - Deceased	
	MOTHER	✓	Mrs - Mary Hartley Crain, Wallonville Ill.
	STEPMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)		
	MOTHER THRU ADOPTION (For the year prior to commencement of service)		
	MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS (For the year prior to commencement of service)		
	WIDOW (Who has not remarried)		

Single man

Veterans Bureau Claim Number C-125618 exp 1/21/30

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29, 1929.

(Crain, Wilford E;)

Mr. P. M. Crain,
Whittington, Ill.

Dear Sir:

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 father of the late Sgt. Wilford E.Crain, Co. D, 327th 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 mother or widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish the full names and addresses of the mother and widow in order that action may be taken to extend invitations to them to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relative is a stepmother, mother through adoption, or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. If he was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-M
Crain, Wilford E. MA

September 23, 1932.

Mrs. Mary Hartley Crain,
Waltonville,
Illinois.

Dear Madam:

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Should you reconsider and decide to make the journey it is requested that you notify this office and arrangements will be made for you. You are assured that everything possible will be done 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

Crain, Wilford E. (MA)

Sept. 7, 1932.

Mrs. Mary Hartley Crain,
Waltonville, Ill.

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Sign here

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

CHAS. W. DIETZ,
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Assistant.

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WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Crain Wilford E (MA) July 9 1932

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Waltonville Ill

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For The Quartermaster General,

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

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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

Crain, Wilford E. Sgt. (MA) M

August 17, 1931

Mrs. Mary Hartley Crain,
Waltonville, Ill.

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.

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Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

June 12, 1931.

Crain, Wilford E. Sgt. (M-A) M

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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

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Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Crain, Wilford E. - 1252 M

June 6, 1930.

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Waltonville, Ill.

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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.

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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)

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(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Crain, Wilford E. 1232--M

February 19, 1930

Mrs. Mary Hartley Crain,
Waltonville, Illinois.

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. 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.

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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

Crain, Wilford E.
1232.

Sept. 6, 1929

Mr. F. M. Crain,
Whittington, Ill.

Dear Sir:

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.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29, 1929.

(Crain, Wilford E.)

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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 father of the late

Sgt. Wilford E.Crain, Co. D, 327th 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 mother or widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish the full names and addresses of the mother and widow in order that action may be taken to extend invitations to them to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relative is a stepmother, mother through adoption, or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. If he was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

Crain, Wilford E. 1,906,253
(Surname.) (Christian name in full.) (Army serial number.)

Sgt. Co D 327 Inf.
(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased Father

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? no.
(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery? see letter - letter
(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) Frances M. Crain

Whittington Ill.
(Number and street or rural route.) (City, town, or post office.) (State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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sent to C.G.

Checked by TD
3-23-21

Drawn by L. G.
1232-58-41
3-23-21

In reply refer to:
293 C-R 87166

March 21,1923

Mr. F.M.Crain,

Whittington, Ill.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that Sgt. Wilford E. Crain, Co. D, 327th Infantry, the permanent grave of is No.2, Row 7, Block E, Meuse-Argonne American cemetery Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (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, division, 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.

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O. Q. M. G. Form No. 633
App. Aug. 14, 1922

ORIGINAL PAPER FILED

CROSS INDEX

O. Q. M. G.

C° D - 327th Infantry -
82nd Division.

CRAIN, Wilford - Sgt. 1906253
Home address: Whittington - Ill.

About 7 o'clock on the morning of October 7th 1918, during our advance over Hill 180, in the attack on Cornay, I saw Sgt. Crain fall forward Several machine gun bullet had struck him in the left side and he was dead when I reached him. He is buried on hill 180 not so very far from where he was killed.

Informant: MEDORO, Silvino - Priv. 1906399
C° D - 327th Infantry -
Home : Dixonville - Indiana - Pa.

Signed: STULB Cheslie C. Jr. - 1st Lieut.
327th Infantry -

Address next of kin:
Father: F. M. Crain
Whittington - Ill.

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GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE
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G.R.S. FORM NO. 16

61856

Place NEUFCHATEAU

Date 5th May, 1919

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of: CRAIN Wilford E.

Name: ~~GRAIN Wilfred~~ E. Number: 1906253

Rank: Unkn Sgt Organization: Hq. Co. 327 Inf.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group Unit

Disinterred (Date) From: (Give complete location)

8th April, 1919 B/A Cemetery, Grave No. 9 CHATEL CHEHERY MEUSE

35 NW E 298.65 N 281.1

Reburied (Date) in: (Give complete location)

8th April, 1919 Grave No. 97 Sect. 8nPlot 2

merican B/A Cemetery # 1232

ROMAGNE MEUSE 35 NE E 308.16 N 284.87

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

Buried in uniform. Body badly decomposed. Burial good.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes

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

CONFIRMED No. D 10223

Note:

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

Supervised by: Lt. Shelton

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

MO' C.O. Group Unit

G.R.S. FORM NO. 16

Date 8th May, 1919

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: GRAIN Wilfred E. Number: 190282

Rank: Unkn Organization: Hq. Co. 327 Inf.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group Unit

Disinterred (Date) From: (Give complete location)

6th April, 1919 B/A Cemetery, Grave No. 9 CHATEL CHEHERY MARNE

55 NW. R.X29.65. M 261.7

Reburied (Date) in: (Give complete location)

8th April, 1919 Grave No. 97 Sect. 8n Plot E

American B/A Cemetery # 1282

ROMAGNE MARNE 55 NW. R 266.16 M 304.07

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

Buried in uniform. Body badly decomposed. Burial good.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes

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

Notes:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon body, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct as is required by G.O. 170, G.H.Q. 8, 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. Shelton R. H. ROSENTHAL

Asst Insct G.R.S.

C.O. Group Unit

Concentration.

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

Place ...agne 1232.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Feb 16, 1922.

1. Remains of CRAIN, Wilford E. Serial Number 1906253.

Rank Sgt. Organization Co. D. 327th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): feb 15, 1922 From (give complete location): gr 97, sec 8, plot 2. Cty. 1232.

By: Group Unit sec 1

3. Reburied (date): Feb, 17. 1922. In (give complete location): Meuse Argonne Cty. 1232. Gr. 2. Bl. E. Row 7.

By: Group Reburial Sec. 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? yes. peg.

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

Tag on body reads: Crain Wilford E. 1906253. Sgt. chevron on uniform.

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

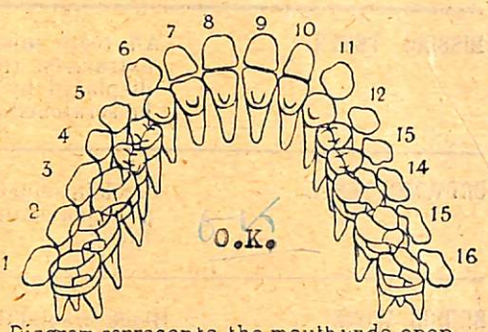
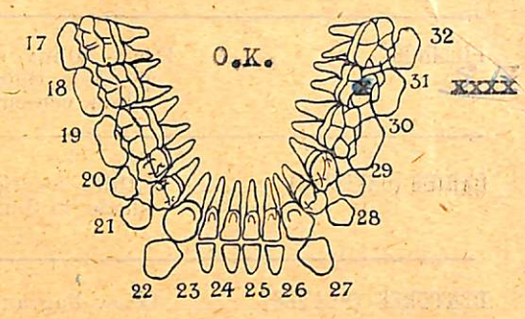


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



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

top and front of skull fractured.

7. Disinterment supervised by E.L. Goodrich. Approved: Geo. C. Bland 1st Lt. Q.M.C. (Title)

8. Reburial Supervised by W.B. Sheild Approved: A.E. Dewey (Title) A.E. DEWEY 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 Question 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by wohm 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.

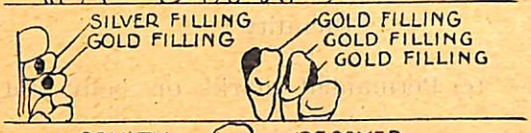
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.

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 shoudl 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 jwas 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) thu :	
FILLINGS	Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :	
CARIES (CAVITIES)	Outline location and size ol 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.

G.R.S. FORM #114-A. STATION Romagne 1232

To be prepared in triplicate. DATE Feb 16 1922

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT — COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.	Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body
1. Name CRAIN, Wilford E	10. Name
2. No. 1906253	11. No.
3. Rank Sgt	12. Rank
4. Org. Co D 327th Inf	13. Org.
5. D.D. 10-7	14. (a) D.D.
6. C.D. KIA	(b) D.B. None

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 97 Sec. 8	15. Grave No. Sec.
8. Plot 2 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 Sec 8

23. Disinterred (Date) Feb 16 1922 By E E Goodrich

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Wilford E Crain — Serial No. 1906253

Rank Sgt — Organization Co D 327 Inf

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes peg On body? Yes

C T Brown
Signature Junior Technical Assistant
C T Brown

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).
Sgt chevrons on uniform.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed features unrecognizable

28. Nature of burial Pine box burlap and U.S. Uniform

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 16 1922 By E E Goodrich

31. Casket sealed by E E Goodrich

AUDITED BY

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor E E Goodrich

MT

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

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32. Designation of body:

Name Wilford E Crain Serial No. 1906253

Rank Sgt Organization Co D 327th Inf

33. Consigned to:

meuse-Argonne Amer Romagne-s-Montfaucon 1232 Meuse

Name of Permanent Cemetery .....

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Feb 16 1922 By E E Goodrich

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 Geo C Bland

Geo C Bland 1st Lt. QMC

36. Remarks .....

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37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Feb 16 1922 GG

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 ..... Signature Shipping Officer .....

(Name)

40. Received: Date .....

G.R.S. Representative .....

41. Reinterred Meuse Argonne Cty, I232. Feb, I7. 1922.

(Date)

42. Grave No. 2 Section .....

43. ~~xxxx~~ block. E Row 7

G.R.S. Representative A E Dewey

A.E.DEWEY Ist.Lt.Q.M.C.

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 87166

I. Location Index Card:

(a) Name CRAIN, Wilford E. Ser. No. 1906253

(b) Rank Sgt. Organization Co. D, 327th Inf.

(c) Date of death 10-7-18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. OB

CKR. 973

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

(a) Grave No. 97 Row -- Plot 2 Sec. 8 TYP. OB

(b) Emerg. Address Mr. F. M. Crain (Father) Whittington, Ill.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases ---- CKR. 973

IV. A. G. O. Disposition Card: OK 3/23/20 B Date of receipt —

(a) Name Francis M. Crain (b) Relationship Father

(c) Address Whittington, Ill.

(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No

(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at —

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. —

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

Examiner's Initials L. L. Date 3-23-, 1920.

V. A. G. O. Correspondence shows communication from ----

----, dated ----

confirming request in Par. IV., item----, above, or requesting that----

No correspondence

Examiner's Initials L. L. Date 3-23-, 1920.

VI. G. R. S. Files, Correspondence—shows as follows: Ltr. of Apr. 8th 1919 from Francis M. Crain, Father, Whittington, Ill. requesting interment in France.

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes L. L. G.

Examiner's Initials L. L. G. Date 3-23-, 1920.

COUNTRY France. Cemetery No. 1232-Sec. 8 Sheet No. 41

G. R. S. Form No. 115
Amended Apr. 16, 1920
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Make Form No. 114

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

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H. S. 4-4-24

3-23-20

QUARTERMASTER CORPS DIVISION

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APR 20 1921
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SEC.

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 714 made ....., 1920.

Typed by ....., Checked by ....., 1920.

VIII. Final Action:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on ....., 1920 / letter on 3/31/21, 1920

Section #8
Car # 2 – Not to be returned – HD

IX. CORRECTIONS

Change of advice.	Action Taken.
Desires body be	.....
.....	.....
Body to be shipped to	.....
.....	.....
.....	.....
.....	.....

X. Suspension Remarks: .....

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Location Index .....

.....Discrepancies.....

Name

Location Index

.....Discrepancies.....

Name.....

Rank.....

Serial No.....

Org.....

Remarks

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A.G.O. Card & Corr.

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.....Discrepancies.....

Name.....

Rank.....

Serial No.....

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Remarks

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

.....Discrepancies.....

Name.....

Rank.....

Serial No. .....

Org. .....

Remarks

OK no & w sent 3/23/18

Checkers.....

.....Discrepancies.....

Name.....

Rank.....

Serial No. .....

Org.....

Remarks Ea name + initials by

.....

checked 11-3-23-21

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 87166

I. Location Index Card:

(a) Name ~~CRAIN, Wilford F.~~ Ser. No. ~~1906253~~ TYP. ~~OB~~

(b) Rank ~~Sgt.~~ Organization ~~Co. D, 327th Inf.~~

(c) Date of death ~~10-7-18~~ (d) Cause of death ~~K/A~~

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

(a) Grave No. ~~97~~ Row ~~--~~ Plot ~~2~~ Sec. ~~8~~ TYP. ~~OB~~

(b) Emerg. Address ~~Mr. F. M. Crain (Father) Whittington, Ill.~~

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

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

A.G.O. Card - Francis M. Crain (father) Whittington, Ill. requests body not returned to U.S. via 4-2-21

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on ....., 192 / letter of transmittal on 3/31/21, 192

Section #5 Part #2 - Not to be returned - HD

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., APR 9 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. APR 2 9 1921, 192

COUNTRY Cemetery No. ..... Sheet No. .....

G. R. S. Form 115-A
August, 1920

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France. 1232-Sec. 8 41

H.S. 4-5-21

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Grain 1906253 Wilford E.
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Pvt.
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Chatel Chehery

CAUSE OF DEATH: G. S. W.

DATE OF BURIAL: Oct. 18th 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL: Chatel Chehery

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

Map Vouziers 1/50.000 — 292.55
28/.

GRAVE NUMBER: 9

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

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: yes

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:

Chaplain R.H. Gearhart Per: M.F.K.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

CRAIN 1906253 Wilford E
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Sgt Co D 327th Inf
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Hill 180 near Corray, Ardennes. (Map: "Foret d'Argonne" 1/20,000.)

CAUSE OF DEATH: Enemy Machine Gun Bullets.

DATE OF BURIAL: Unknown

PLACE OF BURIAL: Hill 180 Near Corray (Ardennes)
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department). Map references must specify clearly what map is used.

Unknown

GRAVE NUMBER:

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Unknown Cross? Unknown

Headboard? Unknown Bottle? Unknown

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Unknown

Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker? Corray (Ardennes) Unknown

If name unknown and tags missing, description and marks should be given here? 347 35??

Unknown

NEAREST RELATIVE: F M Crain

ADDRESS: Whittington Ill

RELATIONSHIP: Father

REPORTED BY: Charles Shutt 1st Lt 327 Inf
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

Communal List No. 2417-2700

Daily Report No.

87166

OSPSS CtY. NO. 1232
Sec 8 case no 41 1P

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No 1906253

Name GRAIN WILFORDE

Rank Unknown Co Hdqt. (Corp) (Regt) 327 Inf.

Date of Death Oct. 10th. 1918

Place CHATEL CHEHERY ARDENNES

Cause Killed in action

Date of Burial Oct. 14th. 1918

Grave No 9 Plot Sketch 12

Cemetery

Identified By Tags

Map Ref N.2K.N.W. Chatel Chehery N.E. brow of hill 180 Yds. S.W. Junction of trees & Shrubs N.O. Verdun 38 208.65E x 281.1N

Field record made by Edwd G. Scott
Q.M.Sgt.Sr.Gr.

Group 3 Unit 305 G.R.S.

For additional data use reverse side.


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G.R.S. FORM NO. 12

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.

FROM : ADJUTANT GENERAL.

TO : C.O., Co. D, 327th Inf

SUBJECT : Information for burial Register.

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

By Command of General Pershing:

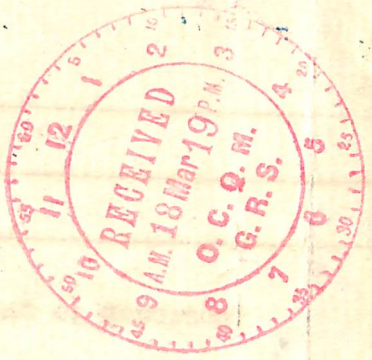
Robert C. Davis
Adjutant General.

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

Nearest relative of deceased:

Relationship:

Address: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A.M. 18 Mar 19 P.M.
O.C.Q.M.
G.R.S.

GRAIMS WILFRED E. #1906252

10/18.

CHATEL CHEHERY VOUZIERS 1/50000
297.55 281 Grave #9

CHAPLAIN R.H. GEARHART JR
SENIOR CHAPLAIN

(SPECIAL #8)

CORNAY Ardennes
247 35 NW E-297.55
N-281.00

WAR DEPARTMENT

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

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
American Expeditionary Forces
OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Mr. Francis M.Crain,

Whitting,

Illinois, U.S.A.

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New York, N. Y. I. S.

POST OFFICE U.S. ARMY

Lieut. Q.M. Corps, U.S.A.

Req No. 2014 File 61856

Crain, Wilford E.

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G.R.S. FORM NO. 25.

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AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F.
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE.

April 17th, 1919.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.

TO :

Mr. Francis M.Crain, Whitting, Illinois.

SUBJECT : Disposition of remains of

Sgt. Wilford E.Crain, Co.D., 327th Inf.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter, expressing the desire that the body of your son should remain in France, and you are advised that your request will be complied with.

2. Permit me to express to you my sympathy in the loss which you have sustained in the cause of our country.

CHARLES C. PIERCE
Lieut.-Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.

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Francis

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MAY 17 1919

G.R. FORM NO. 33.

NAME Wilford E. Crain FILE NUMBER

SERIAL NUMBER

RANK Sergt ORGANIZATION Co D 327th Infantry

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with records?	
2.	Date of Death	
3.	Grave Location:	
4.	Who reported burial?	
5.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
6.	How is grave marked?	
7.	Identification Tags:	
	(a) Buried with Body?	
	(b) Attached to grave marker?	
8.	Emergency address:	
9.	Has above been notified? (Give date).	

ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY

_____ Flowers, flags etc. (Par. #5, Bul, 10-B)_____

_____ Monuments (Par.#6, Bul. 10-B)_____

_____ Disinterments (Par.#8, Bul. 10-B)_____

_____ Circumstances of death (G.R.S. Form No.6)_____

_____ Photograph requested (File 004.5)_____

_____ Grave Location_____

_____ Effects(G.R.S.Form Nos 7 & 7-A)_____

_____ Accrued Pay (G.R.S. Forms 19 & 22)_____

_____ Liberty Bonds (G.R.S.Forms 21 & 22)_____

_____ War Risk Insurance (G.R.S.Forms 20 & 22)_____

_____ Disposition of Remains
(a) Return to U.S.) Form 23

_____ (b) Remain in France Form 24

_____ (c) Miscellaneous letter

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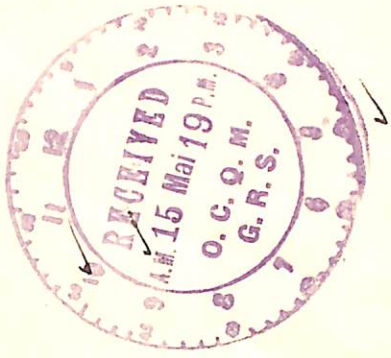
G.H.Q., American E. F., May 12, 1919.--To C. G., S.O. S. - Graves Registration Service.

Approved. This request will be made of record.

By command of General Pershing:

J. M. Woolsey
Adjutant General

GRS.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Whitting Ill. April 8th 1919.

Adj. Gen War Department, Washington D.C.

My Dear Sir: I only desire to say in further explanation of my feelings in regard to the final interment of the Remains of my dear Son Sergt Wilford E. Crain that under no circumstances do I desire his Remains to be removed from France but Should the U.S. Government secure burial Grounds in France more suitable than where he now lies, that then his Remains be removed there. I desire to say that Mrs Crain (Deceased's Mother) fully joins me in this.

Respectfully.

Francis M. Crain.

Crain, Wilford E. 1,906,253
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A. G. O. April 14, 1919. To the Commanding General, American Expeditionary Forces.

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