

Crocka,  
(Surname.)

Jacob  
(Christian name in full.)

1,679,393  
(Army serial number.)

Pvt  
(Rank and organization.)

Co. M. 308th Inf

DUPLICATE

State your relationship to the deceased *Father + 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 rema'ns.) (Express office.) (Telegraph office.)

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

(Sign here)

*Cornelius Crocka  
Williamson*

*NY*  
(State.)

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

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Mr. Cornelius Crooka,  
Williamson, N.Y.

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Drawn by A.R.C.

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G.R.S. Form #114-B

To The A. G. O.

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MAY 14 1926

FULL NAME ..... CROCKA, Jacob .....

RANK ..... Pvt. .... SERIAL ..... 1679393 .....

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION ..... Co. M, 308th. Inf. ....

DATE OF DEATH..... <sup>DIV-77</sup> Oct 6, 1918 .....

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME <sup>h. y.</sup> .....

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED <sup>none</sup> .....

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION..... 16.....17.....D.....  
Date Grave Row Block

Meuse-Argonne, #1232

Cemetery

Robert O. Davis,  
Major General,  
The Adjutant General.  
By *RVD*

MAY 18 1926

23/306/ARK

A. G. O.  
MAY 15 1926  
WORLD WAR DEPT.

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REVENUE SERVICE  
DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

TO: DIRECTOR, REVENUE SERVICE  
FROM: [Illegible]

DATE: [Illegible]

SUBJECT: [Illegible]

[Illegible text follows]

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Q. Q. M. G.

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**GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.**

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Crocha* 1679393 *Jacob*  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

*Priv.* *Co. M. 307 Inf.*  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL *Oct. 6. 1918.*

PLACE OF BURIAL *La Grange Aux Bois*

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

*American Military Cemetery*

*La Grange Aux Bois Morne*

GRAVE NUMBER *22. Plot #2.*

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:

REPORTED BY:

*Thomas E. Hoakley, Chaplain*  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Co. "M" 308th. Infantry.  
77th. Division.

293.8

CROCKA, Jacob., Pvt. 1679393

HOME: WILLIAMSON, N.Y.,

Private CROCKA was severely wounded on October 5th, 1918 in the Argonne Forest. At the time the company was making attempts to relieve the Battalion cut off. Received 1st. aid treatment 3rd. Bn. 308th. Infantry Medical Dept. and later evacuated to hospital. No word has been received as to his death and nothing has been heard since. Wounded in stomach by shrapnel.

INFORMANT: MC NUTTY, Peter F., Pvt. 1st. Cl. 1710295  
HOME: Co? "M" 308th. Infantry  
LINCOLNDATE, N.Y.,

Next of Kin:  
Cornelius Crocka  
WILLIAMSON, N.Y.,

/MJM/

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7/26/17

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

July 8, 1930.

Crooks, Jacob 1232 F

*Crooka*

Mr. Cornelius *Crooks,*  
55 Lake Ave., *Crooka*  
Williamson, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

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.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Crocka, Jacob

June 29, 1929.

Mr. Cornelius Crocka,  
55 Lake Ave.,  
Williamson, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Pvt. Jacob Crocka, Co. M., 308th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON July 26, 1922.

*File  
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FILE: 293.8 C-R - #69793 -(CROCKA, Jacob. Private.)  
SUBJECT: Permanent Grave Location of Private Jacob Crocka,  
Co. M. 308th Infantry.  
TO: Mr. Cornelius Crocka, 55 Lake Ave., Williamson, N.Y.

1. The permanent grave of this soldier is No. 16 Row 17  
Block D, The American Cemetery of the Meuse-Argonne, Romagne-Sous-  
Montfaucon. Department of the Meuse. France.

2. 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 and date of soldier's death. 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.

3. 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 main-  
tained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting  
place of our heroes.

For the Quartermaster General:

MAILED

JUL 27 1922

GEORGE H. PENROSE,  
Assistant.

G.R.S.

DATE Oct. 24, 1921

1. NAME Crocka, Jacob SERIAL No. 1679393  
 RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. M 308th Inf.  
 GRAVE LOCATION American Cty. St. Meneshould, Marne 589 - Sec. E  
CTY. NAME NUMBER  
74 2  
GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Not known  
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES Nothing of record

CONCENTRATED TO Not known  
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.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS Nothing of record  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR Wm M. Cline **Wm M. CLINE**  
**Captain Q.M.C.**

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Oct. 24, 1921 16 17 D  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT **Block**  
Meuse - Argonne Amer. Cty. #1252, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.  
CEMETERY

AUDITED BY  
 C B/K 8/20/22

# 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.



*[Faint, mirrored text from the reverse side of the page is visible through the paper, including words like 'COORDINATES', 'REGISTRATION', and 'HEADQUARTERS'.]*

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WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION

WASHINGTON  
Hoboken, N.J.

589-33 mrt

FEB 19 1921

FROM: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O. Q. M. G.  
To: Mr. Cornelius Crocka, <sup>55 Lake Ave</sup> Williamsons, N. Y.  
SUBJECT: Pvt. Jacob Crocka, Serial No. 1,679,393-  
Remains of Co. M., 308th Inf.

ECB

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

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

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

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

Was soldier married? No

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow	<u>none</u>		
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1 <u>none</u>		
	2 <u>none</u>		
	3 <u>none</u>		
Father	<u>Cornelius Crocka</u>	<u>55 Lake Ave</u>	<u>Williamsons N.Y.</u>
Mother	<u>Josephine Crocka</u>	<u>55 Lake Ave.</u>	<u>" " "</u>
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1 <u>Peter Crocka</u>		<u>North, Row N.Y.</u>
	2 <u>Edward Crocka</u>		<u>Williamsons N.Y.</u>
	3 <u>Leon Crocka</u>	<u>55 Lake Ave</u>	<u>Williamsons N.Y.</u>
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		

*Handwritten notes in red ink:*  
23 Feb 1921  
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Date Feb. 23, 1921

Signature Cornelius Crocka

Address Williamsons, N.Y.

Relationship Father

Feb. 23, 1921

I, the undersigned, am the Father and nearest living next of kin of the within-named  
(Relationship.)

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 Cornelia Crocker

FEB 20 1921

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING OUT.**

1. If definite instructions for the disposition of a body are not received from the next of kin within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.
2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.
3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT OF KIN IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.
4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest next of kin in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.
6. If YOU are not the nearest next of kin, please ask the nearest next of kin, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
7. If YOU are not the nearest living next of kin and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.
8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

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

NAVY DEPARTMENT

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1918

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

March 16, 1921.

FILE NO. 293.8 Cem. Div. Cor. Branch.  
(CROCKA, Jacob)

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

SUBJECT: Return of Records - Cemetery #589.  
Transmittal Memorandum Number H - 2002.

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

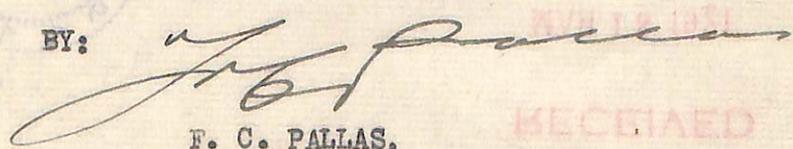
REFERENCE NO:

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Crocka, Jacob Private, Serial Number 1679393,  
Company M, 308th Infantry.

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

BY:



F. C. PALLAS,  
Executive Assistant.

1 Incl.

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March 12th, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div., Corr. Branch.  
(CROCKA, Jacob)

Mr. Cornelius Crocka,  
55 Lake Ave.,  
Williamson,  
New York.

Dear Sir:

Receipt of shipping inquiry dated February 23rd,  
1921, relative to the remains of your son Private Jacob Crocka,  
Serial Number 1679393, Company M, 308th Infantry, 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, Q.M. Corps.  
Officer in Charge.

BY:

F. C. PALLAS,  
Executive Assistant.

MAILED  
MAR 17 1921  
COR. BR. G. R. S.



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March 13th, 1921

File No. 225.8 Com. Div. Gov. Branch.  
(GROCKA, Jacob)

Mr. Cornelius Grocka,  
55 Lake Ave.,  
Williamson,  
New York.

Dear Sir:

Receipt of shipping inquiry dated February 23rd, 1921, relative to the remains of your son Private Jacob Grocka, Serial Number 187282, Company M, 308th Infantry, 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. SHAWSON,  
Captain, U.S. Corps,  
Officer in Charge.

F. G. PALMS,  
Executive Assistant.

BY:

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MAR 17 1921

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MAR 17 1921

COR. BR. G. R. S.

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Crocha 1679393 Jacob  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Priv. Co M 307 Inf  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL October 6, 1908

PLACE OF BURIAL La Grange Aux Bois

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

American Military Cemetery

La Grange Aux Bois, France

GRAVE NUMBER 22 Plot # 2

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?  Cross?

Headboard?  Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

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

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

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14 OCT 1908

REPORTED BY:

Thomas E. Hoakly (Chaplain)  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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1. G. R. S. Form No. 1. Hq. G. R. S. File

2. Soldier's No. 1679393

3. Crocka Jacob  
Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials

4. Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. Died of wounds  
Date of Death Cause, if known

6. Oct. 5, 18. American  
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. La Grange aux Bois Marne  
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. 74 2  
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

9. Name Peg? Yes Cross? Headboard? Bottle?  
Check Method of Marking

10. Buried with Body? Yes Attached to Grave Marker? Yes  
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. Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed. J. H. J. J. J.

Group 3 Unit 300 G. R. S.

NOV 1918

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HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	<i>Crocka</i>	3	<i>3 2-3</i>
<i>Jacob</i>	CEMETERY <i>1230</i>	1	<i>1</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>16</i>	2	<i>16</i>
	ROW <i>17</i>	2	<i>17</i>
	BLOCK <i>D</i>	1	<i>4</i>
STATE	<i>NY</i>	2	<i>37</i>
RANK	<i>Pvt.</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>77</i>	2	<i>77</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>308</i>	3	<i>308</i>
ARM	<i>Inf.</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL	<i>M8</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME	<i>Crocka</i>	3	
<i>Mr. Cornelius</i>	STATE <i>NY</i>	2	
<i>55 Lake Ave</i>	COUNTY <i>Hamilton</i>	2	
RESIDENCE	CITY <i>Williamson, NY</i>	3	
RELATION	<i>Wife</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER <i>(no loco a sm)</i>		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Dead (1923)</i>	1	<i>6</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

*Audited*

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*M. J. 29/514/PJ*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

July 9, 1930.

*Crocks*  
~~Crocks~~, Jacob 1232 F

*Crocks*  
Mr. Cornelius ~~Crocks~~,  
55 Lake Ave.,  
Williamson, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

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.

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If so, give her name and address:

*No*

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If so, give her name and address:

*No*

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:

*No*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Crocka, Jacob

June 29, 1929.

Mr. Cornelius Crocka,  
55 Lake Ave.,  
Williamson, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

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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.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*John T. Harris*

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

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2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.



Jacob Crocka's mother in 1923.  
She was unmaned.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

IN REPLY REFER TO DM 222 A-D  
Crocka, Jacob

Mr. Cornelius Crocka,  
55 Lake Ave.,  
Williamson, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1920, 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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Very truly yours,  
The Quartermaster General.



Over the page  
Act of Congress  
Enclature

Place **St. MENEHOULD.**

**REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL**

Date **Sept. 14, 1921.**

1. REMAINS OF **CROCKA, Jacob.** SERIAL NUMBER **1679393**

RANK **Pvt.** ORGANIZATION **Co.M, 308th Inf.**

2. Disinterred (date) : **Sept. 14, 1921.** From (give complete location) : **Grave 74, Sec.E, Pl.2, Cem.589.**

By : Group **TWO** Unit **PS3.**

3. Reburied (date) : **Oct 24th 1921** In (give complete location) : **MeuseArgonne Cemetery # 1232 Gr 16 block D row 17**

By : Group **re-burial S** Unit **S** Nature of reburial **unlined casket**

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment : **Blanket and uniform, badly decomposed features unrecognisable.**

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

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

**No effects found.**

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items ? **18, 20, 21, 28, 29, 32, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12 cavity.**

(a) Height (actual measurement) **Imp. to det.** **9, 14 decayed tooth.**

(b) Weight (estimated) **Imp. to est.**

(c) Hair—Color **Apparently light brown**

Quantity **Imp. to det.**

Characteristics **straight.**

(d) Hair on face—Color **none visible**

Location **none visible**

Quantity **none**

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

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

**none visible**

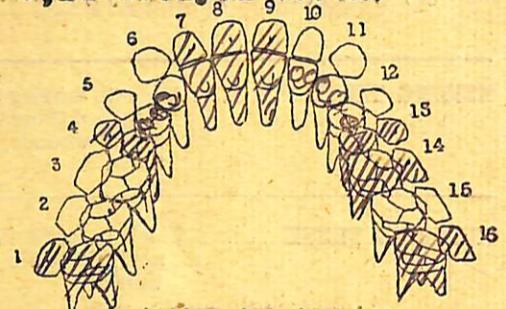
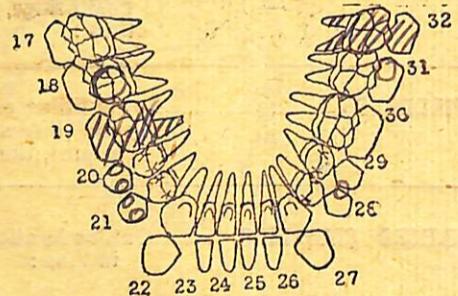


Diagram represents the mouth wide open. **MBD 32, 1, 16, 13, 14.**



**7, 8, 9 MAD.**

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7. Disinterment supervised by **H. L. Hurlbut.**

Approved : **Wm. H. Roach,**  
(Title) **1st Lt. OMC.**

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

Approved : **James W. Younger, Capt OMC.**

**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:



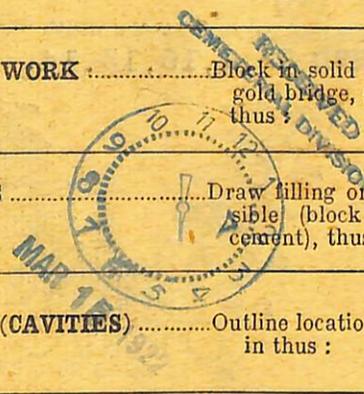
**CARIES (CAVITIES)**.....Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:



**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.



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept 14-21

## 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 Crocka, Jacob 10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. No. 1679393 11. No. IA  
 3. Rank Pvt. 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Org. Co. M. 308th Inf. 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_  
 5. D.D. Oct. 6 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
 6. C.D. WRIA (b) D.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 74 Sec. E 15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. Plot 2 Row \_\_\_\_\_ 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_ 17. None.  
 18. Cemetery American Cty. 19. Commune or town St. Menesould  
 20. Dept. or County Marne 21. Country France  
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 589  
 23. Disinterred (Date) Sept 14-21 By H.L. Hurlbut  
 24. Inscription on grave marker:  
 Name Jacob Crocka Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rank Pvt. Organization Co. M. 308th Inf.  
 25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes On body? Yes  
 Signature H.L. Hurlbut  
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant

## PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 27. Condition of body Badly decomposed features unrecognizable  
 28. Nature of burial blanket 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 Sept 14-21 By H.L. Hurlbut  
 31. Casket sealed by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) H.L. Hurlbut

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.)

Box No. C-8547

32. Designation of body:

Name Crooka, Jacob

Serial No. 1679393

Rank Pvt.

Organization Co. M 308th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Office in Charge Operations, Meuse Argonne Amer. Cem. # 1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date)

By

Sept 14-21

H.L. Harbut

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

W.H. Koch, 1st Lt. QMC  
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36. Remarks



37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date)

Sept 14-21

To point of Concentration

Convoyer

Romagne sous Montfaucon (Name)  
Signature Shipping Officer

J.P. Maloney  
J.P. Maloney Capt. QMC

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery

Convoyer

(Name)  
Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

Sept 15, 1921

G.R.S. Representative

August George List

41. Reinterred Meuse Argonne Cemetery # 1232 Oct 24th 1921

42. Grave No. 16

(Date)

Section

43. ~~Plot~~ block D

Row

17

G.R.S. Representative

James W. Younger, Capt QMC.

jt.

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# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 69798

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name CROCKA, Jacob Ser. No. 16 79393  
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. M, 308th Inf.  
(c) Date of death 10-6-18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA

TYP. DB  
CKR.

EXHUMED FOR CONCENTRATION  
11-10-21

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

(a) Grave No. 74 Row - Plot 2 Sec. E TYP. DB  
55 Luke ave  
(b) Emerg. Address Mr. Cornelius Crocka, (Father) Williamson, N.Y.  
4-7-22 JTB

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

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt ---

(a) Name Cornelius Crocka (b) Relationship Father & mother  
(c) Address Williamson, N.Y.  
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? no  
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at ---  
(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. ---  
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. ---

Examiner's Initials ABC Date 1-21, 1920.

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

no correspondence, dated ---  
confirming request in Par. IV., item ---, above, or requesting that ---

Examiner's Initials ABC Date 1-21, 1920.

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

no Request for Disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? AB-yes

Examiner's Initials AB Date 1/22/21, 1920.

Reviewed 4/6/21 (JEN)

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 589 SHEET No. 33

G. R. S. Form No. 115  
Amended April 6, 1920

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Concentrated into P. A. C. 1232

Make Form No. 114

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

MB274-21

CARDED

checked 1/22/21 #

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

MAR 18 1921

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

Cemeterial Division  
Overseas Project Sub-Section

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on JAN 28 1921, 1920

Par. 2 Not to be returned. (L.S.)

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

2/23/21 F.120 - Father Mr. Cornelius Crocka, 55 Lake Ave.,  
X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: Williamson, NY. requests body remain in Europe. H-3/1/21-cep

MAR 18 1921 *em* FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN - BODY TO REMAIN IN EUROPE.

INVESTIGATION  
DIVISION  
MAR 18 1921

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 69798

*See 115-11-10-21*

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(a) Name **CROCKA, Jacob** Ser. No. **16 79393** TYP. **DB**  
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III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases. **--** CKR

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

*All aboard - Cornelius Crocka (father) Williamson, N.Y. requests body be not returned to U.S.*

*- ap 1/12/21*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by - (cable on **192**)  
 (letter of transmittal **JAN 28 1921**) **192**

**Par. 2 Not to be returned. (L.S.)**

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. **FEB 15 1921** 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken

VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. **MAR 18 1921** 192

COUNTRY CEMETERY NO. SHEET NO.

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

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Concentrated into P. A. C. 1232

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