

To The A. G. O.

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G.R.S. Form #114 B

OCT 9 - 1926

DATE 10/5/21

1. NAME CRESS, John J.

SERIAL No. 2266718

RANK Pvt.

ORGANIZATION Co. E, 364th Inf. 91st Div

GRAVE LOCATION Argonne Amer. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, #1232 Sect. 84

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

178

Sect. 84

4

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

114, Row 4

Froides

Meuse

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

Bar-le-Duc 51NE 255.3N 308.3E

COORDINATES

6/16/19

178

Sec 84

4

CONCENTRATED TO

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

Meuse Argonne

1232

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on body and cross

DATE OF DEATH

Oct. 7, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

Calif.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

none

data f-1

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

wk

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

M. B. Birdseye

M. B. BIRDSEYE

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 10/5/21

38

1st Lt., Q.M. Corps, U.S.A.

Block H.

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

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

CEMETERY

Major General

The Adjutant General

By - GAB

OCT 12 1920

AUDITED BY
M.G. 4-25-21

A. G. O.
OCT 11 1920
WORLD WAR DIV.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B



1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.

2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.

3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.

4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form 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.

COPIES OF THIS FORM TO BE FORWARDED TO: (faint text)



GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Cress.....2266718 John J.....
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Pvt. of. E. 164th Inf.
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH:.....

CAUSE OF DEATH:.....

DATE OF BURIAL: Oct. 9th 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL:.....

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

American Cemetery Chateau de Salvange,
Rancourt, Meuse.

GRAVE NUMBER: 119

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

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:

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY
John M. S. Callison,
1st Lt. San. Corps, USA, Adjutant.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

Portion to be sent to Chief of Graves Registration Service.

SA

Cress, John J. pvt 2266718
Home Danuba, California.

wounded by shrapnell about 3:00 A.M.
He was carried back to the first
hospital where he died on Oct.

Ormant: Richardson, Homer H. pvt I/c
2266776, Co E. 364th Inf.
Home: Lindsay, California.

Archer, A. Sheap, capt. 364th Inf.

(Number) (Name and initials)

Occupation

Age

PLACE OF DEATH

CAUSE OF DEATH

DATE OF BURIAL

PLACE OF BURIAL

32

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These entries, when and where possible, should be filled in as far as possible.

DATE WHEN

HOW MANY

Relationship

IDENTIFY

When one is buried with another

it is not necessary to give the

name of the grave unless

it is known and the missing description and number should be given.

NEAREST RELATIVE

ADDRESS

REPORTED BY

This matter is to be sent to Chief of Graves Registration Service.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
WASHINGTON, D. C.
1918
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OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Co E. 364th Infantry
91st Division

Cress, John J. pvt 2266718
Home Dinuba, California.

Pvt John J. Cress was severely wounded by shrapnell about 3:00 A.M. Oct. 3, 1918 near EGLISFONTAINE, He was carried back to the first aid station and from there taken to Hospital where he died on Oct. 7th 1918.

Informant: Richardson, Homer H. pvt I/c
2266776, Co E. 364th Inf.
Home: Lindsay, California.

Searcher, A. Sheap, capt. 364th Inf.

Emergency address:
Jacob D. Cress,
Route A, Box 43, Dinuba, Calif.

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REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name GRESS, John

Number: 2266718

Rank Pvt

Organization: Co E 364th Inf

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group _____ Unit _____

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

16th June 1919

Amer Mil Cty Grave 114

CHATEAU SALVANGE MEUSE

51 NE E 308.3 N 255.3

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

16th June 1919

Grave No 178 Sec 84 Plot 4

ARGONNE AMER CEMETERY NO 1232

ROMAGNE MEUSE

1232

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

Burial good; buried in blanket; body decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon body? Yes

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

12379

Note:

CONFIRMED No. D

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

Supervised by Lt Gorham

JMB

C.O. Group _____

Unit _____

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NOTE:

FOR OTHER PURPOSES OF IDENTIFICATION MORE THAN FROM THE SOURCE FROM THE ONE IDENTIFICATION FOR WHICH FROM SOURCE YES

OTHER SOURCE: LISTED IN REGISTER: FROM SOURCE. BEFORE IN TO SOURCE OF IDENTIFICATION OTHER AND COMPARISON OF FROM SOURCE IDENTIFICATION

FOR OTHER PURPOSES

BEFORE IN TO SOURCE OF IDENTIFICATION OTHER AND COMPARISON OF FROM SOURCE IDENTIFICATION

FROM SOURCE

BEFORE IN TO SOURCE OF IDENTIFICATION OTHER AND COMPARISON OF FROM SOURCE IDENTIFICATION

IDENTIFICATION (DATE)

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BEFORE IN TO SOURCE OF IDENTIFICATION OTHER AND COMPARISON OF FROM SOURCE IDENTIFICATION

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	CRESS, John J. Cre	3	3 8 5
BURIED	CEMETERY 1232	1	1
	GRAVE 38	2	38
	ROW 34	2	34
	BLOCK 34	1	8
STATE	Calif	2	04
RANK	Priv	1	2
DIVISION	91	2	91
ORGANIZATION	364	3	364
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARTIAL	No	1	2
NAME	Mrs Jacob D Cress Cre	5	3 8 5
RESIDENCE	STATE Calif	2	04
	COUNTY Tulare	2	54
	CITY Dinuba	3	017
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Bad	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	no age	1	2

AUDITED
 JAN 12 1982
[Signature]

FAB

29/514/PJ

67 *[Signature]*

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Cress, John J. (MA)

Sept. 7, 1932.

Mrs. Jacob D. Cress,
Route A, Box 43,
Dinuba, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

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

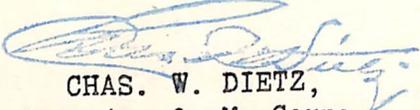
1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	NO ✓
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: 67 Health: poor
3. Do you speak English?	yes
4. What other language do you speak?	none

Mrs. Jacob D. Cress
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:
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Cress John J (MA)

July 9 1932

Mrs Jacob D Cress
Route A Box 43
Dinuba Calif

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) _____

QM 293 A-M
Cress, John J. Pvt. (M-A) M

January 14, 1932.

Mrs. Jacob D. Cress,
Route A, Box 43,
Dinuba, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private John J. Cress. In reply to a questionnaire you advised that you did not desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer of 1932.

It is noted you previously stated your health was poor and in this connection you are advised that personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided, and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past two years many mothers who were in poor health and of advanced age made the pilgrimage and appeared to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

In view of the foregoing, should you desire to make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son during the coming summer, it is requested that you notify this office. Should you make a pilgrimage you are assured that the journey will not only be made at the expense of the Government, but that everything possible for your comfort and welfare will be provided.

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-AM

June 12, 1931.

Cress, John J. Pvt. (M-A) M

Mrs. Jacob D. Cress,
Route A, Box 43,
Dinuba, California.

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.

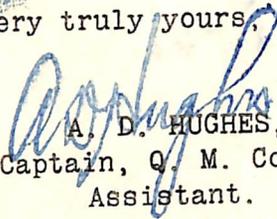
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or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

Mrs Jacob D. Cress
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Cress, John J. Pvt 1232 M

October 13, 1930

Mrs. Jacob D. Cress
Route A, Box 43
Dinuba, California

Dear Madam:

A reply has not been received to office letter of recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages in 1931, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	<i>no</i>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	<i>no</i>
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age <i>65</i> Condition of health <i>very poor</i>
4. Do you speak English?	<i>yes</i>
5. What other language do you speak?	<i>none</i>

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes
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

June 7, 1930.

Cross, John J. - 1232 H

Mrs. Jacob D. Cross,
Route A, Box 43,
Dinuba, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Sign here)

Denuba Calif.
Oct. 9, 1929

The Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: - your letter of June 29, 1929, received
in due time and contents noted. Will state
in reply that my son, the late Private
John J. Cress G. O., 364th Inf., is not survived
by a widow.



Yours respectfully,
Mrs. Jacob D. Cress

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Cress, John J 1232 -M

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Jacob D. Cress,
Route A, Box 43,
Dinuba, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes)	(No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age 65 (Years)	Health (Good) ^{very} (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English (Yes)	(No)
	Other language (Specify language spoken)	

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

John T. Harris
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~~
~~Cress, John J.~~

June 29 , 1929.

Mrs. Jacob D. Cress,
Route A, Box 43,
Dinuba, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, entitled an Act "To enable the mothers and widows of the deceased soldiers, sailors and marines of the American forces now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries".

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private John H. Cress, Co.E, 364th Inf. whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

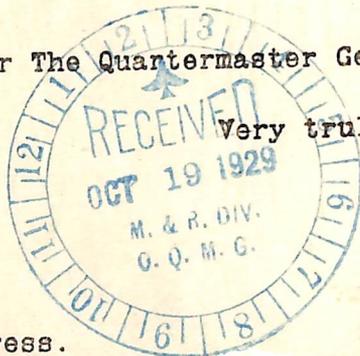
Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish her full name and address in order that action may be taken to extend an invitation to her to make the pilgrimage.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

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since re-married it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Cress, John J. (MA)

Sept. 7, 1932.

Mrs. Jacob D. Cress,
Route A, Box 43,
Dinuba, Calif.

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

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For The Quartermaster General,
Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Cress John J (MA)

July 9 1932

Mrs Jacob D Cress
Route A Box 43
Dinuba Calif

Dear Madam:

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

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QM 293 A-M
Cress, John J. Pvt. (M-A) M

January 14, 1932.

Mrs. Jacob D. Cress,
Route A, Box 43,
Dinuba, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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In view of the foregoing, should you desire to make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son during the coming summer, it is requested that you notify this office. Should you make a pilgrimage you are assured that the journey will not only be made at the expense of the Government, but that everything possible for your comfort and welfare will be provided.

1932 JAN - 15 - PM
OQMG M&R BX
For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

BB:LMS

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Cress, John J. Pvt. (M-A) M

June 12, 1931.

Mrs. Jacob D. Cress,
Route A, Box 43,
Dinuba, California.

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.

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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

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QM 293 A-M

Cress, John J. Pvt 1232 M

October 13, 1930

Mrs. Jacob D. Cress
Route A, Box 43
Dinuba, California

Dear Madam:

A reply has not been received to office letter of recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages in 1931, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age Condition of health
4. Do you speak English?	
5. What other language do you speak?	

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

June 7, 1930.

Cress, John J. - 1232 M

Mrs. Jacob D. Cress,
Route A, Box 43,
Dinuba, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Cross, John J 1232 -M

Mrs. Jacob D. Cross,
Route A, Box 43,
Dinuba, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.
Act
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cress, John J.
1232.

Sept. 4, 1929

Mrs. Jacob D. Cress,
Route A. Box 43,
Dimba, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO ~~QM 293 A-C~~
~~Cross, John J.~~

June 29, 1929.

Mrs. Jacob D. Cross,
Route A, Box 45,
Dinuba, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, entitled an Act "To enable the mothers and widows of the deceased soldiers, sailors and marines of the American forces now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries".

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private John H. Cross, Co.E, 364th Inf. whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since re-married it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

QM 293 C-R

September 26, 1923

Mrs. Jacob D. Gress,
Route A, Box 43,
Dinuba, Calif.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the permanent grave of Private John L. Gress, Company E, 364th Infantry, is Grave 38, Row 51, Block H, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

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

You are assured in effecting removal of the remains, the utmost care and reverence were exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed this sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

H.H. CHEAL

Assistant.

C. Q. M. G.
Central Mail & File Branch



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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #33469



I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name GRESS, John J. Ser. No. 2266718
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. E, 364th Infantry
 (c) Date of death 10/7/18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA

TYP. DMA
 CKR. B. J.

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

(a) Grave No. 178 Row - Plot 4 Sec. 84 TYP. DMA
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Jacob D. Gress (mother) Dinuba, Calif.
AK - 64-14-21/205

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

no card in file - BGR - 4-12-21

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt _____

(a) Name _____ (b) Relationship _____
 (c) Address _____
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? _____
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at _____
 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. _____
 (g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. _____

Examiner's Initials _____ Date _____, 1920.

V. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from J. D. Gress

R.R. Box 43, Dinuba, Calif. dated 5-12-19.

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

remain in France

Examiner's Initials BGR Date 4-12-, 1920.

VI. G. R. S. FILES, CORRESPONDENCE—shows as follows: Mrs. Jacob D. Gress.

R. A. Box 43, Dinuba, Tulare Co., Calif. 1-7-19.

no request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes

Examiner's Initials BGR Date 4-12-, 1920.

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COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232-sec. 84 SHEET No. 35

4-34-23-21

checked 4-14-21

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Oct. 3rd 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 CROSS, John J. 10. Name _____
- 2. No. 2266718 11. No. _____
- 3. Rank Pvt. 12. Rank _____
- 4. Org. Co. E 364th Inf. 13. Org. _____
- 5. D.D. Oct. 7th / 18 14. (a) D.D. _____
- 6. C.D. DOB (b) D.B. No discrepancy.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

- 7. Grave No. 178 Sec. 84 15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
- 8. Plot 4 Row _____ 16. Plot _____ Row _____
- 9. _____ 17. No discrepancy.
- 18. Cemetery Argonne Amer. 19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-
- 20. Dept. or County Meuse 21. Country France
- 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232 Sect. 84
- 23. Disinterred (Date) Oct. 3rd 1921 By G.S. WRIGHT

24. Inscription on grave marker:

- Name John J. Cross. Serial No. None.
- Rank Pvt. Organization Co. E. 364 Inf.

- 25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes On body? Yes
- Clarence J. Hughes. 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). Tag on marker reads, "John J Cross, 2266718" G.R.S. plaque on box illegible reads, "---- Cross." No effects.
- 27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.
- 28. Nature of burial Uniform blanket and wooden box.
- 29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None.
- 30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Oct. 3rd 21 By G.S. WRIGHT
- 31. Casket sealed by G.S. WRIGHT

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) G.S. WRIGHT

SHIPMENT (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C 8306 8306

32. Designation of body:
Name GRESS, John J. Serial No. 2266718
Rank Pvt. Organization Co. E, 366th Inf.

33. Consigned to:
Name of Permanent Cemetery Argonne Amer. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon #1232
Oct. 3rd 1921 G.S. WRIGHT

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) _____ By _____

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector Geo. C. Bland, 1st Lieut U.M.C.

36. Remarks None.

October 3rd 1921

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) _____
Morgue Romagne sous Montfaucon.

To point of Concentration W. J. ROYED
Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer Albert M. Jackson, Capt. C.A.C. ewc

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

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date _____
To Permanent Cemetery _____
Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer _____

40. Received: Date _____
G.R.S. Representative _____

41. Reinterred House-Argonne Cty 1232 October 5th 1921

42. Grave No. Row 34, Block H, Gr 38 Section _____

43. Plot _____ Row _____

G.R.S. Representative James W. You...



Concentration.

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

Place Romagne 1232.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Oct. 3, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF CRESS, John J. SERIAL NUMBER 2266718.

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. E, 364th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : Oct. 3, 1921 From (give complete location) :

Gr 178. lot 4, Sec 84.

By : Group 3 Unit Sec 2.

3. Reburied (date) : Oct 5th 1921 In (give complete location) :

Cty 1232, Row 34, Block H, Gr 38

By : Group Reburial Section Unit Unit Nature of reburial Unlined casket

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

wooden box and blanket. badly decomposed, features not recognizable.

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

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

Tag on marker reads "John J. Cr--- 2266718" Tag on body reads "John J. Cress, 2266718" G.R.S. plaque on box illegible reads "--- cress---" no effects.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items ? 1,3,5,12,14,16, S.F. 4,13,20,30, G.C.

(a) Height (actual measurement) impossible to determine. 9 G.F. 24 M.A.D.

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

Quantity do

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

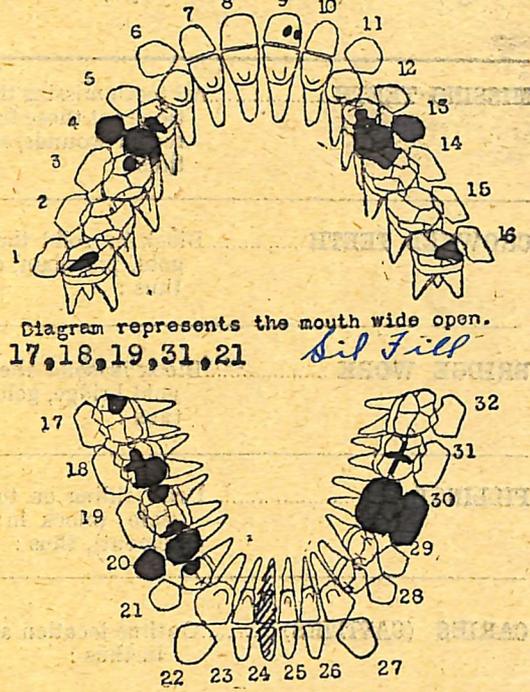
missing parts) do

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

right leg amputated just above knee.

7. Disinterment supervised by G.S. Wright Approved : F.B. Daniel, Capt. Q.M.C.

8. Reburial supervised by W B SHEILD Approved : JAMES W YOUNGER, CAPT., QMC



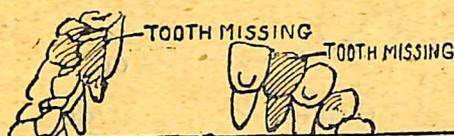
INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPER COMPLETION OF G. R. S. FORM NO. 16-A

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 TEETH.....All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus:



CROWNED TEETH.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:



BRIDGE WORK.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus:



FILLINGS.....Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:



CARIES (CAVITIES).....Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:



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

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

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



COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #33469

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name	GROSS, John J.	Ser. No.	2266718	} DMA TYP.----- B. J.
(b) Rank	Pvt.	Organization	Co.E, 364th Infantry	
(c) Date of death	10/7/18	(d) Cause of death	DWRIA	

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

(a) Grave No.	178	Row	-	Plot	4	Sec.	84	} DMA TYP.-----
(b) Emerg. Address	Mrs. Jacob D. Gross (mother) Dinuba, Calif.							

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

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

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V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
Section - 84 letter of transmittal on *4-21-*, 1921
Par-2 - not to be returned (JEH)

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

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

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

COUNTRY CEMETERY No. SHEET No.

33469

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Cross..... 2266718. John J.
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Pvt. Co. E. 164th Inf.
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH:.....

CAUSE OF DEATH:.....

DATE OF BURIAL:.... Oct. 9th 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL:.....

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

American Cemetery Chateau de Salvango,

Rarecourt, Meuse.

GRAVE NUMBER: II9

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

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:

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY: *Wm M. S. Allison*
1st. Lt. San. Corps, USA. Adjutant.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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Hq. G. R. S. File

1. G. R. S. Form No.
2. Soldier's No. 2266718
3. Cress John J
Surname (In Block Letters) First Name and Initials
4. E 364th. Inf.
Rank Company Regt. or Corps
5. 10/8/18
Date of Death Cause, if known
6. 10/9/18 A.E.F.
Date of Burial Cemetery
7. Chateau-de-Salvange Meuse
Town or Commune (In Block Letters) Department
8. 119
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter
9. Name Peg ys.. Cross?..... Headboard?..... Bottle?.....
Check Method of Marking
10. Buried with Body? 1.... Attached to Grave Marker? 1....
Identification Tags
11. If name unknown and tags missing, give marks and description
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12.
Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery
.....
13. William Wood ARC
Give name of Chaplin or Burial Officer
Joseph Baker, Sgt. 1cl.
Signed.....

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27 OCT 1918

Group 3 Unit A G. R. S.

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Form GRS .004.5 sent April 29, 1919.

Dinuba, Tulare Co. Calif. U.S.A.
Route A. Box 43.
Jan, 7, 1919

Chief, Graves Registration Service,
Headquarters Service of Supply
A. P. O. 717
American E. F. France.

Dear Sir: I wish you would send
me a photograph of John J. Cress'
grave. He died Oct. 7, 1918.

His number is 2266, 718
He is buried in the town of
Troides, Meuse, France. I also
want location of his grave, in
the cemetery.

Yours respectfully
Mrs Jacob W. Cress
Route A. Box 43
Dinuba, Tulare Co.
California,
U. S. A

Photo



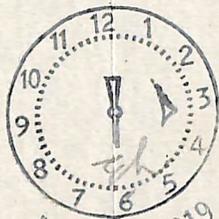
Dinuba, Calif.,
Route A, Box 43,
May 12, 1919.

The Adjutant General,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I filled in blank order requesting
John Jacob Cress' body be sent here. I
wish now to countermand order and leave
his body in France (No. 2,266,718 Co. E.
364th Inf. 91st Div.)

REC'D
ENLISTED DIVISION



MAY 20 1919

A. L. O. H.

Yours respectfully,
J. D. Cress,

R. A, Box 43.

Dinuba, Calif.

Received G. O. MAY 19 1919

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Cress, John Jacob

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May 22, 1919.

Mr. J. D. Cress,
Route A, Box 43,
Dinuba, Calif.

Dear Sir:-

In view of your wishes as set forth in your letter of May 12th, concerning the final disposition of the body of your son, John J. Cress, formerly Private, Company E, 364th Infantry, the card previously sent in by you is herewith returned, together with a new one. It is requested that you fill out the new card, showing your present wishes, and return it to this office in the inclosed addressed envelope, which requires no postage.

It is desired to express to you the deep sympathy of the Department on account of the great loss you have sustained, and to commend you for the contribution you have made to the cause for which your son gave his life.

Very respectfully,

The Adjutant General

Per

James N. Poole

MAY 23 1919
A. G. O.

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