

MAY 14 1926

DATE 11/1/21

1. NAME CREPS, Louis W

SERIAL No. 3230178

RANK Pvt

ORGANIZATION Co. C, 313th Engrs.

& DIVISION 88

GRAVE LOCATION American Military, Hericourt

758

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

336

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

47.

Hericourt

Haut-Saone.

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES

E. 426-06.

N. 85-40.

Map: Montbeliard NE 114.

CONCENTRATED TO

20, January, 1921.

DATE

336.

GRAVE

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Hericourt.

CEMETERY

758.

CTY. NUMBER

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

Insignia of U.S.N., on collar of uniform blouse. per GRS Form 16-A, dated

January 20, 1921, signed by Captain W.R. Buckley, Q.M.C.

DATE OF DEATH Oct 7, 1918

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Maine

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

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

MAY 18 1926

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

Stanley J. Grogan, Capt. Inf. USA

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION

11/1/21

DATE

25

GRAVE

45

ROW

Block D.

XO PLOXX

Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

CEMETERY

MAY 15 1926 WORLD WAR DIV.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.
2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.
3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.
4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form I6, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.

Received
MAY 19 22
M & R BRANCH
Q.M.C.

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Creps, 3250178, LOUIS W.
 (Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Private, Co. C, 313th Engineers
 (Rank.) (Organization.)

Died: Oct. 7.

DATE OF BURIAL: October 9, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: Héricourt

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

French-American Military Cemetery
 No. 2, Héricourt, environs de
 Belfort

on. 7 March 1919

GRAVE NUMBER: 47

GREPS, HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? Yes

Headboard? Bottle? Héricourt New Cemetery, Grave I49.

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:

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foregoing to be record
 Boyd, in the Amer. Cem.
 the deaths occurring in
 Héricourt. The records
 but it is believed that
 with Pvt Charles Byrne,

Alpha H. KENNA,
 Senior Chaplain

REPORTED BY: J.P. Jockinsen

J.P. Jockinsen, Chaplain

Sr. Chaplain (Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

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

Headquarters 88th Division.

7 March 1919

GREPS, Louis W. Pvt 3230I78 - C° C. 313 Engrs.

Died 10/7/18 - Buried 10/9/18 Héricourt New Cemetery. Grave I49.

The records of this office show the foregoing to be record of the burials of Senior Chaplain Harry B. Boyd, in the Amer. Cem. at Héricourt, Dept. Haute-Saône, France, the deaths occurring in the Amer. Section of the French Hospital at Héricourt. The records do not show specifically the grave numbers but it is believed that they run consecutively from N° I, beginning with Pvt Charles Byrne, the second name on this list.

Signed: Alpha H. KENNA,
Act'g Senior Chaplain

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF WAR
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

AL

Not given
Eugene S. Wilkenson

Informant: Irva K. Smith

313th Engrs. - Station 313 - Chavanne, France

In the winter of 1918, Irva K. Smith, wife of Eugene S. Wilkenson, died of pneumonia at 313th Engrs. Station, Chavanne, France. She was 31 years of age at the time of her death. Her husband, Eugene S. Wilkenson, was a private in the 313th Engrs. Station, Chavanne, France. He was killed in action on October 7th, 1918, at 313th Engrs. Station, Chavanne, France. She was buried in the cemetery at 313th Engrs. Station, Chavanne, France. Her death was reported to the Adjutant General's Office at 313th Engrs. Station, Chavanne, France, on October 10th, 1918.

313th Engineers
88th Division.

CREPS, Louis W. - Priv. 3240178
Home address: Suide Rock - Nebr.

Memo received from Hospital, stated below, showed:

Died of Pneumonia at 2:06 P. M., October 7th 1918, at 313th Engr. Aid Station, Chavanne, France.

Informant: SMITH, Irva K. - Corp. 3224273
C° C - 313th Engrs.
Home : Strawberry Point - Iowa.

Searcher: SAWYER, Eldreth L. -

March 10th 1919.

Address next of kin:
Euphema S. WILKENSON - 313 West St.
Larned - Kan.

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Place Helcourt, Haute Saone.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date January 20, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF Louis W. Creps. SERIAL NUMBER 3230178.

RANK Private ORGANIZATION Co. C. 313th Engineers.

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

January 20, 1921. Gr. #47 Cem. #758

By: Group #2 Unit #5

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

January 20, 1921. Gr. #20 336 Cem. #758

By: Group #6 Unit #3 Nature of reburial Pine box and uniform, and wrapped in O. D. blanket.

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

Buried in pine box and uniform. Body very badly decomposed.

Features unrecognizable. Skeleton disarticulated.

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

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

Insignia of U. S. N. A. on collar of uniform blouse.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to measure.

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to estimate.

(c) Hair—Color None visible.

Quantity

Characteristics

(d) Hair on face—Color None visible.

Location

Quantity

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

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

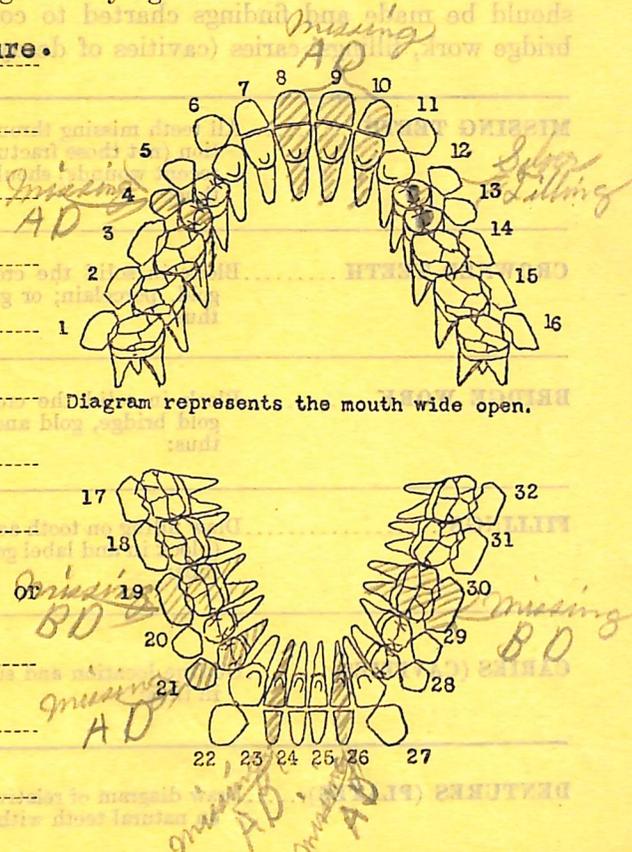


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.

7. Disinterment supervised by O.E. bound 2d Lieut. 2. M. B.

Approved: W.R. Buckley
(Title) Capt ornc

8. Reburial supervised by O.E. bound 2d Lieut. 2. M. B.

Approved: W.R. Buckley
(Title) Capt ornc

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

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

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

MISSING TEETHAll teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus:	
CROWNED TEETHBlock in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:	
BRIDGE WORKBlock in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus:	
FILLINGSDraw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:	
CARIES (CAVITIES)Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:	

DENTURES (PLATES).....Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate, block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp."

7. Show name of person supervising the disinterment and the name and title of the person approving same.
8. Show name of person supervising the reburial and the name and title of the person approving same.

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Cress	3	3-2-5
	Cemetery	1	1
BURIED	GRAVE	2	25
	ROW	2	45
	BLOCK	1	4
STATE	Miss.	2	32
RANK	Pvt.	1	2
DIVISION	88	2	88
ORGANIZATION	313	3	313
ARM	Engineers	1	4
MARTIAL	No	1	2
NAME	Cress	3	3-2-5
	State	2	18
RESIDENCE	County	2	45
	CITY	3	X X X
RELATION	Adopted Mother	1	2
OTHER	Sister	1	2
ELIGIBILITY	Yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

Natural Mother Dead

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Age no

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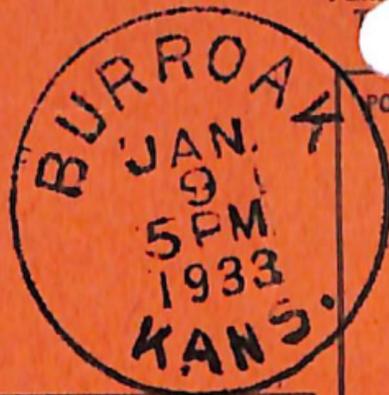
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REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 925362

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____



PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE
TO AVOID PAYMENT OF
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POSTMARK OF DELIVERING
OFFICE
AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to Q. M. GENERAL
(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,
or Post Office Box, MUNITIONS BUILDING

WASHINGTON,

CREPS, LOUIS W (MA)

D. C.

RETURN RECEIPT

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

W. Alley Davis

(Signature or name of addressee)

E. W. White

(Signature of addressee's agent)

JAN 9 - 1933

Date of delivery _____, 19____

Form 3811

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

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IMMEDIATE ACTION

IN REPLY
REFER TO

QM 293 A-M

Creps, Louis W. (MA)

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

Mrs. Molly Creps,
Burr Oak,
Kansas.

January 5, 1933.

Dear Madam:

During the past three years, numerous communications have been forwarded you relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

Under the law, 1933 is the last year you may make the pilgrimage at the expense of the Government, and it is imperative that this office have an expression from you as to whether or not you desire to take advantage of the opportunity afforded you.

It is requested therefore you answer the following inquiry, sign your name, and return this letter to this office.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE IN 1933?

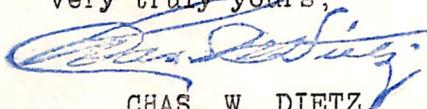
No
(Yes) or (No)

Mary O Creps
Sign here

A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


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

Encl.:
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WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY
REFER TO
QM 302 A-11
Creps, Louis W. (MA)

January 5, 1933

Mrs. Nellie Creps,
Fort Ord,
Kansas.

Dear Madam:

During the past three years, numerous communications have been forwarded you relative to the pilgrimage to the series of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 3, 1930, as amended.

Under the law, 1933 to the last year you may make the pilgrimage at the expense of the Government, and it is imperative that this office have an expression from you as to whether or not you desire to take advantage of the opportunity afforded you.

It is requested therefore you answer the following inquiry, sign your name, and return this letter to this office.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE IN 1933?

(Yes) or (No)

Mrs. Nellie Creps
Sign here

is enclosed in replying
which requires no postage



Very truly yours,
[Signature]
GRAS. W. DIETS,
Captain, G. M. Corps,
Assistant.

Enclosed
has
of the War Department
Approved January 11, 1933

IMMEDIATE ACTION

QM 293 A-M
Creps, Louis W. (MA)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

October 13, 1932.

Mrs. Molly Creps,
Burr Oak, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Your Government has provided an opportunity for all Mothers and Widows of deceased members of the American Forces who were lost, buried at sea, or whose remains are now interred in Europe, to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. This was done in the hope that all who may make the pilgrimage will derive a measure of comfort and solace from the visit.

You are numbered among those who are privileged to make this pilgrimage.

During July and September of this year, inquiries were addressed to you as to whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage to Europe. To these inquiries no reply has been received from you.

You probably do not realize how important it is that a reply be received from you. If we do not receive replies, it becomes very difficult to make the necessary and proper arrangements for those who are to make the trip, as everything must be arranged in advance. Consequently, it is just as important for the Government to know the names of those who do not desire to take advantage of its offer as it is to know the names of those who do.

Will you please devote a few moments of your time to write either the word "YES" or "NO" in the following space _____, thus indicating whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage during 1933 and sign your name here _____. Use the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage, and return this sheet.

This reply will assure your Government that no worthy Mother or Widow has failed to receive its offer in commemoration of a loved one departed, and will greatly assist in making the necessary preparations for those of them who wish to take advantage of the privilege.

For The Quartermaster General,
Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Creps, Louis W. (MA)

Sept. 7, 1932.

Mrs. Molly Creps,
Burr Oak, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Creps Louis W (MA)

July 9 1932

Mrs Holly Creps
Burr Oak Kans

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Creps, Louis W (M-A) AM

September 29, 1931. AL

Mrs. Molly Creps,
Burr Oak, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

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

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Creps, Louis W. Pvt. (H-A) AM*

July 22, 1931.

Mrs. Molly Creps,
Burr Oak, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

President Harding

8-5-37

1232

Creps, Louis W.

Pvt.

I decline 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 pro-
visions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Molly Creps

(Name)

Burr Oak, Jewell County, Kansas

(Town or City)

(State)



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M & R. DIV.
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QM 293 A-M
Creps, Louis W. Pvt. 1232 AM

March 3, 1931.

Mrs. Molley Creps,
Burr Oak,
Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 23, 1931, relative to your desire to have your daughter, Mrs. Olive Creps Bierman, make the pilgrimage to the grave of the late Private Louis W. Creps in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in France.

Under date of February 11, 1931, Mrs. Bierman was advised that inasmuch as the records in this office show conclusively that you are the adopted mother of the late Private Creps and as the term "mother" used in the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended, is construed in the singular and authorizes but one individual to make the pilgrimage as a mother, she is not eligible within the meaning of the law to make the pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of the Government.

Although it is evident that Mrs. Bierman was of great assistance to the late veteran during the years of his immaturity, it is regretted to advise that it is not possible within the meaning of the law to make arrangements for her to visit her adopted brother's grave.

In view of the foregoing, it will be appreciated if you will advise this office as to whether you accept or decline the invitation to sail August 5th on the President Harding. In the event you are unable to make the pilgrimage this summer, your name will be placed upon the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to go during the summer of 1932, and you will be communicated with when arrangements are being made for next year.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

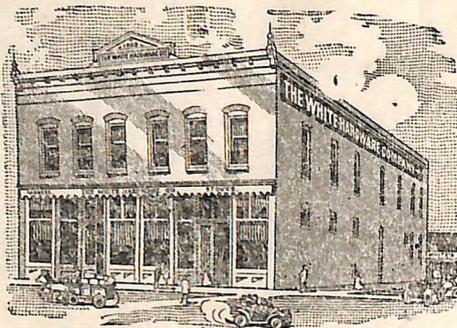
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C. C. WHITE, President

W. CREPS, Vice-President

E. WHITE, Secretary

V. DAVIS, Treasurer



BRANCH STORE AT GUIDE ROCK, NEBRASKA



BURR OAK, KANSAS,

February 23, 1931

Quartermaster General,
War Department,
Washington D. C.

Attention: John T. Harris.

QM 293 A-M
Creps, Louis W. Pvt. 1232

Dear Sir:

I received today the invitation from the Government, to make the pilgrimage to the Cemetery in Europe to the grave of my son the late Private Louis W. Creps, leaving New York on the Steamship President Harding of August 5, 1931.

At least 30 days ago, blanks were sent to your department, which you had sent to us to be filled out, that would entitle Mrs. Olive Bierman, 1505 North 35th st, Tacoma, Wash., sister of the deceased, to make this pilgrimage, according to Sec. 4 (a) of the Act, which was amended May 15, 1930.

These papers were made out in every detail to satisfy the legal requirements, establishing proof of the relationship, in loco parentis, of Mrs. Olive Bierman, and returned to your department as stated above.

No doubt this may be handled through a different department, and the department issuing the official invitations had not been instructed to issue the invitation to Mrs Bierman instead of to Mrs. Molley (of Mary) Creps, who received the invitation today.

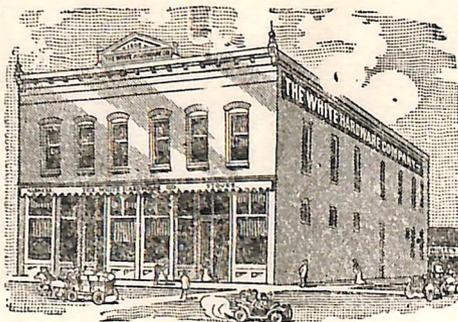
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C. C. WHITE, President

W. REPS, Vice-President

E. WHITE, Secretary

V. DAVIS, Treasurer



BRANCH STORE AT GUIDE ROCK, NEBRASKA



BURR OAK, KANSAS.

You will find all this information in your files, as we filled them out, per your instructions, and returned them to you.

Will you please look into this at once, and notify us as to your findings. Until then, I shall hold the extended invitation, received today.

Very truly yours,

Molley Creps

Molley Creps.



State of Washington)
) ss
County of Pierce)

Name of deceased soldier Creps, Louis W.

Rank Pvt. Organization dont know.

1. The undersigned disinterested persons, not related to the applicant or to the deceased soldier, depose and say of their own personal knowledge that:

(a) Mrs. Olive C. Bierman stood in loco parentis to Louis W. Creps (name of applicant) (deceased soldier) from Aug. 7, 1888 to Jan. 24 1894.

(b) The age of the deceased soldier at the time the status in loco parentis began was 0 years, 0 months, 4 days. The age of Mrs. Olive Creps Bierman at the time the status in loco parentis began was 15 years, 3 months, 20 days.

(c) Mrs. Olive Creps Bierman during the time she stood in loco parentis to the said deceased soldier, actually provided for such soldier in the following manner and to the following extent:

I was the family physician and often saw Louis W. Creps while in her care

(d) The following additional circumstances, facts and declarations tend to show that the said applicant actually assumed the obligations which a father would have assumed in the matter of making provision for the support of the deceased soldier:

2. In making the above statements, it is understood that the term in loco parentis means that:

(a) A person must act the part of a lawful father in performing the duty of providing for him; taking the place of a father in this particular.

(b) To obtain the benefits of the Act of March 2, 1929, a woman must have occupied this status towards a particular deceased service man for a period of not less than 5 years at any time prior to the soldier, sailor, or marine becoming 18 years of age. Circumstances and facts should be stated in detail in order to insure intelligent decision. If additional space is required please write on the back of this sheet.

Signed: J E Hawley
Address: Burr Oak Kansas

Signed: _____

Address: _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4 day of April 1931.

(Seal)

Ed C. Hill
(Notary Public)
My Comm Exp. Nov 16 1932

State of Washington)
) ss
County of Pierce)

Name of deceased soldier Creps, Louis W.

Rank Pvt. Organization dont know.

1. The undersigned disinterested persons, not related to the applicant or to the deceased soldier, depose and say of their own personal knowledge that:

(a) Mrs. Olive C. Bierman stood in loco parentis to Louis W. Creps (name of applicant) (deceased soldier) from Aug. 7, 1888 to Jan. 24 1894

(b) The age of the deceased soldier at the time the status in loco parentis began was 0 years, 0 months, 4 days. The age of Mrs. Olive Creps Bierman at the time the status in loco parentis began was 15 years, 3 months, 20 days.

(c) Mrs. Olive Creps Bierman during the time she stood in loco parentis to the said deceased soldier, actually provided for such soldier in the following manner and to the following extent:

As a neighbor and friend of the family at the time aforesaid

(d) The following additional circumstances, facts and declarations tend to show that the said applicant actually assumed the obligations which a father would have assumed in the matter of making provision for the support of the deceased soldier:

The statements made in the letter of Mrs Olive C Bierman is true to best of my knowledge and belief

2. In making the above statements, it is understood that the term in loco parentis means that:

(a) A person must act the part of a lawful father in performing the duty of providing for him; taking the place of a father in this particular.

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Signed: J. W. Epperson

Address: Burr Oak Reno,

Signed: _____

Address: _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of Feb 1931

(Seal)

E. L. Hill
(Notary Public)

my Com Ex 7 Nov 16 1932

February 11, 1931.

QM 293 A-M
Creps, Louis W. 1232 AM

Mrs. Olive Creps Bierman,
5105 North 35th Street,
Tacoma, Washington.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 9, 1931 with enclosures, relative to your desire to make a pilgrimage to the grave of the late Private Louis W. Creps.

The term "mother" used in the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended, is construed in the singular and authorizes but one individual to make the pilgrimage as a mother. The records of this office show conclusively that Mrs. Molly Creps (Mrs. Mary O. Creps) is the adopted mother of the late Private Creps, and she is, therefore, eligible to make the pilgrimage to his grave.

Although it is evident that you were of great assistance to this late veteran during the years of his immaturity, it is regretted to advise that you are not eligible within the meaning of the law governing the pilgrimages to make the journey to his grave at the expense of the Government.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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5105 North 35th Street
Tacoma, Washington
January 9, 1931

A. D. Hughes
Captain, Q. M. Corps, Asst.
The Quartermaster General's Office
War Department
Washington, D. C.

Your reference:
QM 293 A-M
Creps, Louis W. Pvt. 1232

Dear Sir:

Your letter to Mrs. Molley Creps, Burr Oak, Kansas, was sent by her to me as she felt that I was the person to be considered under the Act of March 2, 1929, for the following reasons:

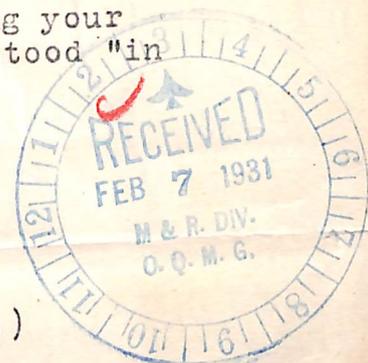
Louis W. Creps was the son of my brother Walter L. Creps and his wife Lottie who died within one week of the birth of the child. Before she died she gave Louis W. Creps to me and said that she would like to have me bring him up. When he was four days old I began taking care of him like a mother and took care of him until the day of my marriage on January 24, 1894, when I left home to live in a home of my own nearby. During this time he remained in the home of my mother, Mrs. Molley Creps, but I was in touch with him every week or so until he was about fourteen years of age, at which time my husband and I moved so far away that it was impossible for me to see Louis often. In order that future legal complications might be avoided my father, Nathan Creps, legally adopted Louis W. Creps, and your records may possibly show this. My mother, Mrs. Molley Creps, is now nearly blind and almost eighty-six years of age and sent the papers to me as she said she felt that I was more entitled to go than she because of the care I had given Louis when a baby.

I am enclosing herewith affidavits from two disinterested parties who know of the situation in our family. I will be glad to hear from you regarding your decision as to whether I am eligible as one who stood "in loco parentis".

Yours respectfully,

Olive C. Bierman

Olive Creps Bierman (Mrs.)

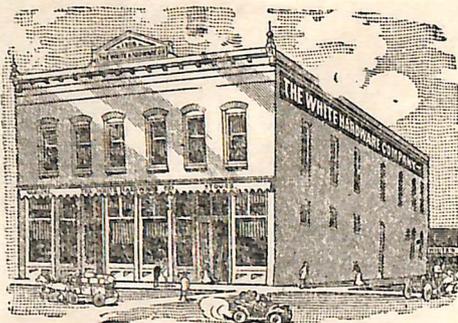


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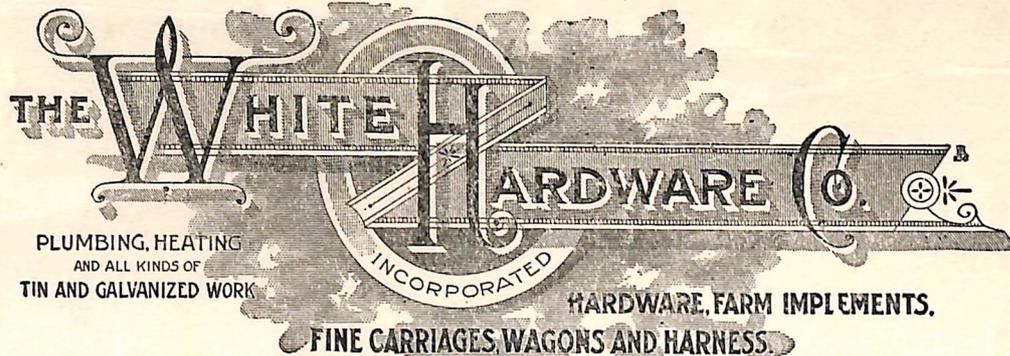
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BURR OAK, KANSAS,

February 3-31

Your reference:

QM 293 A-M

Creps Louis W, Pvt 1232

A, D, Hughes
Captain, Q, M. Corps, Asst,
Quartersmasters General, s Office
War Dept, Washington D, C,

Dear Sirs; Inclosed find necessary papers to qualify the following
Mrs Olive Bierman. mother

We have recieved advise Molly(Mary) Creps as foster of the deceased
Louis Creps is in entitled to make the pilgrimage to France to visit
the grave of same,

In yor letter of January 17th, the eligibilty was established for Mrs
Creps to make this trip.

In explanation, we wish to state, in view of the fact Mrs Creps is
being Eighty six years of age, and not able to make this trip, we wish
according to have this trip transferd to her daughter Olive Bierman,
who, had the care anf responsibilty o f this child as her letter and
sworn statments of disinterested parties will verify,

We have read the Act and the amendment over carefully and conclude
she Mrs Biermans, is entitled to go.

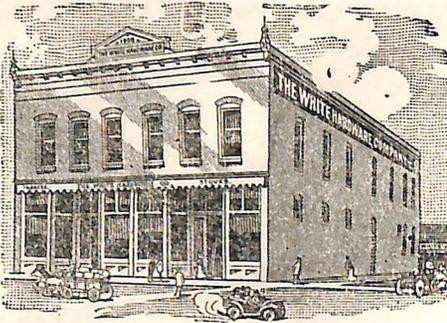
The writer was a younger sister in the family, and can verify this
statment is correct, as I recall my sister left school in her freshman
year, to take this child as her charge,

C. C. WHITE, President

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BURR OAK, KANSAS.

My mother Mrs Creps had a large family and an invalid motherinlaw to care for, and living on a ranch near Kinsley Kansas, had a great many duties that would naturally fall to a mother,

We hope we are not writing too much in detail, but we want to place the situation plainly and as it truly was, and we want to be fair in every sense of the word,

Mother, Mrs Creps is almost blind, and not strong enough to think of making this trip.

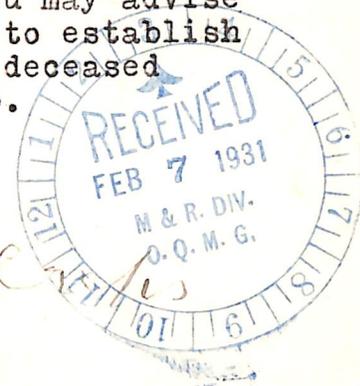
That you may rest assured this is her wish she will sign this letter and we sincerely hope according to this act of Congress and the amendment of May 15th 1930, Mrs Bierman will be authorized to have this splendid privilege to visit the grave of Louis.

If there should be other information you would require you may advise us, and we will gladly tell you any thing further to help to establish her rights as the woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased according to the Act which was amended to entitle her to go.

Yours Very Sincerely

written by
Ella White daughter
of Mary Creps

Mary C. Creps



QM 293 A-M
Creps, Louis W. 1252

January 17, 1931

Mrs. Molley Creps,
Burr Oak,
Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date, enclosing copy of the adoption papers of the late Private Louis W. Creps.

Your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make a pilgrimage, and you will be invited to visit the grave of the late Private Creps during the coming summer.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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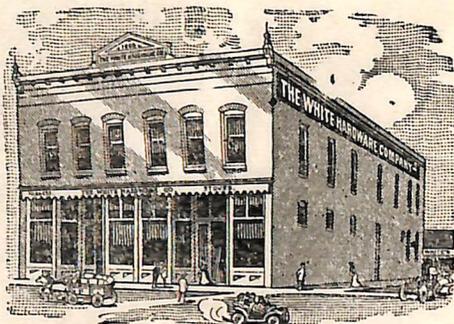
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BURR OAK, KANSAS,

QM 293 A M
293 Creps, Louis W. Pvt 1232
~~War Dept,~~
Office of Quarter Master Gen, 1

Sirs- Your letter in regard to information regarding to making pilgrimage to grave in France of Louis Creps Pvt 1232, you ask for copy of adoption papers for this child, these papers are filed in Kinsley Kansas, where we can get you copy, however we sent one copy to this dept some time ago, unless the insurance is under a separate department, In trying to identify the relation of the deceased to

Mrs Molly Creps or Mary O Creps as you have the name in Washington both ways, both being one and the same, its possible you already have these adoption papers, however we have written Kinsley to send another copy.

The deceased was never married, If the copy of adoption papers come in next few days I will inclose, thinking you wanted this other information now, and in case you do not find you already have those adoption papers in some dept there I will on advise from you send the copy I receive from Kinsley Kansas.

Hoping this will help to clear the record for the future visit to the grave,

Yours very sincerely

BW/MOC

May O Creps



QM 295 A-M
Creps, Louis W. Pvt. 1232 AM

January 14, 1931.

Mrs. Mary O. Creps,
Burr Oak, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date relative to the adoption papers in the case of Private Louis W. Creps.

Inasmuch as the United States Veterans Bureau and this office are entirely separate branches of the Government and are not connected in any way, it is requested that you forward the copy of adoption papers as soon as it is received from Kinsley, Kansas. Upon receipt of this, you will be communicated with relative to your eligibility to make the pilgrimage to visit the grave of the late Private Creps.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Be it Remembered, that at the Fourth term of the Probate Court of Edwards County, State of Kansas, begun and held at the Probate Court room in the Court House in the City of Kinsley on Tuesday the 11th day of December A. D. 1888, afterwards, to wit: on the 11th day of December A. D. 18 88, among other proceedings the following were had, to wit:

In the matter of the adoption of Lewis Creps a minor
Now on this day come into Court Walter L. Creps of Edwards County, State of Kansas, and executes and files in open Court the following instrument of writing, to wit:

THE STATE OF KANSAS,
Edwards County.) ss.

In the Probate Court of Edwards **County, State of Kansas.**

Walter L. Creps the undersigned, a resident of Edwards County, in the State of Kansas, parent of a minor child aged Lewis Creps aged Four Months with the approval of the Probate Judge of said County, first obtained in open Court, do hereby relinquish all right to my said minor child Lewis Creps aforesaid, to Nathan Creps who is desirous of adopting him his own, Walter L. Creps

Approved this 11th day of December A. D. 18 88.

J. W. Campbell Probate Judge.

In Witness Whereof, I the undersigned Probate Judge of Edwards County, have hereto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Probate Court, this 11th day of December A. D. 18 88.

(Seal) J. W. Campbell Probate Judge.

And at the same time comes in like manner Nathan Creps of Edwards County, State of Kansas, and executes and files the following instrument of writing:

THE STATE OF KANSAS,
Edwards County.) ss.

In the Probate Court of Edwards **County, State of Kansas.**

Lewis Creps a minor male child, aged four months and Walter L. Creps his father now appearing before the Probate Court of Edwards County, aforesaid and the said Walter L. Creps thereto consenting.

I, the undersigned, do hereby offer to adopt Lewis Creps the minor child above mentioned, as my own

Nathan Creps

Done in the Probate Court of Edwards County, this 11th day of December A. D. 1888.

(Seal) J. W. Campbell Probate Judge.

In Witness Whereof, I the undersigned, Probate Judge of Edwards County, have hereto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Probate Court, this 11th day of December A. D. 18 88.

(Seal) J. W. Campbell Probate Judge,

And Lewis Creps, the said minor and Walter L. Creps his father, the mother being dead at the same time appears before said Court and consents to such adoption.

And thereupon the said Probate Court being satisfied that such consent is free and voluntary, the said Court doth now make its proceedings of record in the said Probate Court, and doth declare Lewis Creps the minor child aforesaid, the child and heir of Nathan Creps aforesaid, so adopting him.

(Seal) J. W. Campbell Probate Judge.

State of Kansas,

ss.

COUNTY.

I, Judge and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Probate Court of County, State of Kansas, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and perfect transcript of and from the Records of said County, of the matter therein specified, as fully as the same appear of Record, and that I am the lawful custodian of said Records.

Witness my Hand, and the seal of said Court hereto affixed this.....

day of A. D. 18.....

..... Probate Judge.

ADOPTION ORDER.

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Filed this day

of A. D. 18.....

and recorded in Book , Record

of Adoption, on page.....

..... Probate Judge

PROBATE COURT

I, W. N. Beezley, sole Judge and ex officio Clerk of the Probate Court within and for the County aforesaid, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of Adoption Order in the matter of Lewis Creps.

as the same appears from the records of said Court.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Court at Kinsley, Kansas, this 10th day of January, A. D. 1931.

W. N. Beezley
Probate Judge and ex officio Clerk.

STATE OF KANSAS, EDWARDS COUNTY, ss

I, W. N. Beezley, sole Judge of the Probate Court within and for said County, the same being a Court of Law and Record, hereby certify that the signature attached to the above certificate purporting to be that of W. N. Beezley is his genuine signature, and that he was at the time thereof ex officio Clerk of said Probate Court, and as such full faith and credit are due his acts, and that the attestation of said Clerk is in due form of law, and by the proper officer.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court, at Kinsley, Kansas, this 10th day of January, 1931.

W. N. Beezley
Probate Judge.

STATE OF KANSAS, EDWARDS COUNTY, ss

I, W. N. Beezley, Probate Judge and ex officio Clerk of the Probate Court in and for said County, do hereby certify that W. N. Beezley, whose genuine signature is subscribed to the foregoing certificate, was at the date thereof Presiding Judge of said Court, duly commissioned, sworn and acting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of said Court, at the city of Kinsley, this the 10th day of January, A. D. 1931.

W. N. Beezley
Probate Judge and ex officio Clerk of the Probate Court.
W. N. Beezley

No. _____

PROBATE COURT

EDWARDS COUNTY, KANSAS

Certified Copy of the proceedings in the mat-
ter of _____

Probate Judge.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

December 13, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Creps, Louis W. Pvt. 1232

Mrs. Molley Creps,
Burr Oak, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Information has been furnished this office which indicates that you are the adopted mother of the late Private Louis W. Creps, and in order that your eligibility under the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, to make a pilgrimage to his grave in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery may be determined, it is requested that you furnish copy of the adoption papers. Also, kindly advise whether or not the above named deceased veteran is survived by a widow who has not remarried and, if so, give her name and address.

For your convenience in replying, there is enclosed herewith a 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.



[Handwritten initials]
Encl:
Envelope.

*Inclosed find copy of adoption papers
Previous I had written you giving
added information as in above letter.
Mrs Molley Creps is the wife of Nathan Creps
now deceased, mentioned in adoption papers*

November 24, 1930.

QM 293 A-M
Creps, Louis W. Pvt. 1232

Mrs. Molloy Creps,
Burr Oak, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Information has been furnished this office which indicates that you may be eligible to make a pilgrimage to the grave of the late Private Louis W. Creps, authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

The only provision of the law under which anyone other than the mother or widow could be considered for this privilege is contained in section 4 (a) of the Act, which was amended May 15, 1930, to read in part as follows: "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for a period of not less than five years at any time prior to the soldier, sailor, or marine becoming eighteen years of age."

In order to satisfy the legal requirements, it will be necessary for you to furnish as proof of the relationship, in loco parentis, the affidavits of at least two persons not related to you.

In the event you believe yourself eligible, under this provision of the law, to make the pilgrimage, it is requested that the enclosed forms be completed and returned to this office in order that your eligibility under the Act may be determined. Under paragraphs 1 (c) and 1 (d), sufficient information should be included to permit an intelligible decision as to eligibility.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

July 8, 1930.

Cropps, Louis W. 1232 S

Mrs. Euphemia S. Wilkinson,
530 E. First St.,
Hutchinson, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

This office has no record of any person entitled under the Act mentioned to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe as the mother or widow of the above named deceased service man. To complete the list of eligibles and to assure that, if the above named man is survived by a mother or widow entitled to make a pilgrimage she receive an invitation to do so, it is requested you answer the following questions in the space provided on this letter and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

2. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not remarried?

If so, give her name and address:

3. Is the deceased survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him according to the terms of Section 4 (a) of the enclosed Act as amended?

If so, give her name and address:

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Creps, Louis, W.
1232

September 11, 1929.

Mrs. Euphemia S. Wilkinson,
530 E. First St.,
Hutchinson, Kans.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated Aug. 24, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

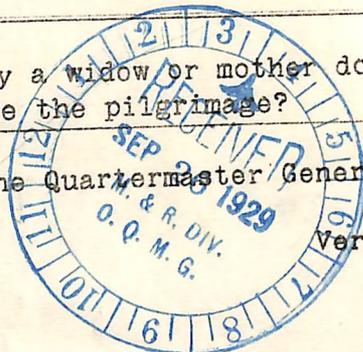
2. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

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

*Grandmother adopted
him at infancy and
raised him until 21 years
Mrs Malley Creps
address
Burr Oak, Kans*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Creps, Louis W.

August 24, 1929

Mrs. Euphonia S. Wilkinson,
530 W. First St.,
Hutchinson, Kans.

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 sister of the late Pvt. Louis, W. Creps, Co. C, 513th Engrs., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried?
2. If so, give her complete address.
3. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

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

Creps, Louis W.

June 29, 1929.

Mrs. Euphemia S. Wilkinson,
~~422 S. Thompson St.,~~ 530 E. 1st St.,
~~Pratt, Kans.~~ Hutchinson, Kans.

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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 sister of the late Pvt. Louis W. Creps, Co. C, 313th Engrs., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

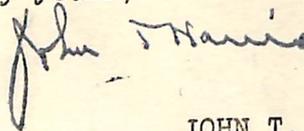
Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother or widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish the full names and addresses of the mother and widow in order that action may be taken to extend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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Creps, Louis W. (MA)

Sept. 7, 1932.

Mrs. Molly Creps,
Burr Oak, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Crops Louis W (MA)

July 9 1932

Mrs Molly Crops
Burr Oak Kans

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Creps, Louis W (M-A) AM

September 29, 1931. AL

Mrs. Molly Creps,
Burr Oak, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

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

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Creps, Louis W. Pvt. (M-A) AM*

July 22, 1931.

Mrs. Molly Creps,
Burr Oak, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Sign here

QM 293 A-M
Creps, Louis W. Pvt. 1232 AM

March 3, 1931.

Mrs. Molley Creps,
Burr Oak,
Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 23, 1931, relative to your desire to have your daughter, Mrs. Olive Creps Bierman, make the pilgrimage to the grave of the late Private Louis W. Creps in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in France.

Under date of February 11, 1931, Mrs. Bierman was advised that inasmuch as the records in this office show conclusively that you are the adopted mother of the late Private Creps and as the term "mother" used in the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended, is construed in the singular and authorizes but one individual to make the pilgrimage as a mother, she is not eligible within the meaning of the law to make the pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of the Government.

Although it is evident that Mrs. Bierman was of great assistance to the late veteran during the years of his immaturity, it is regretted to advise that it is not possible within the meaning of the law to make arrangements for her to visit her adopted brother's grave.

In view of the foregoing, it will be appreciated if you will advise this office as to whether you accept or decline the invitation to sail August 5th on the President Harding. In the event you are unable to make the pilgrimage this summer, your name will be placed upon the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to go during the summer of 1932, and you will be communicated with when arrangements are being made for next year.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Creps, Louis W. 1232 AM

February 11, 1931.

Mrs. Olive Creps Bierman,
5105 North 35th Street,
Tacoma, Washington.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 9, 1931 with enclosures, relative to your desire to make a pilgrimage to the grave of the late Private Louis W. Creps.

The term "mother" used in the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended, is construed in the singular and authorizes but one individual to make the pilgrimage as a mother. The records of this office show conclusively that Mrs. Molley Creps (Mrs. Mary O. Creps) is the adopted mother of the late Private Creps, and she is, therefore, eligible to make the pilgrimage to his grave.

Although it is evident that you were of great assistance to this late veteran during the years of his immaturity, it is regretted to advise that you are not eligible within the meaning of the law governing the pilgrimages to make the journey to his grave at the expense of the Government.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-N
Creps, Louis W. 1232

January 17, 1931

Mrs. Molley Creps,
Burr Oak,
Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date, enclosing copy of the adoption papers of the late Private Louis W. Creps.

Your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make a pilgrimage, and you will be invited to visit the grave of the late Private Creps during the coming summer.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Creps, Louis W. Pvt. 1232 AM

January 14, 1931.

Mrs. Mary O. Creps,
Burr Oak, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date relative to the adoption papers in the case of Private Louis W. Creps.

Inasmuch as the United States Veterans Bureau and this office are entirely separate branches of the Government and are not connected in any way, it is requested that you forward the copy of adoption papers as soon as it is received from Kinsley, Kansas. Upon receipt of this, you will be communicated with relative to your eligibility to make the pilgrimage to visit the grave of the late Private Creps.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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December 13, 1930.

QM 293 A-M
Creps, Louis W. Pvt. 1232

Mrs. Molley Creps,
Burr Oak, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Information has been furnished this office which indicates that you are the adopted mother of the late Private Louis W. Creps, and in order that your eligibility under the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, to make a pilgrimage to his grave in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery may be determined, it is requested that you furnish copy of the adoption papers. Also, kindly advise whether or not the above named deceased veteran is survived by a widow who has not remarried and, if so, give her name and address.

For your convenience in replying, there is enclosed herewith a 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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November 24, 1930.

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QM 293 A-M
Creps, Louis W. Pvt. 1232

Mrs. Molley Creps,
Burr Oak, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Information has been furnished this office which indicates that you may be eligible to make a pilgrimage to the grave of the late Private Louis W. Creps, authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

The only provision of the law under which anyone other than the mother or widow could be considered for this privilege is contained in section 4 (a) of the Act, which was amended May 15, 1930, to read in part as follows: "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for a period of not less than five years at any time prior to the soldier, sailor, or marine becoming eighteen years of age."

In order to satisfy the legal requirements, it will be necessary for you to furnish as proof of the relationship, in loco parentis, the affidavits of at least two persons not related to you.

In the event you believe yourself eligible, under this provision of the law, to make the pilgrimage, it is requested that the enclosed forms be completed and returned to this office in order that your eligibility under the Act may be determined. Under paragraphs 1 (c) and 1 (d), sufficient information should be included to permit an intelligible decision as to eligibility.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Creps, Louis W. 1232 S

July 8, 1930.

Mrs. Euphemia S. Wilkinson,
530 E. First St.,
Hutchinson, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

This office has no record of any person entitled under the Act mentioned to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe as the mother or widow of the above named deceased service man. To complete the list of eligibles and to assure that, if the above named man is survived by a mother or widow entitled to make a pilgrimage she receive an invitation to do so, it is requested you answer the following questions in the space provided on this letter and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

2. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not remarried?

If so, give her name and address:

3. Is the deceased survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him according to the terms of Section 4 (a) of the enclosed Act as amended?

If so, give her name and address:

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:
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Amendment

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Creps, Louis, W.
1232

September 11, 1929.

Mrs. Euphemia S. Wilkinson,
530 E. First St.,
Hutchinson, Kans.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated Aug. 24, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Creps, Louis W.

August 24, 1929

Mrs. Euphemia S. Wilkinson,
530 E. First St.,
Hutchinson, Kans.

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 sister of the late Pvt. Louis, W. Creps, Co. C. 313th Engrs., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried?
2. If so, give her complete address.
3. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Creps, Louis W.

June 29 1929.

Mrs. Euphemia S. Wilkinson,
422 S. Thompson St.,
Pratt, Kans.

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".

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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In reply refer to:
293.8 C-R #33468

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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March 13, 1923.

Mrs. Euphemia S. Wilkinson,
422 S. Thompson St.,
Pratt, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of the late Private Louis W. Creps, Company C, 313th Engineers, is Grave 25, Row 45, Block D, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse, France.

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

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

Very truly yours,


H. G. Conner,
Assistant.

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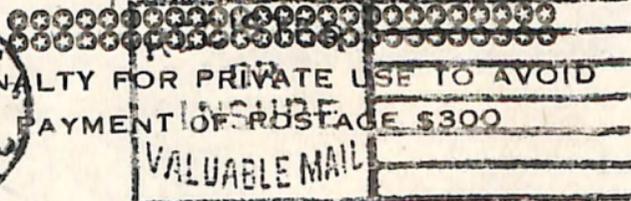
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Mrs. Euphemia S. Wilkinson,
422 S. Thompson St.,
Pratt, Kansas.

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In reply refer to:
293.8 C-R #33468

March 13, 1923.

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Very truly yours,

H. J. Conner,
Assistant.

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Place Hericourt (Haute Saone) France

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date August 29, 1921

1. REMAINS OF CREPS, LOUIS W. SERIAL NUMBER 3230178

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. C, 313th Inf. Engrs.

2. Disinterred (date) : August 29, 1921 From (give complete location) : Gr. 336

Hericourt, Haute Saone, France. American Cem. 758.

Reburied fr. 47 per 11473.

By : Group 3 Unit Section No 4.

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

Nov. 1, 1921. Row 45 Block D. Grave 25. Cem. 1232.

By : Group Reburial S. Unit _____ Nature of reburial Unlined

Casket.

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

Buried in uniform, blanket and in wooden box.

Body badly decomposed, recognition impossible.

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

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

Bottle containing reburial data found on body/ No effects found.

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

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

(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) Missing after death.

4, 8, 9, 10, 29, 28, 26, 23, 24, 21, 20,

11, 12, 13, 31, Silver fillings.

30, 19 Missing before death.

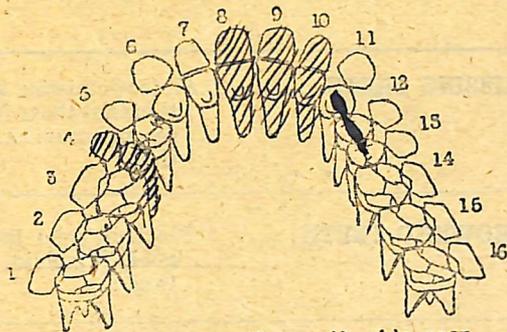
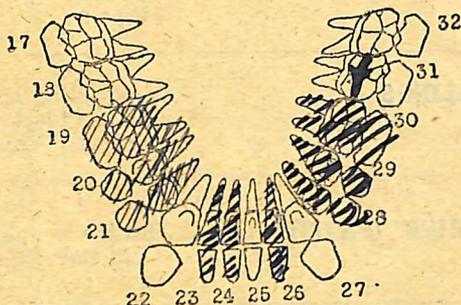


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



7. Disinterment supervised by Theo Miller
THEO MILLER GCD

Approved : R. L. Fain
(Title) Capt. C. M. C. sgh

8. Reburial supervised by A. U. Dufault
A. U. Dufault,

Approved : Geo. C. Bland
(Title) 1st. Lieut. QMC.

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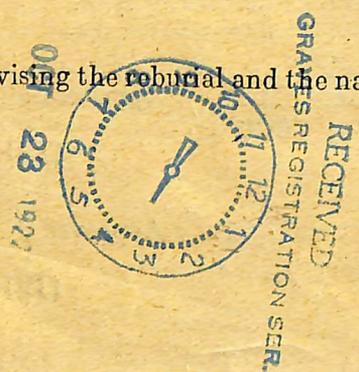
INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPER COMPLETION OF G. R. S. FORM NO. 16-A

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.

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

7. Show name of person supervising the disinterment and the name and title of the person approving same.
8. Show name of person supervising the reburial and the name and title of the person approving same.



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE August 29, 1921

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 <u>CREPS, Louis W</u>	10. Name
2. No. <u>3230178</u>	11. No.
3. Rank <u>Pvt</u>	12. Rank
4. Org. <u>Co. C, 313th Engrs.</u>	13. Org.
5. D.D. <u>Oct. 7th</u>	14. (a) D.D.
6. C.D. <u>Pneumonia</u>	(b) D.B. <u>None</u>

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. <u>336</u> <i>Reb. from Gr. 4-7</i> Sec.	15. Grave No. Sec.
8. Plot Row	16. Plot Row
9.	17. <u>None</u>

18. Cemetery American Military 19. Commune or town Hericourt

20. Dept. or County Haute Saone 21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. #758

23. Disinterred (Date) August 29, 1921 By THEO MILLER

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name <u>LOUIS W. CREPS</u>	Serial No. <u>3230178</u>
Rank <u>Pvt.</u>	Organization <u>Co. C, 313th Engrs Gr 336</u>

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

Glenn C. Darsey 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).
Bottle containing reburial data found on body. No effects found.

27. Condition of body Body badly decomposed, recognition impossible.

28. Nature of burial Buried in uniform, blanket and in wooden box.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? No.

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date August 29, 1921 By THEO MILLER

31. Casket sealed by THEO MILLER

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) Theo Miller
THEO MILLER



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

32. Designation of body: _____

58 Name _____ Serial No. _____

59 Rank **CREPS, Louis W** Organization **Co. C, 313th Engrs.**

33. Consigned to: Name of Permanent Cemetery **Argonne American #1232 Romagne-sous-Montfaucon**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **August 29, 1921** By **THEO MILLER**

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 **R.L. FAIN** Capt. Q.M. C. sgh

36. Remarks **RRS strip checks, on cross.**

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) **August 29, 1921**

To point of Concentration **Belfort, (Haute Saone) France.** (Name)

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer **Capt. Q.M.C.**

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date _____ By G.R.S. Representative _____

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date **September 17th 1921.**

To Permanent Cemetery **Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse** (Name)

Convoyer **Ray Hall.** Signature Shipping Officer **W.R. BUCKLEY** Capt. Q.M.C.

40. Received: Date **Sept. 21, 1921**

G.R.S. Representative **Geo. C. Bland**

41. Reinterred **Meuse Arg. Cemetery.** (Date) **Nov. 1, 1921.**

42. Grave No. **25** Section _____

43. **Block D.** Row **45**

G.R.S. Representative **Geo. C. Bland,** 1st. Lieut. Q.M.C.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File # 33468

(a) Name CREPS, Lewis W. ^{Louis} ^{11/10 B} Ser. No. 3230178
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. D, 313th Engrs.
 (c) Date of death 10/7/18 (d) Cause of death Pneumonia.

TYP. EK
 CKR. J.

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

(a) Grave No. 47 Row va Plot --- Sec. --- TYP. EK
 (b) Emerg. Address Eupheme Wilkinson (sister) 313 West 4th St.
Larned, Kans.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases NO CARD CKR. J.

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Mrs Euphemia Wilkinson (b) Relationship Sister
 (c) Address 605 S. Main, Pratt, Kansas
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? no
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at ---

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

(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. It was his wish to be left there if he died.

Examiner's Initials SH Date 11/1, 1920.

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

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

no correspondence

Examiner's Initials SH Date 11/1, 1920.

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

no request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes - MEB

Examiner's Initials MEB Date 11-2, 1920.

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 758 SHEET No. 58

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

WB 12-3-20

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Handwritten notes:
 Checked
 11/10/18
 MEB

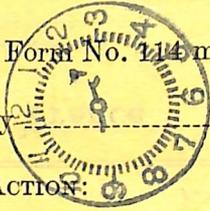
VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made _____, 1920.

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 1920
letter on **NOV 19 1920**, 1920

CENTRAL DIVISION



DEPT. OF JUSTICE

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Central Division
Changes of Advice Section

PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: 1/18/21-F-120 sent to Mrs. Euphemia Wilkinson, 608 S. Main Pratt, Kansas. returned, unclaimed. H-2/19/21-rmj

3/15/21 WREA Mrs. Euphemia S. Wilkinson (sister) 422 S. Thompson St.

Pratt, Kansas. H-3/26/21 maf

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CENTRAL DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-DIVISION

HOBOKEN, N.J.

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER	CITIZENSHIP NO.	DATE
Creps, Louis W.	758-58	2/23/21
SERIAL NUMBER	ORGANIZATION	Date of Death.
3230178	Co. C., 313th Engrs.	10/7/18

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

Copy forwarded to
Adjustment Department

Date 3-15-21-H.

DATE 3/11/21

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

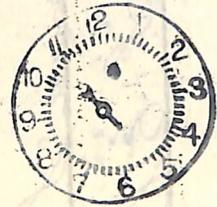
Mrs. Euphemia S. Wilkinson, Sister

Address 422 S. Thompson St., Pratt, Kansas.

Cor. Sec.

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FEB 26 1921

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General Division
Project Sub-Section

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
HOBOKEN, N.J.

JAN 18 1921

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.G.
TO: Mrs. Euphemia Wilkinson, 608 S. Main Pratt, Kansas
SUBJECT: Remains of... Pyt. Louis W. Creps, Ser. No. 3230178
CoC, 313th Engrs

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body

..... remain in Europe

If these are not the correct instructions, please correct them. Make corrections on second page.

The nearest relative may choose between, (1) return of the body to any address in the United States; (2) interment in Arlington, Va., or any other National Cemetery; or (3) remain in Europe. All removals are at Government expense.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Lt. Col., Major, U.S.A.

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 these relatives are STILL LIVING.

NAME OF	NO. AND STREET	TOWN	STATE
Was soldier married?			
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		

Wanted 7/13
W - 2/23/23 Agp
Unclaimed

Date: _____ Signature _____

Address _____ Relationship _____

Important.-- CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper.

I, the undersigned, as the (relationship) and nearest living relative of the within-named soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:

(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.
2. To be returned to the U.S. and shipped to (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.

Signature

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

1. If definite instructions as to the disposition of a body are not received from the nearest relative 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 NEAREST 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 living relatives 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, LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and for them in this matter.
6. If YOU are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative if living near you, to fill out this paper.
7. If YOU are not the nearest living relative 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.

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF GRAVE OF

Creps, 3230178 Louis W.

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

Private, Co. C, 313th Engineers

(Rank.) (Organization.)

Died: Oct. 7.

DATE OF BURIAL: October 9, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: Hericourt

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

French-American Military Cemetery
No. 2, Hericourt, environs de
Belfort

GRAVE NUMBER: 47

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:

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REPORTED BY: *J.P. Jockinsen*
J.P. Jockinsen, Chaplain

Sr. Chaplain H.B. Boyd, (Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
HOBOKEN, N.J. OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

CREPS, Louis W.

756-58

2-23-21

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

3230178

Co. C., 313th Engrs

Date of death: 10-7-18

Original Forwarded WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

to Hoboken

Date 2-15-21-14

DATE 3-11-21

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Mrs. Euphemia S. Wilkinson

Sister

Address

422 S. Thompson St., Pratt, Kansas

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Adjustment Made
6-19-22

No. 33468

FILE

NOV 5 1920

FROM: O. Q. M. G.
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
Munitions Building
Room 1128

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of
Washington.

PLEASE
EXPEDITE

G.R.S. Form 8-W-4
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 11/4/20.

File No. Registration.

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 Creps ✓
- b. Christian name Louis W. (Louis W) ✓
- c. Serial Number 3230178 ✓
- d. Organization Co., D. 313th Engrs. ✓
- e. Rank Private ✓
- f. Date of death 10/7/18 ✓
- g. Cause of death Pneumonia ✓
- h. Authority (C.C.#) 281
- i. Emergency address Euphema Wilkinson
- j. Relationship 313 - West 4th St. Larned, Kas. (sister)

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 teaks)
- FILE**
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upper right upper left
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lower right lower left
- Donnelly - 88-4343-11/8/20*

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

BY: *H. J. Conner*
H. J. CONNER,
1st Lt. Q.M.C.

CIMETERY NO: 758

SHEET NO: 58
TYPED BY: ZS

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File No. 35 468

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

1a. Strike out teeth missing

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	3	3	4	5	6	7	8	
								upper right	upper left							
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
								lower right	lower left							

Donnelly - 1320 - 88 - 4343 - 11/8/20.

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

CEMETERY NO: 758
SHEET NO: 58
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BY: *H. J. Conner*
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Capt. U.S.A.
1st. Lt. Q.M.C.

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TO THE DIRECTOR
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

(Case No. 100-10000)

1. Name of person
2. Address
3. Date of birth
4. Date of entry
5. Date of departure

6. Name of vessel
7. Name of agent
8. Name of carrier
9. Name of destination

10. Name of ship
11. Name of company
12. Name of agent
13. Name of carrier
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39. Name of destination

OK
Crepes, Louis W.

3, 230, 178

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Co D, 313th Engrs.

Pvt.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

(Yes or no.)

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

(Yes or no.)

If you desire the remains interred at the home of the deceased, give full information below as to where they should be sent:

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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Drawn by L.H.

70-5-55

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L.H.