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G.R.S. Form #114-B

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FULL NAME CRANE, John W.

RANK Private, First Class

SERIAL 7761

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION Sec. 506, U.S.A.A.S.

DATE OF DEATH

July 16, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

Pa

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

none

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION

Date

Grave

Row

Block

21 15 B  
608

Cemetery

Robert C. DeWitt  
Major General,  
The Adjutant General

RVB

AUDITED BY  
152 8-1-24

Rec'd World War Div.

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DIV.

1001

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U.S. Form 115-B

Full Name

Address

Division & Organization

Date of Birth

State from which in Card

Final Grave Location

Date



1001

*Mr. [unclear]*

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

## LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Cerane* ..... *7761* ..... *John W.* .....  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

*Private 1st class I.S.U. 506* .....  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL ..... *July 17<sup>th</sup> 1918* .....

PLACE OF BURIAL ..... *American Cemetery* .....

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

*Digny (Marne) near Epernay* .....

GRAVE NUMBER ..... ~~11~~ .....

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:

### REPORTED BY:

*Afred M. White 1st Lt. A.C.S.* .....  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

**REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL**

Remains of:

Name: Crane, John W.

Number: --

Rank: Pvt.

Organization: A.S. #506

Disinterment and Reburial made by: Group GRS #2 Unit Seringes et Nesles

Disinterred (Date) Nov. 14, 1919

From: (Give complete location)

Military Cemetery at Dizy-Marne Grave #C-2

Reburied (Date) Nov. 15, 1919

in: (Give complete location)

Section H, Plot #7, Grave #332, Seringes et Nesles, American

E.F. Cemetery # 608

Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: Buried in uniform, Grave 4 1/2 feet deep, Body in advanced stage of decomposition.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? No.

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

Name on cross above grave.

Remarks:

*20493*

Supervised by J.C. Welch,  
2nd Lt. Inf.  
GRS #2

(copy)

Zone Commander

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF CRANE, JOHN W. SERIAL NUMBER 7761

RANK PFC ORGANIZATION Sec. 506, U. S. A. A. S.

2. Disinterred (date) : ..... From (give complete location) :

5.17.21 ..... Gr. 552 Sec.H. Pt.7.

By : Group Renuard. Unit FIELD SECTION 17

3. Reburied (date) : ..... In (give complete location) :

5.17.21 ..... Given new gr. location for purpose of concentration.  
Gr. 33 Sec.C. Pt.1.

By : Group Renuard. Unit FIELD SECTION Nature of reburial WOODEN BOX & BURLAP

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

BADLY DECOMPOSED ..... FEATURES UNRECOGNIZABLE

Part U.S.UNIFORM, BLANKET, BURLAP & WOODEN BOX

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

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

Body tag checks O.K.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) .....

(b) Weight (estimated) .....

(c) Hair—Color .....

Quantity .....

Characteristics .....

(d) Hair on face—Color .....

Location .....

Quantity .....

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

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

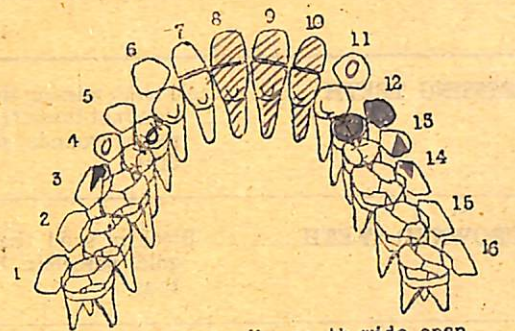
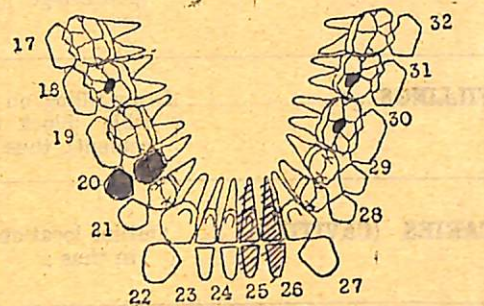


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



3, 13, 14, 18, 21, 30, 31, sil. fl1;  
4, 5, 11, cav; 8, 9, 10, 25, 26, mis.  
a.d; 12, 20, gld. crwn;

**FRACTURES: Left femur; left fibula and tibia.**

7. Disinterment supervised by E. J. Renuard  
**E. J. RENUARD. SUP. EMB.**

Approved : S. Williams  
(Title) S. Williams, 1st Lieut., Q. M. Corps,

8. Reburial supervised by E. J. Renuard  
**E. J. RENUARD. SUP. EMB.**

Approved : S. Williams  
(Title) S. Williams, 1st Lieut., Q. M. Corps,

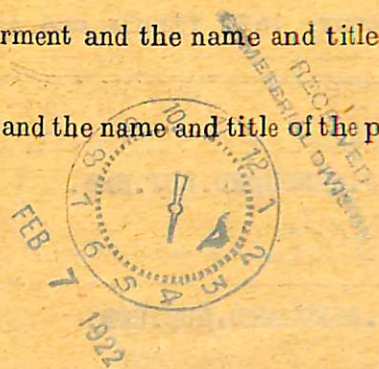
**INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPER COMPLETION OF G. R. S. FORM NO. 16-A**

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

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".  
 (b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No. 6.
6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

<b>MISSING TEETH</b> .....All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :	
<b>CROWNED TEETH</b> .....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :	
<b>BRIDGE WORK</b> .....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :	
<b>FILLINGS</b> .....Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :	
<b>CARIES (CAVITIES)</b> .....Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :	
<b>DENTURES (PLATES)</b> .....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.



A.G., A.E.F.  
~~Chief of G.R.S., A.E.F.~~

*R*

*Crane of 77*

J.W. Crane.  
V.B. Heckroth.

Herewith copy of graves report in respect of the  
above mentioned who are buried in Champillon British Cemetery.

*J. Lambert*  
Director of Graves Registration  
and Enquiries.

B.E.F.

Received  
A.G.O.



21 OCT 1918

G. H. Q. A. E. F.

*Star*

RECEIVED  
STATISTICAL DIVISION

21 OCT 1918

CHAMPILLON BRITISH CEMETERY.  
Map. Ref. SOISSONS 22. 6.L.6.9.

			<u>ROW C.</u>			<u>Grave No.</u>
S.S.U.506 -						
64 S.S.F. attd.						
Italian Red Cross	---	Crane	J.W.	16-7-18	<i>b</i>	2.
do...	---	Heckroth	V.B.	"	<i>b</i>	3.

Crane, John W.  
P.F.C.

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Pennsylvania

GOLD STAR MOTHERS PILGRIMAGE

S.S. AMERICA, AUGUST 27, 1930

Philadelphia County

Name: Mrs. Florence Crane (S-12)

Address: 1816 Wynnewood Rd., Philadelphia, Pa.

Route: Pennsylvania R.R. to New York

Lv. Philadelphia Train No. 210  
Ar. New York (Penna. Station)

11.00 A.M., August 26  
1.00 P.M., August 26

Accommodations: ↓ Parlor Car Seat

Elapsed Time: 2 hours 1/4

NGH

mt

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE	
NAME	Crane	C R A	3	381
BURIED	CEMETERY	608	1	2
	GRAVE	21	2	21
	ROW	15	2	15
	BLOCK	B	1	2
STATE	Pa		2	44
RANK	Private		1	2
DIVISION	Med. Corp.		2	52
ORGANIZATION	506		3	506
ARM	USAAS		1	1
MARITAL	no		1	2
NAME	Crane	C R A	3	381
Mrs Florence	STATE	Pa	2	44
RESIDENCE	COUNTY	Phila	2	51
	CITY	Phila	3	220
RELATION	Mother		1	1
OTHER			1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes		1	1
NATIVITY			1	
RACE			1	
ENGLISH	yes		1	1
ATTENDANT			1	
HEALTH	Good		1	
NO. OF SONS			1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.		1	
ACCEPTANCE	YR.	1930	1	
		yes	1	

*Sailed Aug 27 1930*

*audited OCT 9 1931 ad 60*

Party "S" - Itinerary - Oise-Aisne Group

Sailed August 27, 1930 on AMERICA. Capt. R. E. Shannon in charge. Capt. Merrill Ross assistant. Arrived Cherbourg September 5th. Met by 11 officers, 8 nurses and 3 civilian employees. Train left 3.50 pm. Arrived Gare des Invalides in Paris at 10.15pm. Met by Officer in Charge and members of his staff, interpreters and nurses.

- Sept. 6th. Morning devoted to transaction of personal business. Exchange of money, preparation of laundry, etc. Wreath placed on tomb of Unknown Soldier at 3.30pm by Mrs. Mary Damon for party. Tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent. Dinner at hotel.
- Sept. 7th. Morning free. Lunch at hotel. Left 1.30pm for Soissons via Porte de Pantin, La Ferte s/s Jouarre (rest stop Hotel de la Terrasse), Chateau Thierry. Arrived 6.15pm. Quarters Hotel du Lion Rouge, Hotel Nouvelle.
- Sept. 8th, and 9th. Visited Oise-Aisne Cemetery, Battle Monument Hill 204, Quentin Roosevelt's grave, Belleau Woods and Pierrefonds.
- Sept. 10th. Visited cemetery. Lunch at hotel. Left Soissons 2pm for Reims via Vaurains Ferme, Chemin des Dames, Craonne, Corbeny Berry-au-Bac. Arrived 5pm. Quarters Hotel Crystal.
- Sept. 11th. Visited Reims and Cathedral. Lunch at hotel. Left Reims 2pm for Compeigne via Fismes, Soissons. Arrived 4.25pm. Quarters Hotel Rond Royal.
- Sept. 12th. Carrefour de l'Armistice. Lunch Hotel Rond Royal. Left Compeigne 2pm for Paris via La Croix St. Ouen Senlis, Chantilly (rest stop Hotel du Parc.) Arrived Paris 5.45pm. Dinner at hotel.
- Sept. 13th. Morning free or shopping. Lunch at hotel. Sacre Coeur. Dinner at hotel.
- Sept. 14th. Morning free or church. Lunch at hotel. Sightseeing. Louvre. Dinner at hotel. Sightseeing at nite.
- Sept. 15th. Sacre Coeur. Lunch at hotel. Napoleon's Tomb. Dinner at hotel.
- Sept. 16th. Free or shopping. Lunch at hotel. Sacre Coeur. Dinner at hotel.
- Sept. 17th. Free or shopping. Versailles. Refreshment at Belle Cycliste. Suresnes. Dinner at hotel.
- Sept. 18th. Train left Gare des Invalides at 2.12pm for Cherbourg. Arrived 8.50pm. PRESIDENT HARDING sailed 11.pm. Arrived New York September 26, 1930.

Mrs. Florence Crane

NAME CRANE, MRS. FLORENCE

S.S. HARDING SEP 23 1930

HOME PHILA. PHILADELPHIA, PA.

R.R. *Permit to dest*  
STATION

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE *Oct 25-30*

Name..... CRANE, Mrs. Florence  
HOTEL DE PARIS  
Paris Hôtel..... BOULEVARD DE LA MADELEINE  
Home address..... 1816 Wynnewood <sup>Bd.</sup> Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, Penn.  
Party..... S..... Group..... 2..... Unit ~~SS~~ AMERICA  
Date of arrival..... SEPT. 5. 1930..... Date of departure S/S HARDING - Sept. 18, 1930  
Relationship..... Mother  
Name of deceased..... CRANE, John W.  
Rank..... PFC..... Organization..... Sec. 506 U.S.A.A.S.  
Cemetery..... Oise-Aisne

REMARKS

Desires quarters with Mrs. Emma D. SPEAKMAN, 6112 Jefferson St., Philadelphia, Philadelphia Co., Pennsylvania. and Mrs. Leida R. WRIGHT, Southward Neighborhood House, 101 Ellsworth St., South Philadelphia, Philadelphia Co., Pennsylvania.



*Florence Cian*

August 12th, 1930.

Mrs. Florence Crane,  
1816 Wynnewood Road,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

For The Officer in Charge:

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

Enclosures:  
2 tags.

*g. Taylor*

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

CRANE, JOHN W. O.A.

Party . S .....  
 Number . 3334 .....

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

... MRS. FLORENCE CRANE ..... Actual cost of through Pullman.  
 Name of Traveler

.. PHILADELPHIA, PHILADELPHIA, PA. New York, to PHILADELPHIA, PA. ....  
 Home Address

..... PENNSYLVANIA ..... \$ .....

New York, to PHILADELPHIA, PA. ....  
 Destination

Via PENN. TO DEST. ....  
 .....

TICKET EXPIRES ..... SEPTEMBER 27, 1930 .....  
 Oct. 25, 1930 Date of Departure

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	Car	U. S. G. Order No.	Actual Cost
LV	PENN. STA.	PRR	207	7/27	9.00A			
AR	PHILADELPHIA	"	"	"	11.00A		Wg-1024671	95
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TOTAL .....

Remarks:

.....  
 ..... Capt Lunk .....  
 .....

NAME ~~CRANE~~ Mrs. Florence .....

ADDRESS ...1816 Wynnewood Rd. Philadelphia, Pa. S

DATE *Sept 26. 1930*

TO:                   Officer-In-Charge,  
                          PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

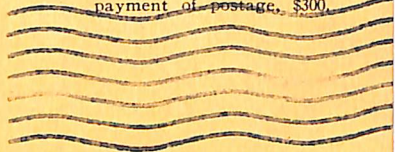
I beg to inform you that I have returned to my  
home safely and in good health.

Sincerely,

(Signed) *Mrs. Florence Crane*

WAR DEPARTMENT

Penalty for private use to avoid  
payment of postage, \$300.



OFFICIAL BUSINESS

**PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS**

**225 WEST 34TH STREET,**

**NEW YORK, N. Y.**

STATE

CRANE, JOHN W.  
S

PENNSYLVANIA

1816 Wynnewood Rd.

M  
NAME Crane, Mrs. Florence HOME ADDRESS Philadelphia  
Philadelphia County  
NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN Miss Joan Crane same

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE Aug 26 HOTEL Pennsylvania ROOM NO. 889  
quarters Mrs. E. D. Speckman

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE August 27, 1930 VESSELS AMERICA CABIN NO. 229E

DESTINATION CHERBOURG CEMETERY O.A.

RETURN NEW YORK

DATE SEP 26 1930

1816 Wyannewood Rd.  
Philadelphia, Pa.

NAME CRANE, MRS. FLORENCE HOME ADDRESS Philadelphia County

RETURN ON S/S **S/S HARDING** HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA ROOM NO. *No room*  
**S/S HARDING**

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE 9/27

ROAD *Penon* TRAIN 207 CAR 94 BERTH or SEAT 16

REMARKS .....

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RETURN RECEIPT

608

~~Annica 8-27-30~~

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

*Mrs Florence Crane*

(Signature or name of addressee)

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery

*8/5/30*

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Form 3811

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1929

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3625 America 8-27-30 608  
RETURN RECEIPT

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

X Edward V. Crane  
-----  
(Signature or name of addressee)

John M. Crane  
-----  
(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery 8/4/30, 19

Form 3811

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1929

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# Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 925

INSURED PARCEL

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

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

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING  
OFFICE

WEST PARK STA.

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,  
or Post Office Box,

MUNITION BUILDING

Post Office at

State Washington, D. C.



✓ QM 293 A-M  
Crane, John W., 608 H  
Speakman, Harold D., 608 H

August 8, 1930.

Mrs. Florence Crane,  
1816 Wynnewood Road,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 6, 1930, relative to your desire to be quartered with Mrs. Emma Speakman of Overbrook, Pa., mother of the late 2nd Lieutenant Harold D. Speakman, when you make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private 1st cl. John W. Crane, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

Arrangements have been made for you and Mrs. Speakman to occupy the same cabins aboard ship to and from Europe, and it is believed it will be possible for you to share the same hotel rooms in New York and Paris.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

mf

Quarters together Aug. 6. 1930  
Noted - America Aug. 27

Office of.

Quartermaster General.

Dear Sir

As I wrote

you once before up to now I did  
not know anyone going on the  
Cold. Star Pilgrimage recently  
I met a Mrs Emma Speakman  
<sup>2 up St. Haffel St. Speakman</sup>  
6122. Jefferson St. Crebrosk, Pa.  
I wondered if could put me  
in the Cabin with her, I am  
Anxious that I would get in  
with some one I would be

293  
C. Speakman  
John M.

congratulate you for your  
eight-day is along, of course  
if it is some one, more  
of my own standing that  
sounds - perhaps. but - I do  
not mean it - that way Mrs.  
Speckman. is a stranger but -  
she lives near me, and I  
know she is always hoping  
you can do that for me I  
mean.

Sincerely yours,  
Mrs. Florence Crane  
1816 Wynnewood Rd.,  
Orebrook Pa.

Kindly Ans.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

August 4, 1930

Crane, John W. PFC 608 M

Mrs. Florence Crane,  
1816 Wynnewood Road,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. ~~984303~~ in the amount of \$ ~~2.50~~ , to pay for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST THIS CHECK BE CASHED AND USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT SPECIFIED.

If for any reason, you are not able to sail on the date mentioned in your invitation, the check must be returned to this office immediately.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

1 Incl.  
Check No.

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Crane, John W. 608 M

August 1, 1930

Mrs. Florence Crane  
1816 Wynnewood Rd.  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

Lv. Philadelphia	Penna	No. 210	11.00 AM	Aug. 26
Ar. New York	"	"	1.00 PM	26

*Lt Emery*

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Crane, John W. 608M  
America 8-27

May 16, 1930

Mrs. Florence Crane,  
1816 Wynnewood Rd., Overbrook,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

Mrs. Joan M. Crane

Name

1816 Wynnewood Rd. Overbrook Phila Pa.

Address

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*A. D. Hughes*

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

Encl.  
Env.



America

8-27-30

608

Crane, Florence W.

I accept the invitation extended  
(Accept or decline)

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

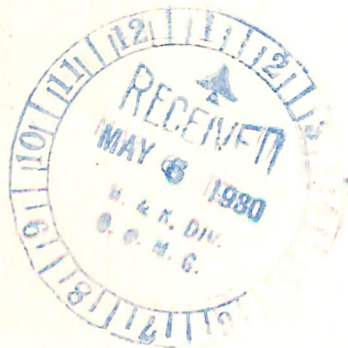
Mrs. Florence Crane

(Name)

1816 Wynnewood Rd., Philadelphia, Pa.

(Town or City)

(State)



QM 293 A-C

Crane, John White

April 30, 1930.

Mrs. Florence White Crane,  
1816 Wynnwood Road,  
Overbrook, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of April 17, 1930, addressed to the United States Veterans Bureau has been referred to this office for reply.

In connection with your inquiry relative to the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act approved March 2, 1929, you are advised the mothers and widows will make the pilgrimage in groups by States. Mrs. Hoover made a drawing to determine the order in which the States are to be sent. Pennsylvania appears thirty-ninth on this list. Inasmuch as the first sailing is scheduled for May 7, 1930, it is anticipated the mothers and widows from Pennsylvania will sail sometime in August.

A formal invitation setting forth the name of the vessel and the date of sailing together with detailed information relative thereto will be forwarded you within a reasonable length of time.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

L E S

April 24, 1930.

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608

~~Mrs. Florence White Crane,~~  
~~1816 Wynnewood Road,~~  
Overbrook, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated April 16, 1930, relative to the legislation providing pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of deceased soldiers, sailors and marines of the American forces who are now interred in such cemeteries.

The administration of the legislation in which you are interested is under the jurisdiction of the War Department, to which department your letter is being referred for attention.

ASSISTANT & CHIEF CLERK  
APR 25 1930  
WAR DEPT.

For the Director,

RECEIVED  
APR 26 1930

G. O'C. ROBERTS,  
Assistant General Counsel.

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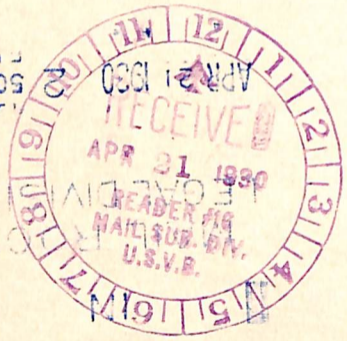
Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> America

Dear Sir

would give me some  
information about - this, Tour  
of the - Gold Star Mothers, every  
day you read different things  
in the paper, changing all  
the-time, I have never heard  
any-thing except to get heard

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to sign. if I wanted to go - which  
I did and returned it - but from  
reading the papers and interviews  
given other people must of received  
more information if you could  
give me any information I would be  
grateful. I do not know anyone that  
is going to you see I will be very con-  
fident

Respectfully Yours  
John White Crane  
Mrs Florence White Crane  
Section 506 U.S.A. 1816 W. Pennwood Rd,  
Ambulance Service  
Chest-Crane, Cemetery Philadelphia - Co - Cozenbrook Pa.



Nov 19 1929

Dear Sir:

Is there any possible  
means of taking any one with  
you by paying for them or  
<sup>to</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>out-</sup> there is anyone going  
that I would know not being  
in just the best of health  
I feel a little timid to go  
with only strangers, and I  
would like to go. How would  
one find that out. For any  
information I would be very  
grateful.

Sincerely  
Mrs Florence White Crane  
1816 Wyarnwood Rd.  
Overbrook Pa.



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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Crane, John W. 608 M

October 7, 1929.

*Checked*  
Mrs. Florence Crane,  
1816 Wynnewood Rd.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

*Sailed*  
AUG 27 1930

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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(No) <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(No) <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes) <input type="checkbox"/>	(No) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age (Years) 60	Health <i>Fair</i> (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(No) <input type="checkbox"/>
	Other language (Specify language spoken)	



For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

July 3. 1929.

Dear Sir  
In answer to  
your letter regards to  
C.M. 293. A.C. John W. Crane  
asking if he was married he  
was not married his  
mother is the one he left.

Respectfully

Mrs. Howard White Crane  
1816 Wynewood Rd.  
Chesterbrook

P.S. You will note by new Phila Pa  
address we moved from Pottsville Pa



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 24, 1929.

Crane, John W.

Mrs. Florence Crane,  
~~1118 Mahantonge St.~~  
Pottsville, Pa.

1816 Wynnwood Rd  
Pottsville Pa

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 Private John W. Crans, Sec. 508 U.S.A., Air Service, whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, 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 remarried it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

August 8, 1930.

QM 295 A-M

Crane, John W. 608 M

Speakman, Harold D. 608 M

Mrs. Florence Crane,  
1816 Wynnewood Road,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 6, 1930, relative to your desire to be quartered with Mrs. Emma Speakman of Overbrook, Pa., mother of the late 2nd Lieutenant Harold D. Speakman, when you make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private 1st cl. John W. Crane, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

Arrangements have been made for you and Mrs. Speakman to occupy the same cabins aboard ship to and from Europe, and it is believed it will be possible for you to share the same hotel rooms in New York and Paris.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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D. M. O. N. & R. DIV.

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Crane, John W. 608 M

August 1, 1930

Mrs. Florence Crane  
1816 Wynnwood Rd.  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

Lv. Philadelphia	Penna	No. 210	11.00 AM	Aug. 26
Ar. New York	"	"	1.00 PM	26

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Crane, John W. - 608

June 12, 1950

and comply with them. The Government is carrying out successful  
out the train of the pilgrimage. This letter is being  
Mrs. Florence Crane,  
1818 Wynnwood Rd.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Crane, John W. 608M  
America 8-27

May 16, 1930

Mrs. Florence Crane,  
1816 Wynnewood Rd., Overbrook,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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Name


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Address

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Crane, John W. -608 M  
America 8-27

May 10, 1930

Mrs. Florence Crane,  
1816 Wynnswood Road,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C May 10, 1930.

Crane, John W. 608 M

Mrs. Florence Crane,  
1816 Wynnewood Rd.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

April 30, 1930.

Crane, John W. - 608 M

Mrs. Florence Crane,  
1816 Fynwood Rd.  
Philadelphia Pa.  
Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C  
Crane, John White

April 30, 1930.

Mrs. Florence White Crane,  
1816 Wynnwood Road,  
Overbrook, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of April 17, 1930, addressed to the United States Veterans Bureau has been referred to this office for reply.

In connection with your inquiry relative to the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act approved March 2, 1929, you are advised the mothers and widows will make the pilgrimage in groups by States. Mrs. Hoover made a drawing to determine the order in which the States are to be sent. Pennsylvania appears thirty-ninth on this list. Inasmuch as the first sailing is scheduled for May 7, 1930, it is anticipated the mothers and widows from Pennsylvania will sail sometime in August.

A formal invitation setting forth the name of the vessel and the date of sailing together with detailed information relative thereto will be forwarded you within a reasonable length of time.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

October 7, 1929.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Crane, John W. 608 H

Mrs. Florence Crane,  
1616 Wynnswood Rd.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 24, 1929.

Crane, John W.

Mrs. Florence Crane,  
1118 Mahantongo St.,  
Pottsville, Pa.

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 Private John W. Crane, Sec. 506 U.S.A., Air Service, whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, 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.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE February 9, 1928

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

- 1. Name CRANE, John W.
- 2. No. 7761
- 3. Rank Pvt., 1/cl.
- 4. Org. Sec. 506, U.S.A.A.S.
- 5. D.D. July 16, 1918
- 6. C.D. KIA.
- 10. Name
- 11. No.
- 12. Rank
- 13. Org.
- 14. (a) D.D.
- (b) D.B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

- 7. Grave No. 21 Sec.
- 8. Plot Block B Row 15
- 9.
- 15. Grave No. Sec.
- 16. Plot Row
- 17.

- 18. Cemetery Oise-Aisne
- 19. Commune or town Seringes-et-Nesles
- 20. Dept. or County Aisne
- 21. Country France
- 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 608
- 23. Disinterred (Date) February 9, 1928 By L. Gordon

- 24. Inscription on grave marker:
- Name CRANE, John W. Serial No. 7761
- Rank Pvt., 1/cl. Organization Sec. 506, U.S.A.A.S.

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

Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

- 26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).
- 27. Condition of body
- 28. Nature of burial Pine box and burlap
- 29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above?
- 30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date February 9, 1928 By L. Gordon
- 31. Casket sealed by L. Gordon

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

L. Gordon.

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

32. Designation of body : \_\_\_\_\_

Name CRANE, John W. Serial No. 7761

Rank Pvt., 1/cl. Organization Sec. 506, U.S.A.A.S.

33. Consigned to :

Name of Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) February 9, 1928 By Charles E. Spahn

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 Charles E. Spahn  
Charles E. Spahn

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

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

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

(Name)

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping officer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

(Name)

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

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

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

41. Reinterred February 9, 1928, Oise-Aisne American Cty.

(Date)

42. Grave No. 21 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot Block B Row 15

G.R.S. Representative William E. Moore

William E. Moore, Superintendent.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date February 9, 1928.

1. REMAINS OF CRANE, John W. SERIAL NUMBER 7761

RANK Pvt. 1/cl. Sec. ORGANIZATION 506 U.S.A. A.S.

2. Disinterred (date) : February 9, 1928 From (give complete location):

Grave 21, Block B, Row 15

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

3. Reburied (date) February 9, 1928 In (give complete location):

Grave 21, Block B, Row 15

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

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

Pine box and burlap

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

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

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

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

(b) Weight (estimated) \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Hair—Color \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

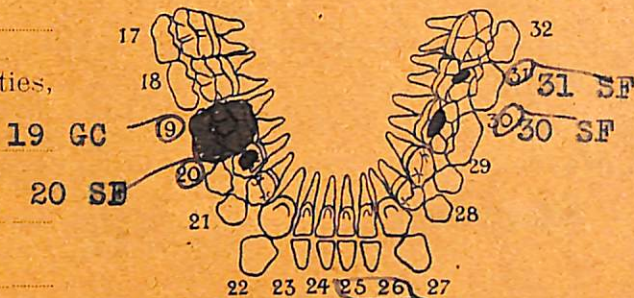
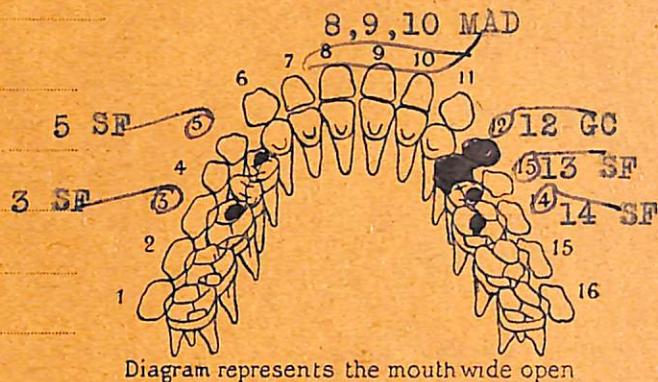
Characteristics \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Hair on face—Color \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

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



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) 25, 26 MAD  
Left fibula fractured lower third. Left femur shattered.

7. Disinterment supervised by de Gordon

Approved : W. C. Moore  
(Title) \_\_\_\_\_

8. Reburial supervised by Charles E. Spahn

Approved : \_\_\_\_\_  
(Title) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.

2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.

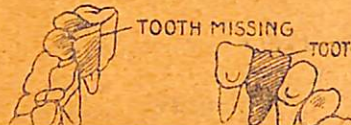




3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.

4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.

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

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

6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), 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.

<b>MISSING TEETH</b>	All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus:	 <p style="text-align: center;">TOOTH MISSING      TOOTH MISSING</p>
<b>CROWNED TEETH</b>	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:	 <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD CROWN      PORCELAIN CROWN GOLD CROWN</p>
<b>BRIDGE WORK</b>	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus:	 <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD AND PORCELAIN BRIDGE      GOLD BRIDGE</p>
<b>FILLINGS</b>	Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:	 <p style="text-align: center;">SILVER FILLING      GOLD FILLING GOLD FILLING      GOLD FILLING</p>
<b>CARIES (CAVITIES)</b>	Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:	 <p style="text-align: center;">CAVITY DECAYED      DECAYED DECAYED</p>
<b>DENTURES (PLATES)</b>	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.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-C

CRANE, John W., Pvt. 1st

November 4, 1925

Mr. James P. Crane,  
1118 Mahantongo St.,  
Pottsville, Pa.

Dear Sir:

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

1 Incl.  
Record card.

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

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MAILED  
NOV 4 1925  
M.C. JCH

25/560/EYS

Crane

John ~~White~~

7,761 ✓

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.) ~~U.S.~~ ~~Army serial~~ (r.)

Pvt. / ci

Sec. 506, ~~Amb.~~ Service ~~AA.S~~

(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?

}

(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:

*m* (Name of person to receive remain's.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

*Joe P. Crane*

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Mr. James P. Crane

1118 Mahantonge St.  
Pottsville, Pa. ✓

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Wheaton by PT  
605-663

Checked  
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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 5555

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name CRANE, John W. ok(12-18) Ser. No. 7761 ok(12-18)
(b) Rank Pvt. 1/c Organization Sec. 506 US.A.A.S. ok(12-18)
(c) Date of death 7-16-18 (d) Cause of death K/A
TYP. DB
CKR. J

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

(a) Grave No. 332 Row - Plot 7 Sec. H TYP. DB
(b) Emerg. Address Florence Crane, (Mother) 1118 Mahantongo St. Pottsville Pa.
III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases -- CKR. J

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt

(a) Name Jas. P. Crane (b) Relationship Father
(c) Address 1118 Mahantongo St Pottsville Pa
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at

TO BE BROUGHT TO U. S. AT

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

Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S.

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

Examiner's Initials PF Date 12-14, 1920.

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

, dated

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

No corres.

Examiner's Initials PF Date 12-14, 1920.

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

Letter 7/9/20 from Mrs. J. P. Crane (mother) 1118 Mahantongo St Pottsville Pa. - requests her sons body to remain in France

(a) Cancellation memos referred to?

Examiner's Initials E.M. Date 12-14, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE

CEMETERY No. 608

SHEET No. 663

A COMPLETED

CARDED

1 - accp

checked 12-18-20

1. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

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

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on JAN 15 1921, 1920

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MAY 6 1921

CENTRAL DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SEC.

PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED

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IX. CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: Form # 120, Mr. James B. Crane, father and next of kin.

wishes body remain in Europe. Letter 2/10/21, Father would like to know if Sarsas  
Seresnes st Melles, Aisne, is a permanent cemetery as that is where son's body  
is buried. M-2/17/21/ap

Memo (appended to our letter 3-21-21 to  
James. P. Crane, father) advises Soldier  
was never married. A-4-16-21 PW

Let. 9/15/21 - Mrs. J. P. Crane, 168 Mahiantong St.  
Pottsville Pa. Advise to which P.A.  
C. had body removed, understood it would be  
moved to Delleau Wood.

Let. 9/15/21 - Above ack. & advised etc. has  
been made per, & today will remain undisturbed  
20188 9/15/21

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

LAW OF HONOR 2 DIVISION

Name .....

Rank .....

Serial No. ....

Org. ....

Remarks:

*Fetterly*

A. G. O. Card & Corr. *12-14-20*

Discrepancies .....

Name .....

Rank .....

Serial No. *7761 (HKS)*

Org. ....

Remarks:

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

Discrepancies .....

Name .....

Rank .....

Serial No. ....

Org. ....

Remarks:

Checkers .....

Discrepancies .....

Name .....

Rank .....

Serial No. *12-15-20*

Org. *J. S. W. Sent.*

Remarks:

*checked 12/14/20*

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

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LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Crane* 7767 *John W*  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

*Private 1st class S. S. U. 506*  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL *July 17<sup>th</sup> 1918*

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

*Digg* <sup>*magenta*</sup> *(Warne) near*  
*Corway*

GRAVE NUMBER *141*

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:

*378*

REPORTED BY:

*Alfred M. Uhler, 1st Lt. O. O. S.*  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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File

MBH 9/15/21

Sept. 16, 1921.

293.8-Cem. File #5555 (Crane, John W., Pvt.1/c)

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

Mrs. J.P. Crane, 1118 Mahantongo St., Pottsville, Pa.

Grave Location.

FILE

1. In reply to your letter of September 5, 1921, you are advised that the Secretary of War has designated the Aisne American Cemetery (formerly designated as the American Cemetery at Seringes-et-Nesles, Department of Aisne), wherein the remains of the late Private 1st Class John W. Crane, Section 506, United States Army, Ambulance Service, are now interred, as a permanent American Cemetery and the remains of the deceased will remain undisturbed in their present grave location, Grave #332, Section H, Plot #7, where the grave will be perpetually maintained by the Government in the most careful and reverent manner.

2. For your further information, it is suggested that upon your arrival in France, you call at the office of the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., #8 Avenue D'Iena, Paris, where detailed information will be gladly furnished you regarding visiting in France and visiting the graves of our soldier dead.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

MAILED  
SEP 16 1921  
Q.R.S.

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

MBH  
HCH

Noted on Form No. 115

Date MBH 9/15/21  
Copied in OPR

Sept. 5. 1921.

Register, Cemeterial Div., O. & M. S.  
File 3555

Dear Sir  
Will you kindly  
let me know of the body  
of <sup>Prophet</sup> John White Crane.

Sec. 506. Ambulance Corp  
has been removed to a Permanent  
Cemetery as yet. we were told  
he would be moved to Belleau  
Wood. Has he, one you expect  
to go over next month and  
moved like to be sure where

Crane John W

Noted on Form No. 115

Date 9/11/21

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Sept 6 1921  
G. R. S.

he is buried as our time  
is limited. Kindly let  
me know as soon as possible  
we will appreciate it very much.

Respectfully yours

Mrs. J. P. Crane

1118 Mahanungo St

Patterson B.

May 5, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div.Cor.Br.

Re: Grans, John W., Private 1/c,  
Serial Number 7761,  
Sec. 506, U.S.A.A.S.

Mr. James P. Crane,  
1118 Mahantongo Street,  
Pottsville, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Your communication requesting that the remains of the deceased soldier named above be left in France for burial in a permanent American cemetery has been forwarded to the Cemeterial Division, Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C., for necessary action.

The Cemeterial Division, Washington, D. C., will furnish you the grave location in the permanent American cemetery as soon as possible after the body has been placed therein.

The Department desires to renew its previous expression of sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,  
Officer in Charge.

MAILED

MAY 5 1921 BY:

COR. BR. G. R. S.

P. C. PALLAS, *wyc*  
Executive Assistant.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION

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FILE

April 1, 1921.

293.8-Cem.#5555-(Crane, John W. Pvt. 1st cl.)

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)  
To: Mr. James P. Crane, 1118 Mahantongo, Pottsville, Pa.  
Subject: Case of Pvt. 1st cl. John W. Crane.

1. In further reply to your letter of February 10th 1921, referred to this office by our branch office at Hoboken, New Jersey, you are advised that the remains of your son, the late Private 1st class John W. Crane, Section 506, United States Army Ambulance Service, are now interred in Grave 332, Section H, Plot 7, American Cemetery at Seringes-et-Nesles, Department of Aisne, which cemetery will not be permanently maintained by the Government. The remains of our soldier dead now temporarily interred in this cemetery will at some future date be removed to the Belleau Wood American Cemetery, Department of Aisne. When this transfer has been effected, the legal next of kin will be duly advised of the new grave location.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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CHARLES J. WYNNE,  
1st Lieut. Q.M.C.

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*JH*

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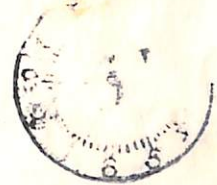
WAR DEPARTMENT  
QUARTERMASTER CORPS  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
PIER 2, HOBOKEN, N. J.

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608-863.

March 21st, 1921.

CEMETERY DIVISION

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div. Cor. Br.  
(Crane, John W.)



APR 7 1921

Mr. James P. Crane,  
1118 Mahantongo Street,  
Pottsville, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

The Department regrets the necessity of again addressing you in this matter, but is desirous of being assured that the legal next of kin of the late John W. Crane, Private First-class, Serial No. 7761, Sec. 506 U.S.A.A.S., has not been denied an opportunity of expressing his or her wishes relative to the disposition of the remains. It is therefore, desired that you kindly advise whether or not the late soldier is survived by widow or children, and if so, furnish their names and addresses.

Your letter has been referred to the Chief, Cemeterial Division, Washington, D.C., for reply to your inquiry regarding the name of the Cemetery in which the body is interred and the permanency thereof. You may expect advice in this connection in the near future.

The Department desires to convey to you renewed assurance of its sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

*Noted in 115  
Apr 16 1921  
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*Dear Sir*

*would say that*

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q.M. Corps,  
Officer in charge.

BY:

*J. F. Butler*  
J. F. BUTLER,  
1st Lieut., Infantry.

*John. White Crane. Private 1<sup>st</sup> class  
Serial no. 7761 Sec. 506 USAAS was  
never married and his next  
of kin are his father James P. Crane  
and Mother Florence White Crane  
1118 Mahantongo St Pottsville Pa*

*James P Crane*

*Handwritten notes at the top of the page, including "RECEIVED" and "MAY 6 1921".*

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MAY 6 1921

OFFICE OF THE  
COMMISSIONER OF  
IMMIGRATION AND  
NATURALIZATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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RE: [Illegible]

Reference is made to your letter of the 21st instant.

The Department desires to know the name of the person in whose name the property is held and the date of acquisition of the same.

Kindly advise whether or not the person named is a citizen of the United States. If so, please state the date of birth and the date of naturalization, if any.

Very truly yours,  
[Illegible Signature]

(Name of person)  
[Illegible Address]



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

100-200

Feb. 10. 1921

Dear Sir,

*note*

(We do not  
want our son's body  
brought back to this country  
but we were informed that  
it had been removed to  
Seresnes et Rebas. As we  
would like to know if that  
is permanent.

Sincerely yours  
James P. Crane  
Pottsville 1118 Mahantongo  
Pa.

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
CORRESPONDENCE BRANCH



FEB 11 1921

March 21st, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Gen. Div. Cor. Br.  
(Crane, John W.)

Mr. James P. Crane,  
1118 Mahantongo Street,  
Pottsville, Pennsylvania.

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By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. F. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q.M. Corps,  
Officer in charge.

BY:

J. F. BUTLER,  
1st Lieut., Infantry.

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293.8 Gen. Div. Cor. Branch.

Graves Registration Service, Hoboken, N.J., March 21st, 1921.  
To: The Quartermaster General, (Geneterial Division)  
Washington, D.C.

1. Forwarded, for furtherance of reply.
2. Status of this case, taken from the records of this office is as follows:

Private First-class, John W. Crane, Serial No. 7761, Sec. 506, U.S.A.A.S, Gen. No. 608, Cable Ref. 663; So far as this office has been able to ascertain, Mr. James P. Crane, 1118 Mahantongo Street, Pottsville, Pennsylvania, father, is nearest of kin and has requested remains be left in France.

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q.M. Corps,  
Officer in charge.

BY:

*J. F. Butler*  
J. F. BUTLER,  
1st Lieut., Infantry.

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, C.M. Corps,  
Officer in charge.

BY:

J. P. BUTLER,  
1st Lieut., Infantry.

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COR. BR. G. R. S.

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Received, Cemeterial Div., O. O. M. G.  
File # 2438 # 5555

February 10th, 1921.

Dear Sir:

We do not want our son's body brought back to this country. We were informed that it had been removed to Seresnes et Nellas, Aesne. Would like to know if that is permanent.

Sincerely yours

(James P. Crane (Sgd.)  
1118 Mahantongo,  
Pottsville, Pennsylvania.

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*Crane, John W.*

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**WAR DEPARTMENT**

**OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY**  
**CEMETERIAL DIVISION**

**WASHINGTON**  
**Hoboken, N.J.**

**FEB 8 1921**

*No change*

FROM: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O. Q. M. G.

To: Mr. Jas P. Crane, 1118 Mahantongo St., Pottsville, Pa.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. I/c John W. Crane, Ser. No. 7761, Sec. 506 U.S.A.A.S.

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above-named soldier remain in Europe.

If these are not the correct instructions, please correct them. Make corrections on reverse side of this sheet.

The nearest next of kin may choose between, (1) return of the body to any address in the United States; (2) interment in the National Cemetery, Arlington, Va., or any other National Cemetery; or (3) body to remain in Europe.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

**CHARLES C. PIERCE,**  
*Lieut. Colonel, U. S. Army.*

If all blank spaces below are not filled out, it will necessitate a return of this paper and a SERIOUS DELAY in the shipment of this body. State in each case WHETHER or not these relatives are STILL LIVING.

Was soldier married? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Address

Relationship

Feb. 10

1921

Date

*Father*

Signature

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

MAY 6 1921

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

~~2. To be returned to the U.S. and buried in \_\_\_\_\_~~

(Name.)

\_\_\_\_\_ (R. R. station.)

(State.)

~~3. To be returned to the U.S. and buried in \_\_\_\_\_~~

National Cemetery.

4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

FEB 11 1921

Signature

*James P. Crane*



INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

1. If definite instructions for the disposition of a body are not received from the next of kin within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.

2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.

3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT OF KIN IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.

4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest next of kin in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.

5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.

6. If YOU are not the nearest next of kin, please ask the nearest next of kin, if living near you, to fill out this paper.

7. If YOU are not the nearest living next of kin and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.

8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.

9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

NOTE.—INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DISPOSITION OF REMAINS will be issued by this office upon the properly executed authority of the legal next of kin in each case. The widow is the first person having disposition of the remains of her husband. Should there be no widow or children, the father and, in turn (upon his decease), the mother, is the proper authority. The brothers, in order of seniority, and then the sisters in order of seniority, if there are no brothers, rank next in authority to decide. Under an opinion rendered by the Judge Advocate General of the Army, if a widow has remarried she forfeits her right, and the next of kin as given above will make decision.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 5555

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name CRANE, John W. ok-(12-18) Ser. No. 7761 ok(12-18) DB  
 (b) Rank Pvt. 1/o Organization Sec. 506 US.A.A.S. TYP ok(12-18)  
 (c) Date of death 7-16-18 Cause of death K/A J

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

(a) Grave No. 332 Row 7 Plot H Sect. H TYP DB  
 (b) Emerg. Address Florence Crane, (Mother) 1118 Mahantongo St. Pottsville Pa.

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

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

*App. card - Jas P Crane (father) 1118 Mahantongo st. Pottsville Pa requests that body remain in France see 4/17/21*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on JAN 15 1921 192  
 (Letter of transmittal on JAN 15 1921 192)

**PANAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RECORDED**

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VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. JAN 27 1921 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken
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VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. 192

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY NO. 608 SHEET NO. 663  
 G. R. S. FORM 115-A AUGUST 1920  
 8-666/MB

JAN 24 1921 - *act*

To: Inquiry Section.  
From: Overseas Project Sub-Section.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION on Cemetery No. <sup>608</sup> (furnished by: MBK) (date 3-30-21)

Data sent Overseas Body not to be returned - Let trans - 1-15-21

Operations to commence (approx.) March - 1921

Operations to be completed (approx.) \_\_\_\_\_

Bodies shipped from European Port \_\_\_\_\_

Bodies arrived at Hoboken \_\_\_\_\_ Serial # 7761

II. CASE OF Crane, John W., Pvt. U.S. Army - Sec. 506 U.S. A.A.S.

The following information was abstracted (Date) 3-30-21 from: Form 115a.

SOURCE	CLK.	in OFFICE		Clk.	in OFFICE
A. G. O. Cards	<u>MBK</u>	<u>yes</u>	Shppg. Inquiry (sent _____)		
A.G.O. Corresp.			To _____		
G.R.S. Corresp. relative to disp.			OSP S-S Corresp. (see Remarks.)		

DESIRES as to Disposition.

Name of Relative	RETURN			REMAIN	SPECIAL
	N. C.	Pvt.	Int.		
Widow				✓	
Children (Name oldest first)					
Father - <u>Jas. P. Crane,</u>					
Mother <u>1118 Mahantouga St,</u>					
Brothers <u>Pottsville,</u>					
Sisters <u>Pa.</u>					

Body to be shipped to \_\_\_\_\_  
was shipped (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS Cty 608 Audited F. 115 and Hoboken - 1-27-21  
Operations commence March 1921 3/28-21

*Handwritten initials/signature*

PLEASE  
EXPEDITE

Adjustment Made  
DEC 21 1920  
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File No. ~~of A.G.O.~~

WAR. DEPARTMENT  
Office of the Quartermaster General of  
Washington

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

Date 12/15/20.

File No. Requisition.

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

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

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

- a. Surname **Crane,** *OX*
- b. Christian name **John W. (John White)**
- c. Serial Number **7761.** *OX*
- d. Organization **Sec. 506 US A.A.S. (Sec. 506, Amb. Service.)** *OX*
- e. Rank **Pvt. 1.cl.** *OX*
- f. Date of death **7/16/18.** *OX*
- g. Cause of death **K/A.** *OX*
- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- i. Emergency address
- j. Relationship *—*

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

- a. Age of enlistment
- b. Color of eyes
- c. Color of hair
- d. Height
- e. Weight
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)

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

- a. Strike out teeth missing
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M. L. ROGERS,  
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.

BY: *H. J. Conner*  
H. J. CONNER,  
1st. Lieut. Q.M.G.

CEMETERY NO: 608.

SHEET NO: 663.  
TYPED BY: *Fin.*

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*Donnelly 7H-EPlee*  
*My 7, 12-16-20*

Rec'd World War Dept  
Date DEC 16 1920

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DEC 21 1920  
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WAR. DEPARTMENT

Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A-0

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Date 12/15/20.

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- b. Christian name **John W. (John White) OX**
- c. Serial Number **7761. OX**
- d. Organization **Sec. 506 US A.A.S. OX**  
**(Sec. 506, Amb. Service.)**
- e. Rank **Pvt. 1.cl. OX**
- f. Date of death **7/16/18. OX**
- g. Cause of death **K/A. OX**
- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- i. Emergency address
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- 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
lower right lower left

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

BY:

*H. J. Conner*  
H. J. CONNER,  
1st. Lieut. Q.M.C.

CEMETERY NO: 608.

SHEET NO: 663.  
TYPED BY: P.H.

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*Donnelly - 7H - E Plac*  
*Aug. 7, 12-16-20*

Rec'd World War D  
Date DEC 16 1920

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Crane J.W.

S.S.U.506, 64 S.S.F. attd. Italian Red. X

D.D. 16.7.18.

Buried Champillon British Cemetery  
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**FILES.**

September 28, 1920

293.8 Cem. #5555 (Crane, John W., Private first class)

**FROM:** The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cometerial Division)  
**TO:** Mrs. J. P. Crane, 1118 Mahantongo St., Pottsville, Pa.  
**SUBJECT:** Location of grave.

1. In further reply to your letter of July 29, 1920, your attention is invited to letter from this office under date of August 12, 1920, copy of which is herewith enclosed, and also that the records of this office now show that the remains of your son, the late Private 1st Cl. John W. Crane, are interred in grave #332, section H., plot #7, American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Department of Aisne.

2. In connection with permanent burial in France of the remains of your son your attention is respectfully invited to paragraphs 9 and 10 of the enclosed Graves Registration Service bulletin (No.10-F-W).

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

By:

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

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FILE NO. 293

Casey, J. W.



July 29, 1920

Desa. Sir

I would like to

have some information as to where my sons, Grace has been buried, he is

Purvis / Class. John. White, Ceane Section 586. U.S. G.A.S.

We were informed that he was buried at, Dug y Magento, one of our relatives, he visited the place two weeks ago and found all the bodies had been removed and there no cemetery there any more. I would like to have this information at once as

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She wishes to visit the Grave, before  
she comes home, we had  
informed the Government  
that we did not want the body  
sent back to the States so would  
like to know if there he is  
now buried, so we can go  
and see it, would also like  
to know if there had been many  
Americans buried in Duff  
Magnets, let me know at once, and  
I will be very grateful.

Mrs. J. P. Crane  
1118. Mahanoying St  
Pottsville Pa.

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Div. #608  
Mr. G.  
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CRANE, J.W.  
Hqrs., A.G.R.S., Q.M.C. in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, France  
August 26, 1920. To: Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington,  
D.C.

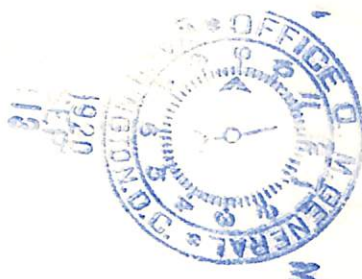
1. Forwarded, inviting attention to the attached letter from Mrs. J.P. Ceane, and to the reply made by this office.

2. Pvt. 1st cl. John White Crane, Section 506, U.S.A.A.S. is buried in Grave 332, Plot 1, Section H, American B/A Cemetery #608, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne.

*Charles Guonard*

H.F. Rethers,  
Colonel, Q.M.C.,  
Chief.

*Crane John White*



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**Div.-G. M. A.**



COLONEL  
J. T. SCOTT

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HEADQUARTERS  
American Graves Registration Service, G.M.C., in Europe  
8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris.

File No. 293 CRANE, J.W.

August 26, 1920.

Mrs. J.P. Crane,  
1118 Mahontongo Street,  
Pottsville, Pa.,  
U.S.A.

Dear Madam:

With reference to your letter of July 29th, regarding the grave location of your son, Private 1st class John White Crane, Section 506, U.S.A.A.S., we wish to inform you that we deeply regret the fact that the attempt to visit the grave of this soldier was made in vain.

The new grave location of your son must, by regulation, be communicated by the Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington, D.C., to whom your letter has been sent, and from whom a prompt reply may be expected. If your relative is now in France and will call at the Information Bureau, these Headquarters, we shall be glad to furnish full directions as to how to reach the cemetery in which your son is now buried, and where it is receiving the best attention.

Yours sincerely,

Chas. A. Morrow,  
Captain, G.M.C.,  
Executive Officer.

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GENERAL S.M.C.  
OFFICE V. WOLLOM

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where it is necessary the best attention  
you to know the general in order that you may be able to  
discuss the matter with the proper authorities in the  
bureau and may also be of the information which you need  
to know for the purpose of the investigation. It is noted that you  
are commencing the investigation of the case and you may  
be able to determine the general nature of the case.

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Best regards:

S.M.C.  
Director  
The Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Very truly yours,  
S.M.C.

Very truly yours,  
S.M.C.

EXHIBIT OFFICE  
GENERAL S.M.C.  
OFFICE V. WOLLOM

TO:- REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S.

Date 9/20/20

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

Please furnish information as checked (V) below regarding the following soldier:

NAME Crane, John White

Serial Number

RANK Pvt., 1/cl

ORGANIZATION Sect. 506, U.S.A.A.S.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	1. Yes with exception of John <u>W.</u> Crane, #7761.
2.	Date of Death.	2. 7/16/18.
3.	Cause and place of death.	3. K/A.
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	4. 200.
5.	Date buried.	5. 7/17/18.
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	6. Grave #2, British Military Cemetery #378, Dizey-Magenta, Marne. Reburied in Grave #332, Sec. H, Plot #7, American Cty., #608, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne. ✓
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	9. Cross.
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	10. (a) Yes. (b) Yes.
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	11. Florence Crane (Mother) 1118 Mahantongo St., Pottsville, Penna.
12.	Has been notified? (Give date)	12. Yes. 10/26/18. 107-8/13/20.
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	
15.	Inquiry made by?	

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Dept.  
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N.B. All Proper names to be typewritten, or printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.

TO:- REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S.

Date 9-16-20

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

Please furnish information as checked (✓) below regarding the following soldier:

NAME *Crane, John White*

Serial Number

RANK *Int. 1st Lt.* ORGANIZATION*Sect. 506, U.S. A.A.S.*

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	No. # 7761
2.	Date of Death.	(2) 7-16-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	(3) KIA
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	(4) 200
5.	Date buried.	(5) 7-17-18
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	(6) "Grave No. 2, British Mil. Cty. # 378, Digny-Magenta, Marne #1 Grave No. 992, Sec. #, Plot 7, Amer. Cty. # 608, Seringes et Nesles, Aisne.
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	(10) a - yes b - yes
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	(11) Florence Crane (mother) 1118 Mahantongo St., Potterville, Penna.
12.	Has been notified? (Give date)	(12) 10-26-18 8-13-20, 107.
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	(14) 5-20294
15.	Inquiry made by?	

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es. G. Particulars cause  
& date place of death  
Oct. 16. 1919.



Dear Sir,  
Would you please give  
me some information, as to  
regards the grave of my son  
we have never had any very  
definite information except  
what the boys gave us when  
they came back. If you would  
let us know if his grave has  
been changed, from where he was  
buried, at first, his name is  
1<sup>st</sup> Class Private John White Crane,  
Unit 506, Sanitary Service  
(Amoucaume), Corvair Automobile  
B. M. C.

Send information to  
Mrs. J. V. Crane,  
1118. Mahanoy St  
Pottsville

Let me have information  
as soon as possible as party  
wants to visit you,  
Mrs. P. C.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
WASHINGTON.

ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY. *8/4/20*

*Crane*

_____ Change of Address G.R.S. Form 106)	_____ Instructions for Disposition of Remains (Par. #7, Bul. 10-F-W)
_____ Monument (Par. #10, Bul. 10-F-W)	_____ Photographs (Par. #12, Bul. 10-F-W)
_____ Discrepancies in Inscription (Par. #11, Bul. 10-F-W)	_____ Permanent Burial in (a) France (G.R.S. Form 106)
_____ Personal Effects (Par. #13 (a) Bul. 10-F-W) (G.R.S. Form 111)	_____ (b) Other Countries
_____ Accrued Pay (Par. #13 (b) Bul. 10-F-W) (G.R.S. Form 111)	_____ Return of Bodies From (a) France (Par. #4, Bul. 10-F-W) (G.R.S. Form 106)
_____ Maintenance (Par. #9, Bul. 10-F-W)	_____ (b) Other countries
_____ Liberty Bonds (Par. #13 (c) Bul. 10-F-W) (G.R.S. Form 111)	_____ Expenses of Shipment (Par. #6, Bul. 10-F-W)
_____ War Risk Insurance (Par. #13 (d) Bul. 10-F-W) (G.R.S. Form 111)	_____ Conveying Bodies from Hoboken (Par. #8, Bul. 10-F-W)
_____ "Zone of the Interior" (Par. #5, Bul. 10-F-W)	_____ Permanent Cemeteries ( Par. #9, Bul. 10-F-W)

Remarks: *ML*

*note letter*

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

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

*ML*  
Analysis Clerk.

To: Inquiry Section.  
From: Overseas Project Sub-Section.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION on Cemetery No. (furnished by: ..... ) (date.....)

Data sent Overseas .....

Operations to commence (approx.) .....

Operations to be completed (approx.) .....

Bodies shipped from European Port .....

Bodies arrived at Hoboken .....

II. CASE OF .....

The following information was abstracted (Date) ..... from:

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G.R.S. Corresp. relative to disp.			OSP S-S Corresp. (see Remarks.)		

DESIRES as to Disposition.

Name of Relative	RETURN			REMAIN	SPECIAL
	N. C.	Pvt.	Int.		
Widow					
Children (Name oldest first)					
Father					
Mother					
Brothers					
Sisters					

Body to be shipped to .....

..... was shipped (Date) .....

REMARKS .....

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FILE

August 12, 1920.

No: 293.8 Cem. File No. 5555 (Crane, John W., Pvt. 1/cl.)  
 From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)  
 To: Mrs. James P. Crane, 1118 Mahantongo St., Pottsville, Pa.  
 Subject: Grave Location.

1. In reply to your letter of July 29, 1920, you are advised that the bodies of the American dead buried in the British Military Cemetery at Dizy, Magenta, Marne, have been disinterred and reburied at Seringes-et-Nesles, Department of Aisne. The number of the new grave of your son has not yet been registered in this office, but you will be notified as soon as it is registered.
2. The American cemetery at Seringes-et-Nesles, contains the bodies of about 4000 American soldiers.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

*mail*  
 AUG 14 1920

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

*jaw*

fkw

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

2 enclosures.

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file 293.8  
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O. M. G.

July 29, 1940

Dear Sir

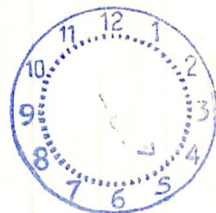
I want to have some information as to regards to my son's grave.

Private 1<sup>st</sup> Class John White Crane  
Section, 506, U.S. 9, 9, 8.

We were informed he was buried at the British Military Cemetery near Dezy, Magenta, France and recently had a letter saying he was where he was originally buried and would not be returned unless we requested it.

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AUG 2 1920  
G. K. S.

Now, one of our relatives went to visit  
his Grave, two weeks ago and found  
that the whole Cemetery has been  
removed, there is no trace of it  
the residents say that it was done  
about two months ago; and we have not  
been notified as to where he was taken  
the residents could not tell her, I would  
like to know at once so I could let her  
know as she wants to visit it before  
she comes home I would also like  
to know if there had been many Amer-  
icans buried there please. Notify at  
once.

Mrs. James T. Crane  
1118 Mahanoygo, St.  
Pottsville, Pa.

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TO:- REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S.

Date 8-6-20

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

Please furnish information as checked (✓) below regarding the following soldier:

NAME *Crane John White* Serial NumberRANK *Pvt 1/cl* ORGANIZATION *Sec. 506 U.S. A. A. S.*

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	(1) No. Crane John W # 7761
2.	Date of Death.	(2) 7-16-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	(3) K/A
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	(4) # 200
5.	Date buried.	(5) 7-17-18
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	(6) Grave # 2 Brit. Mil. City # 378 Dury-Magenta, Marne
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	(10) (a) yes (b) yes
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	(11) Florence Crane (mother) 1118 Mahantougo St. Pottsville, Penna.
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	
12.	Has been notified? (Give date)	(12) 10-26-18
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	(14) F. 20294
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	
15.	Inquiry made by?	

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Address reply to  
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE & STORAGE  
Munitions Building

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE  
WASHINGTON

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293.3 (Crane, John White, Pvt. 1st Cl.) G.R.S.

Oct. 30, 1919.

Graves Registration Service.

Mrs. J. P. Crane, 1118 Mahantongo St., Pottsville, Pa.

Location of Grave.

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1. Replying to your communication of the 16th instant, I have to advise that the records of this office show Private 1st Class John W. Crane, Sec. 506, U.S.A., A.S., #7761, killed in action July 16, 1918, and buried July 17, 1918, in Grave #2, British Military Cemetery, Dizy-Magenta, Marne. This soldier has not been reburied.

By authority of the Quartermaster General, Director of Purchase and Storage.

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

By:

Charise J. Wynne,  
Captain, Q.M.C.,  
Graves Registration Service.

1 Incl.

G. R. S. MAILED  
OCT 30 1919

G.R.S. Form 121

Classification

Adjustment

CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
REGISTRATION SECTION

File # 5555

*Sty 608*

Date 8/13/20

MEMORANDUM:

To: Registration Files Sub-Section

Subject: Adjustments made on Registration Files

1. Changes as checked have been made in the Registration Files which will necessitate a corresponding change in the Classification Files.

	CORP.	ADD. DATA		CORP.	ADD. DATA
File Number			Date of Burial		
Name			Date of Reburial		
Serial Number			Burial Information		X
Rank			Nearest Relative		X
Organization			Notified Nearest Relative		
Cause of Death			Blue Card thrown out		
Date of Death			White Card set up <i>RB 3x5</i>	0	0
Casualty Cablgram Number					

O.K. Alphabetical Files \_\_\_\_\_

~~O.K. Organization Files~~ \_\_\_\_\_

~~O.K. State Files~~ \_\_\_\_\_

**FILE**

	Cemetery Audit Department
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Investigation & Adjustment Dept.

By *Johnson*

2 Cards attached.

TO:- REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S.

Date 10/18/19

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

Please furnish information as checked (✓) below regarding the following soldier:

NAME Crane, John White

Serial Number

RANK Private 1st cl

ORGANIZATION Unit 506 - Sanitary Service (Ambulance)

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier: given above agree with Records?	<u>John W. Crane, Sec. 506, USA-AS. # 7761</u>
2.	Date of Death.	(2) 7-16-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	(3) K/A
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	(4) #200
5.	Date buried.	(5) 7-17-18
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	(6) <u>Grave #2 - Cty. # 378</u> <u>British Mil. Cem.,</u> <u>Dizy-Magenta,</u> <u>Marne.</u>
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	(10-a) <u>yes</u> (10-b) <u>yes</u>
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	(11) <u>(Mother)</u>
12.	Has above been notified? (Give date)	<u>Florence Crane,</u> <u>#1118 - Mahantongo, Pa.</u>
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	<u>Pottsville</u> <u>Pa.</u>
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	(12) 10-26-18
15.	Inquiry made by?	

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CRANE John W. Pvt. I776I

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Killed July 16th 1918.

Pvt Crane was killed July 16th near Epernay on the Marne. He was sitting in his car in the yard waiting to go on Post when he was instantly killed by a shell. He is buried in the little town where he was killed. Further information may be had from U.S.A., A S. Hdqrs near Ponthieu, Paris.

Pvt Crane was fairly tall, very happy go lucky 23 years old dark hair, dark complexioned. Always called "HARP".

Informant : Mowles Henry J. Pvt. 8430  
Casual USAAS  
Base IOO

Home : 1032 Dorchester Ave, Dorchester Mass.  
March 19th 1919.

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Leila E. Ralby Searcher.

U.S. Amb1. 506.

CRANE John W. Pvt. 17761

Killed July 16th 1918.

Crane was killed about the middle of July. His car was hit by a shell when he was on his way to an advance post, at Epernay, near Chateau Thierry. He was buried near , in an American Ambulance Cemetery near Dameray. Beleave Crane had been a student in La Fayette College, Easton Pa.

Informant : Davies Tom J. Sgt Mech. 10156  
640 French Ambulance.  
H. Bouguen Brest.  
En route to U.S.A.  
April 16th 1919.

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Genevieve Swezey Searcher.