

Chemical Warfare Service

Mrs. Ernest Critchfield Speck, mother, 167 East 1st St., Peru, Ind.

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G.R.S. Form #114-B CAUSE OF DEATH

Died of disease

FULL NAME..... CRITES, Ernest A. *OK.*

RANK..... Cook *OK.* SERIAL..... 411228 *OK.*

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION..... 1st Gas Regt. Co. F. *Chemical Warfare Service. OK. Now Dead.*

DATE OF DEATH..... 10-27-18 *OK.*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME..... *Ind*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED..... *none*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION..... 26 9 B

Date Grave Row Block

MAY 9 1927

WORLD WAR DIV.

1764

Cemetery

*956-3
5/25/27*

1868

27/86/-

*6/486-534
LIMITED*

died Lobar Prew. 10/27/18 Cor 16113 CC 304
12/10/18

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Crites *411228* *Ernest A.*
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)
Cook *Co. F. 1st Gas Reg.*
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL..... *Oct. 29, 1918.*.....

PLACE OF BURIAL..... *Vichy, France.*.....

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

..... *American Cemetery*

GRAVE NUMBER..... *80*.....

HOW MARKED : Name Peg?..... *Yes* Cross?..... *Yes*

Headboard?..... *X* Bottle?..... *X*

IDENTIFICATION TAGS :

Was one buried with body?..... *Yes*

Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker?..... *Yes*

If name unknown and tags missing, description and marks should be given here :

REPORTED BY :

J. H. Hershey Chaplain

2nd. Lt. Michael J. O'Brien, QMC.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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CODE SLIP

| HEADING | SUB-HEADING | NO. OF COLS | CODE |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|-------|
| NAME <i>Crites</i> | <i>Cri</i> | 3 | 3 8 9 |
| <i>Ernest a</i> | CEMETERY <i>1764</i> | 1 | 4 |
| BURIED | GRAVE <i>26</i> | 2 | 26 |
| | ROW <i>9</i> | 2 | 09 |
| | BLOCK <i>B</i> | 1 | 2 |
| STATE | <i>Ind.</i> | 2 | 15- |
| RANK | <i>Cook</i> | 1 | 2 |
| DIVISION | <i>Chem. Nav Ser</i> | 2 | 47 |
| ORGANIZATION | <i>1</i> | 3 | XXX |
| ARM | <i>Gas Regt.</i> | 1 | X |
| MARITAL <i>(Sister)</i> | <i>No</i> | 1 | 2 |
| NAME <i>Miss Nabel E. Crites</i> | | 3 | |
| <i>2149 E. 80th St.</i> | STATE | 2 | |
| <i>Apt. 2</i> | COUNTY | 2 | |
| RESIDENCE <i>Chicago, Ill.</i> | CITY | 3 | |
| RELATION <i>No Sm</i> | <i>Mother</i> | 1 | 1 |
| OTHER <i>No Low</i> | | 1 | |
| ELIGIBILITY <i>No</i> | <i>Dead - since war</i> | 1 | 6 |
| NATIVITY | | 1 | |
| RACE | | 1 | |
| ENGLISH | | 1 | |
| ATTENDANT | | 1 | |
| HEALTH | | 1 | |
| NO. OF SONS | | 1 | |
| DATE OF | MO. | 1 | |
| TRIP | YR. | 1 | |
| ACCEPTANCE 29/514 | | 1 | |

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

July 8, 1930.

Crites, Ernest A. 1764 S

Miss Mabel E. Crites,
2149 E. 80 St., Apt. #2,
Chicago, Ill.

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:
Envelope
Act
Amendment

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

QM 293 A-C
Crites, Ernest A. 1764

December 28, 1929.

Miss Mabel E. Crites,
2149 E. 80th St., Apt. #2,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 23, 1929, relative to the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

With regard to your making the pilgrimage, please be advised that the above Act provides that invitations for a pilgrimage shall be extended only to the mothers and widows, for whom such pilgrimage is authorized. There is no provision in the Act, however, which will permit of the transfer of the invitation. It is therefore regretted to have to advise that you are ineligible, within the meaning of the law, to make this pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Chicago Ill.
Dec 23-19

Maj Gen. B. Frank Cheatham,
Washington D.C.,

Dear Sir:

Would you kindly advise me, if I would be eligible to join the Gold Star Mothers and Wives on their pilgrimage to Europe.

I am a Gold Star Sister and I belong to the American Legion Auxiliary Post 692. and was advised by our unit President to write you for full particulars. My brother Ernest A.

Crites, of Co. F, 1st Gas, Reg. C. W. S. A.,
P.O. 706, having passed away
Oct 27, 1918, at Base Hospital 19
was buried at Vichy France
later removed to Bellwood
where he now rests. His
file no on your records is
C. 87652.

Mother having passed
away two years ago, I was
wondering if I would be
eligible, as I am the oldest
of two sisters, the only
remaining immediate relative.
Will you kindly advise
me at your earliest

convenience, Thanking
- You,

Yours Respt
Miss Hald & Crites
2149 E 80th St.
Chicago

2 Apt.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Crites, Ernest A.
1764

Aug. 22, 1929.

Mrs. Emma Crites,
167 East 1st St.,
Peru, Ind.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated **June 12, 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,

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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
Crites, Ernest A.

June 12 , 1929.

Mrs. Emma Crites,
167 East 1st Street,
Peru, Ind.

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 Ernest A. Crites, Cook, Co. F, 1st Gas Regiment, whose remains are now interred in the Aisne Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, Aisne, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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April 15, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div., Cor.Br.
(Crites, Ernest A.)

Mrs. Emma Crites Speck,
167 East 1st Street,
Peru, Indiana.

Dear Madam:

Receipt of shipping inquiry dated March 12, 1921, relative to the remains of the late Ernest A. Crites, Cook, Serial Number 411228, Company F, 1st Gas Regiment, is acknowledged.

In accordance with your desire, the remains will be left in France for burial in a permanent American Cemetery. You are assured that the grave site will always be maintained as a fitting memorial of the late soldier's sacrifice.

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

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BY:

F. C. PALMER, *ms*
Executive Assistant.

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

April 16, 1921.

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

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O.Q.M.G.,
Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT: Return of Record - Cemetery #536..
Transmittal Memorandum Number H -2442.

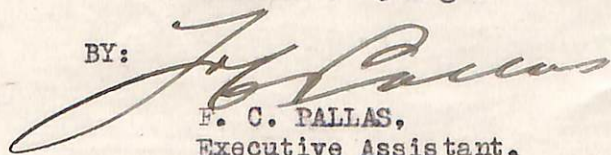
1. The records pertaining to the following case are returned herewith, it having been definitely determined that the body is to remain in Europe:

REFERENCE NO:

29 Crites, Ernest A., Cook, Serial Number 411228,
Company F, 1st GasRegiment.

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

BY:



F. C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

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April 16, 1921.

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

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O.Q.M.G.,
Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT: Return of Record - Cemetery #556.
Transmittal Memorandum Number H -2442.

1. The records pertaining to the following case are returned herewith, it having been definitely determined that the body is to remain in Europe:

REFERENCE NO:

29 Crites, Ernest A., Cook, Serial Number 411228,
Company F, 1st Gas Regiment.

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

BY:

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F. C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

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Handwritten signature
ВЛ:

Продиратель Управления
К. С. БИТОВ

Одобрено в Москве
Секретарь Государственного Совета
В. В. ШУВАЛОВ

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Составил В. П. Гусев
Список: В. П. Гусев, В. П. Гусев, В. П. Гусев

ИЗВЕЩЕНИЕ №:

Копия в Москве:
Государственный Совет
Секретарь Государственного Совета
В. В. ШУВАЛОВ

ВЕРИТСЯ:

Государственный Совет
Секретарь Государственного Совета

ИЗВЕЩЕНИЕ №:

Составил: В. П. Гусев
Список: В. П. Гусев, В. П. Гусев

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УБЫТ № 1087

DATE _____

1. NAME **CRITES, Ernest A.** SERIAL No. **411228**

RANK **Cook** ORGANIZATION **Co.F.1st Gas Regt.**

GRAVE LOCATION **Amer.Cty. Vichy-les-Bains (Allier)** # **536**
CTY. NAME NUMBER

mg _____ **80** _____
GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION _____
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES _____

CONCENTRATED TO **Remains are in original grave.**

| DATE | GRAVE | ROW | PLOT |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

_____ CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

None

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS **Has not been exhumed.**

| DATE | GRAVE | ROW | PLOT | CEMETERY |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

_____ DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR **Tom Ward**

Tom Ward, Captain, Q.M. Corps.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION **12/22/22** **26** **9** **Block B**
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Aisne-Marne American Cemetery #1764 Belleau, Aisne
CEMETERY

LIMITED EDITION

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.

None

DATE CONCERNING THIS IDENTIFICATION FOUND ON RECORDS WHEN CONSIDERED

GENERAL

CLASS NUMBER

CONCERNING TO IDENTIFICATION AND IN OTHER CASES

COORDINATES

CLASS

NUMBER

DATE

3. IDENTIFICATION NUMBER AND LOCATION

CLASS

NUMBER

DATE

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IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 10001-100-1000 (10001)

NUMBER: 1000

NAME: COOK

ORGANIZATION: U.S. ARMY AIR CORPS

SERIAL NO: 100000

DATE

G.R.S. FORM 114 B

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name CRITES, Ernest A. Ser. No. 411228 } TYP. vbb
 (b) Rank Cook Organization Co. F, 1st Gas Regt. } CKR. 10/28/20
 (c) Date of death 10-27-18 (d) Cause of death Lobar pneumonia

✓ for transit to
 Airline Bureau 1764
 11-16-21

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

(a) Grave No. 80 Row - Plot - Sec. - TYP. vbb
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Emma Crites (mother) 162 Fremont St., Peru, Ind.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases NO CARD CKR. 10/28

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Mrs. Crites Speck (b) Relationship mother
 (c) Address 167 E. 1st St. Peru, Indiana
 (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. see

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

Examiner's Initials L.B.H. Date 11-8-, 1920.

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

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

no correspondence

Examiner's Initials L.B.H. Date 11-8-, 1920.

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

Sister Mrs. Ruby Gryll
174 W. 7th St. Peru, Ind. requests photo
of grave

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes

Examiner's Initials mom Date 11-9-, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 536 SHEET No. 29

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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 11/30, 1920

Part # 2. Not to be returned. HCJ.

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*3-12-21 F# 120 Mrs Emma Crites, Speck
mother in R. 167 East 1st St. Peru Ind. requests
body remain in Europe # 3-24-21 CCB*

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Oct 12th 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 CRITES, Ernest A.

10. Name

2. No. 411228

11. No.

3. Rank Cook

12. Rank

4. Org. Co.F.1st Gas Regt.

13. Org.

5. D.D. Oct. 27th, 1918

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. Lobar Pneumonia

(b) D.B. none

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 80 Sec.

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. none

18. Cemetery Amer.Cty.

19. Commune or town Vichy-les-Bains

20. Dept. or County Allier

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 536

23. Disinterred (Date) Oct 12th 1921

By J.H.Madine

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Ernest A.Crites

Serial No. -----

Rank Cook

Organization Co.F. 1st Gas Regt.Gr.80

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

R.W.Saylor
Signature Junior Technical Assistant
R.W.Saylor

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).

none

27. Condition of body badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Wooden box and uniform.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? none

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Oct 12th 1921 By J.F.Madine

31. Casket sealed by J.F.Madine

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) J.F.Madine

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. **C-11615**

32. Designation of body:

Name **CRITES, Ernest A.** Serial No. **411228**

Rank **Cook** Organization **Co. F. 1st Gas Regt.**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **Aisne-Marne Amer. Cty. #1764, Belleau (Aisne)**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **Oct 12th 1921** By **J.F. Madine**

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 *S.H. Hunsicker*
S.H. Hunsicker, 1st Lt. QMC

36. Remarks **none**

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date)

To point of Concentration

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer _____ (Name)

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date **Oct 14th 1921**

To Permanent Cemetery **Aisne-Marne Amer. Cty. 1764. Belleau (Aisne)**

Convoyer **H.F. Tebeau** Signature Shipping Officer *F. Overheiser*
F. Overheiser, 1st Lt. QMC

40. Received: Date **October 17, 1921.**

G.R.S. Representative *G.F. Waugh*
G.F. WAUGH, Major, Infantry.

41. Reinterred **Dec. 22, 1922.** **Aisne-Marne Cem. 1764.**
(Date)

42. Grave No. **26** Section

43. Plot **BLOCK B** Row **9**

G.R.S. Representative *W.D. Cleary*
W.D. CLEARY, Lt. Chaplain USA.

Place Vi chy

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date October 12, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF Crites Ernest A SERIAL NUMBER 411228

RANK cook ORGANIZATION Co F 1st Gas Regt.

2. Disinterred (date): October 12, 1921. From (give complete location): Gr. 80 Cemetery 536

By: Group 4 Unit Sec 5

3. Reburied (date): Dec. 22, 1922. In (give complete location): Grave 26, Row 9, Block B, Cem. 1764, Belleau (Aisne)

By: Group re-burial group Unit _____ Nature of reburial lined casket

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

Badly decomposed. Features unrecognizable. Uniform and pine box

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

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

none

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) impossible to det. 12 13 bridge 17 MBD 18 GO
32-19 SF 31 GO

(b) Weight (estimated) impossible to estimate

(c) Hair—Color none visible

Quantity none

Characteristics none

(d) Hair on face—Color none visible

Location none

Quantity none

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) none

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

none

Checked by R. W. Saylor

7. Disinterment supervised by [Signature] Approved: [Signature]
adine, Supervising Emb (Title) 1st Lieut QMC

8. Reburial supervised by [Signature] Approved: [Signature]
L. D. HAYS (Title) W. D. CLEARY, Lt. Chaplain USA.

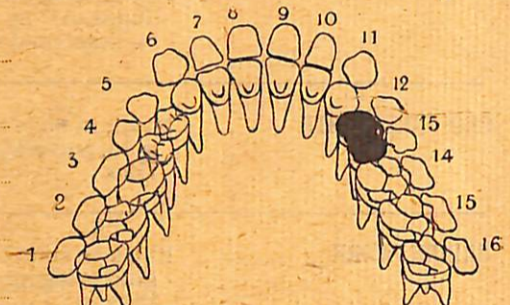
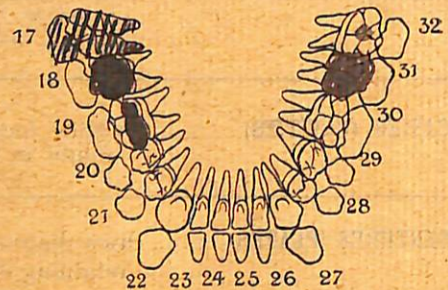


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



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.

[Handwritten signatures and scribbles]

*See 115
11-16-20*

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name **CRITES, Ernest A.** Ser. No. **411228** } TYP **vbb**
 (b) Rank **Cook** Organization **Co.F, 1st Gas Regt.** } *MB*
 (c) Date of death **10-27-18** Cause of death **Lobar pneumonia**

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

(a) Grave No. **80** Row **Plot Sect.** TYP **vbb**
 (b) Emerg. Address **Mrs. Emma Crites (mother) 162 Fremont St., Peru, Ind.**

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

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

*A. G. A. Card Mrs. Crites Speck, Mother,
 167 E. 1st St., Peru, Indiana requests
 body remain in Europe.
 (NEG-12/8/20)*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on **192**
(Letter of transmittal on **11/30/1920**)

Par. #2 not to be returned. NEG.

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S.Hoboken, N.J. **DEC 16 1920** 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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

JAN 14 1921

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.
TO: Mrs. Crites Speck, 167 E. 1st St., Peru, Ind.
SUBJECT: Remains of Cook Ernest A. Crites, Ser. No. 411228, Co. F, 1st Gas Reg't.

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body ..
.....remain in Europe.....

No change
GCX

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 (either place at Government expense); or (3) remain in Europe.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Lieut. Colonel, 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 |
|----------------------|------------------------------|------|-------|
| Ernest A. Crites | 147 E 1st | Peru | Ind |
| Was soldier married? | No | | |
| Soldier's widow | Not married | | |
| Soldier's children | (1) Not married | | |
| (Name oldest first) | (2) Not married | | |
| | (3) Not married | | |
| Father | Father dead | | |
| Mother | Mrs. Emma Crites Speck | | |
| Brothers | (1) | | |
| (Name oldest first) | (2) | | |
| | (3) | | |
| Sisters | (1) Mable Crites Chicago Ill | | |
| (Name oldest first) | (2) Ruby Grubb Peru Ind | | |
| | (3) | | |

Noted 5/15/21
H3-24-21 GCX

Date March 12, 1921 Signature Mrs. Emma Crites Speck
Address 167 E. 1st St. Peru Ind Relationship Mother

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

I, the undersigned, am the Mother.....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 Mrs. Emma Crites Spick

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 NEXT OF KIN IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.

4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest 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, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.

6. If YOU are not the nearest 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.

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears in the records of the office of the Secretary of the State of New York.

Witness my hand and seal of office at Albany, New York, this _____ day of _____, 1921.

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1. The undersigned is hereby notified that the following is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears in the records of the office of the Secretary of the State of New York.

2. This copy is being furnished to you for your information and for the use of your office.

3. This copy is being furnished to you for your information and for the use of your office.

4. This copy is being furnished to you for your information and for the use of your office.

5. If you are not the nearest relative, please call the nearest relative at living near you, to fill out this paper.

6. If you are not the nearest living relative and to the best of your knowledge the nearest relative, please fill out this paper at the office of the Secretary of the State of New York.

7. You are requested to return this paper to the office of the Secretary of the State of New York in the case of this copy.

8. For the record, copy of this paper.

Crites Ernest A Ernest A 411,228

(Surname.) (Christian name in full.) (Army serial number.)

Cook Co F 1st Cas Regt

(Rank and organization)

State your relationship to the deceased *Mother*

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

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery? } (Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.) (Express office.) (Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.) (City or town.) (State.)

(Sign here) *Mrs Crites & Speck*

167 E 1st Peru Indiana
(Number and street or rural route.) (City, town, or post office.) (State.)

Drawn by L. C. G.

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Checked
RHS

11-9-20

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Crites (Surname.) 411228 (Number.) Ernest A. (First Name and Initials.)
Cook (Rank.) Co. F. 1st. Gas Reg. (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL Oct. 29, 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL Wichy, France.

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

American Cemetery.

GRAVE NUMBER 80.

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Yes Cross? Yes

Headboard? X Bottle? X

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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OSP SS
J. H. Hershey
Chaplain

REPORTED BY:

2nd. Lt. Michael J. O'Brien, QMC.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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



~~My Card~~
Peru Ind.

Feb 2, 1919.

Chief, Graves Reg. Service.

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Dear Sir:

I am writing
you in regards to your letter
stating that we may have a
photograph of my brother, Cook
Ernest C. Crites. Co F, 1st Gas Regt.
grave in the American Cem. Vichy, Allier,
France.
It would be a wonderful
comfort to us if we could have
it. Your letter did not state
if we could have more than
one. If we can we would each

Handwritten notes:
Vichy
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like one. There are just three of
us left. If not we will be
more than thankful for one.

Wishing to receive some reply
at your earliest convenience I am
Sincerely

Mrs. Ruby Grubb.

174 W 7th St. Peru Ind.

P.S. If possible would like to have
photograph taken near enough
so we may read his name.

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