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G.R.S. Form #114-B

JUN 1 - 1920

DATE 12/13/21

1. NAME CROOK, Oron B.

SERIAL No. 2176265

RANK Pvt.

ORGANIZATION Co. H 140th Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne Amer., Romagne/s/Montfaucon, Meuse #1232, Sec. 36

161 GRAVE SEC. 36 ROW 4 PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Isolated Charpentry (Meuse)

GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES ~~4/28/19~~ ~~161~~ Verdun 35SE, 276.65N, 304.4E

CONCENTRATED TO 4/28/19 161 36 4

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Meuse-Argonne CEMETERY 1232. CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on cross and body.

DATE OF DEATH

Sep. 30, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

Kansas

Data Form #1.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

M. B. Biddsey

M. B. BIDDSEYE
1st Lt., Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 12/13/21 12 19 E

DATE GRAVE ROW Block PLOT

Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. #1232 Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse)

Rec'd World War Div.

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CEMETERY Robert G. Davis, Major General, The Adjutant General, By JUN 10 1920

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

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

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

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

4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form 16, 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.



GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

R
Crook, 2176365 Oren B.
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Co. H, 140th Infty.
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH:

CAUSE OF DEATH:

DATE OF BURIAL: September 30, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL:

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

North of Cheppy on road to Chappen-try.

GRAVE NUMBER:

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:

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

Richard Hatch Chap. 37 Inf

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

Co H 140th Inf.
35th Division

CROOK, Orion B. - Pvt 2276265

No witness can be found .

Died of wounds Septemb. 30th 1918, received in action .Argonne
drive .

Searcher : J. Oliver Buswell
1st Lt 140th Inf.
Chaplain

A/A/

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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	CROOK	3	3 8 5
BURIED	CEMETERY	1	1
	GRAVE	2	12
	ROW	2	19
	BLOCK	1	5
STATE	Kans.	2	18
BANK	Put	1	2
DIVISION	35	2	35
ORGANIZATION	140	3	140
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARTIAL	no	1	5
NAME	CROOK	3	3 8 5
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	18
	COUNTY	2	15
	CITY	3	014
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER	Father	1	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	1	2
29/514/PJ	Age		60

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JAN 18 1932

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QM 293 A-M
Crook, Oron B. (MA)

August 16, 1932.

Mrs. Susie H. Crook,
333 E. 12th Street,
Concordia, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to office letter of July 9, 1932, stating that you are unable to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Oron B. Crook.

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 three years many women who were in poor health made the pilgrimage and appeared to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

Should your health improve and you later desire to make the journey next year, it is requested that you notify this office and arrangements will be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Crook Oron B (MA)

JULY 9 1932

Mrs Susie H Crook
333 E 12th St
Concordia Kans

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

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

no not able
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Mrs Susie H Crook



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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Crook, Oren B. (M-A) M

Nov. 17, 1931

Mrs. Susie H. Crook,
333 E. 12th St.,
Concordia, Kans.

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Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter forwarded you under recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, wherein you advise that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

Competent personnel will be provided to care for the mothers and widows from the time of their arrival in New York until their return thereto. Medical attendants and all other necessities will be arranged for and in the event you decide to make a pilgrimage, you are assured everything possible will be done for your care and welfare. During the summers of 1930 and 1931 many mothers of advanced age and in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited therefrom.

Your name is being placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make a pilgrimage in 1933. However, should you change your mind in view of the above, and desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, it is requested you advise this office in order that arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

November 2, 1931

Crook, Oron B. M-A M

Mrs. Susie H. Crook,
333 E. 12th St.,
Concordia, Kansas

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. In your reply to the recent inquiry as to whether or not you desired to make a pilgrimage in 1932, you advised you were undecided.

In view of the fact that steamship reservations must be made several months in advance, it is essential that this office know how many mothers and widows must be arranged for. It is possible that you may have made your decision by this time. It is therefore requested that 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. In the event you state you desire to make the journey in 1932 and circumstances prevent your making the pilgrimage, it is requested you notify this office as promptly as possible.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	no ✓
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: 60 Health: poor
3. Do you speak English?	yes
4. What other language do you speak?	no other

Mrs. Susie H. Crook

Sign here

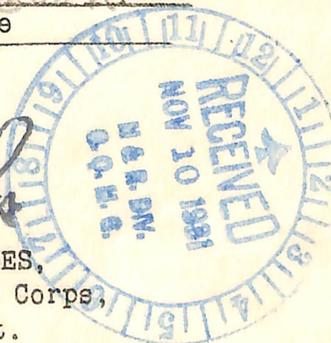
For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes

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

Encl:
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM
Crook, Oron B. Pvt. (M-A) M

June 12, 1931.

Mrs. Susie H. Crook,
333 E. 12th St.,
Concordia, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

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

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

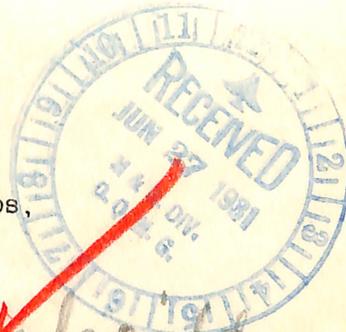
As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


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



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

Write answer here

Mrs Susie H Crook
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Crook, Oron B. 1232 M

January 20, 1931

Mrs. Susie H. Crook,
333 E. 12th Street,
Concordia, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested that you advise whether or not the late Private Oron B. Crook is survived by a widow, and if so, her name and address.

For your convenience in replying, there is enclosed, herewith, a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

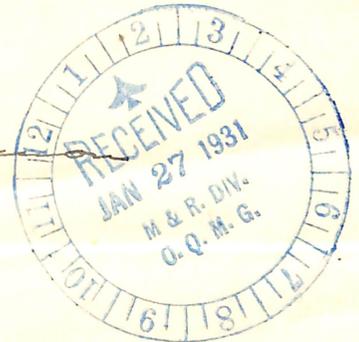
For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. E. Shannon

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

Enclosure
Envelope



*Oron B. Crook was never
Married*

Mrs Susie H Crook

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Crook, Oron B. 1232-M

May 26, 1930.

Mrs. Susie H. Crook,
333 E. 12th St.,
Concordia, Kansas

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.

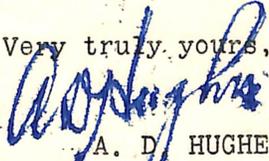
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank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

(Write answer here)

Mrs. Susie H. Crook
(Sign here)

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Crook, Oron B. 1232 M.

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Susie H. Crook,
333 E. 12th St.,
Concordia, Kans.

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1931*

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.

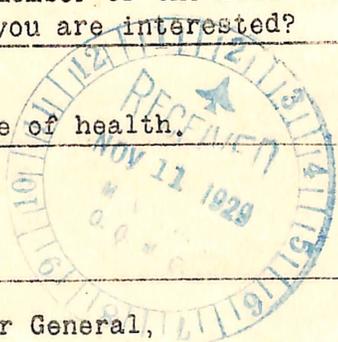
1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes) <i>yes</i> (No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) (No) <i>no</i>
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes) (No) <i>no</i>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age Health (Years) <i>58</i> (Good) <i>good</i> (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <i>yes</i> (No) Other language (Specify language spoken) <i>English</i>

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

Crook, Oron B.
1232.

Sept. 4, 1929

Mr. William Crook,
R. F. D. #3,
Glasgow, Kans.

Dear Sir:

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:

mother
ms. Susie H. Crook

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.

333 E. 12. street
Concordia
Kansas

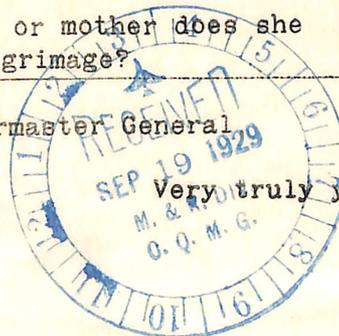
3. If survived by a widow or mother does she desire to make the pilgrimage?

yes

For The Quartermaster General

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope



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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
(Crook, Oron B.)

June 29 1929.

Mr. William Crook,
RFD #3, Glasgow, Kansas.

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. Oron B. Crook, Co. H, 140th 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,

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Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

QM 293 A-M
Crook, Oron B. (MA)

August 16, 1932.

Mrs. Susie H. Crook,
333 E. 12th Street,
Concordia, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to office letter of July 9, 1932, stating that you are unable to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Oron B. Crook.

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 three years many women who were in poor health made the pilgrimage and appeared to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

Should your health improve and you later desire to make the journey next year, it is requested that you notify this office and arrangements will be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Crook Oron B (MA)

JULY 9 1932

Mrs Susie H Crook
333 E 12th St
Concordia Kans

Dear Madam:

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

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

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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.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Crook, Oron B. (M-A) M

Nov. 17, 1931

Mrs. Susie H. Crook,
333 E. 12th St.,
Concordia, Kans.

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Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter forwarded you under recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, wherein you advise that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

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Your name is being placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make a pilgrimage in 1933. However, should you change your mind in view of the above, and desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, it is requested you advise this office in order that arrangements may be made for you.

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-M
Crook, Oran B. M-A M

November 2, 1931 kw

Mrs. Susie H. Crook,
333 E. 12th St.,
Concordia, Kansas

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. In your reply to the recent inquiry as to whether or not you desired to make a pilgrimage in 1932, you advised you were undecided.

In view of the fact that steamship reservations must be made several months in advance, it is essential that this office know how many mothers and widows must be arranged for. It is possible that you may have made your decision by this time. It is therefore requested that 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. In the event you state you desire to make the journey in 1932 and circumstances prevent your making the pilgrimage, it is requested you notify this office as promptly as possible.

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

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM
Crook, Oron B. Pvt. (M-A) M

June 12, 1931.

Mrs. Susie H. Crook,
333 E. 12th St.,
Concordia, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

QM 293 A-M
Crook, Oron B. 1232 M

January 20, 1931

Mrs. Susie H. Crook,
333 E. 12th Street,
Concordia, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested that you advise whether or not the late Private Oron B. Crook is survived by a widow, and if so, her name and address.

For your convenience in replying, there is enclosed, herewith, a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,
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

Crook, Ora B. 1232-M

May 26, 1930.

Mrs. Susie K. Crook,
333 E. 12th St.,
Concordia, Kansas

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
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Crook, Oron B. 1252 M.

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Susie H. Crook,
333 E. 12th St.,
Concordia, Kans.

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,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Crook, Oron B.
1232.

Sept. 4, 1929

Mr. William Crook,
R. F. D. #3,
Glasgow, Kans.

Dear Sir:

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
(Crook, Oron B.)

June 29 1929.

Mr. William Crook,
RFD #3, Glasgow, Kansas.

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. Oron B. Crook, Co. H, 140th 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.

Crook,

Oron B.

2,176,265

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt.

Co. H, 140th Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Father & mother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

yes

(Yes or no.)

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

no

(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:

William Crook - Wells Fargo - Western Union

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

12th & Olive

Concordia, Kansas

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

William H. Crook

12th & Olive

Concordia, Kansas

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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In reply refer to:
293 C-R

July 15, 1923.

Mr. William Crook,
12th & Olive St.,
Concordia, Kans.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that
the permanent grave of ~~Private Owen B. Crook, Company H, 149th Infantry,~~
Block E, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Reims-
sous-Montfaucou (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. The headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.

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

Very truly yours,

H. J. Conner,
Assistant.



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H. B.

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37904

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: CROOK, Oran B.

Number: 2176265

Rank: Pvt.

Organization: Co H 140 Inf.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group _____ Unit _____

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

4/28/19

Grave #5 ISOLATED. CHARPENTRY, MEUSE

Map 35 S.E. E 304.4 N 276.65

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

4/28/19

Grave #161 Section #36 Plot #4

ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY, #1232

ROMAGNE, MEUSE

1232

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

Burial good. Body buried in uniform. Body partly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes

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

CONFIRMED No. D 10338

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct as is required by G.O. 170, G.H. 2, 1918., after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Lt. Kominz

R. H. ROSENTHAL

2nd Lieut. O.M.G.U.S.A

C.O. Group _____ Unit _____

Subscribed by: _____

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears in the files of the _____



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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #37904

(a) Name CROOK, Oron B. Ser. No. 2176265
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. H, 140th Infantry
 (c) Date of death 9/30/18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. DMA
 CKR. 30

*3/14/22 returned
 1/22
 Lost Concentration
 Mune-Argonne
 at 3/30/22
 1232*

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

(a) Grave No. 161 Row - Plot 4 Sec. 36 TYP. DMA
 (b) Emerg. Address William Crook (father) RFD #3, Glasgow, Kans.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases/

CKR. 30

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt _____

(a) Name William H. Crook (b) Relationship parents
 (c) Address 12th + Allie, Concordia - Kans.
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? Yes
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at No

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. William Crook -
 12th + Allie - Concordia - Kans
 Wells - Fargo Exp + Western Union Tele Office
 (g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. Concordia Kans.

Examiner's Initials PF Date 4-28-, 1920.

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

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

Examiner's Initials PF Date 4-28-, 1920.

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes PF

Examiner's Initials PF Date 4-28-, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232-Sec.36 SHEET No. 45

CARDED

AP 5/13/21

*checked
may 8/5/21
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5-11, 1920.

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

Typed by _____ Checked by *sm*, _____



VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 1920
letter on *5/11/21*, 1920

Gemetrial Division

Overseas Project Sub-Section

Section # 36

Par # 1 - To be returned - HD

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

Form 129 To hold body fwd Wash. 6/2/21 B.R.
6/9/21 - Europe advised by proposed cable 316 - To Remain
6/23/21 - LPA
 Letter from Europe ^{7/18/21} states return cancelled
 as per cable ^{att} *11/4/21*

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

A.G.O. Card & Corr.

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

G. R. S. Corr.

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

OK - no report sent 5/3-21/28

Checkers

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

S-1783/MB

*checked
4/28/21
AH*

8-11-21

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, AND SHIPMENT OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records Office Chief G. R. S.

Discrepancy found upon examination of body.

1. Name CROOK, Oren B.
2. No. 2178265
3. Rank Pvt.
4. Org Co. H, 140th Inf.
5. D. D 9-30-18
6. C. D K/A

10. Name
11. No.
12. Rank
13. Org
14. (a) D. D
15. (b) D. B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment.

7. Grave No. 161 Sec. 36
8. Plot 4 Row "
9. "

15. Grave No. Sec.
16. Plot Row
17.

18. Cemetery Argonne American,

19. Commune or town ROMAGNE-sous-MOUTFAUCON,

20. Department or county Meuse,

21. Country France.

22. G. R. S. Headquarters Code No. 1232-Geo. 36

23. Disinterred (Date) By

24. Inscription on grave marker { Name Serial No.
Rank Organization

25. Was identification disk found on grave marker? On body?

Signature of Junior Technical Assistant.

(The following space is reserved for notations to be made by office Chief Graves Registration Service.)

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Sec. 36-Cable Ref. No. 45.

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PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disk or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).....

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27. Condition of body.....

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28. Nature of burial.....

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G. R. S. records quoted above?.....

Cemeterial Division
Protect Substitution

30. Body prepared and placed in casket..... (Date.) By.....

31. Casket sealed by.....

Signature of Embalmer (Supervisor).....

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

32. Designation of body { Name Oren B. Crook Serial No. 2176266
Rank Pvt. Organization Co. H, 140th Inf.

33. CONSIGNEE—Name William Crook,
Address 12th & OLIVE -Concordia, Kans. (Wells Fargo Exp. & Tele.)

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.....

36. Remarks.....

37. Shipped from cemetery..... (Date.) To..... (Point of concentration.)

Convoyer..... Signature Shipping Officer.....

38. Received at point of concentration..... (Date.)

Signature Receiving Officer.....

39. Shipped from point of concentration..... (Date.)

To..... (Port.) Convoyer.....

Signature Shipping Officer.....

40. Received European port..... (Date.)

Signature of G. R. S. Representative.....

41. Shipped to..... (U. S. port.) On..... (Boat.)

Date..... Convoyer..... (Signature of Shipping Officer.)

42. Received..... (Date.) By G. R. S. Representative..... (Signature.)

43. Shipped to destination..... (Date.) { B/L or Express Order No.
Convoyer..... { Shipping Officer

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Dec. 13, 1921.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

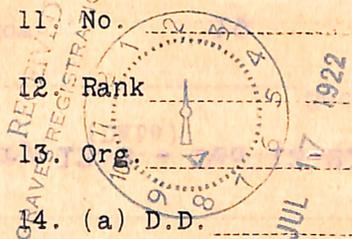
COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name CROOK, Oron B.
 2. No. 2176265
 3. Rank Pvt.
 4. Org. Co.H, 140th Inf.
 5. D.D. 9/30/18
 6. C.D. KIA

10. Name _____
 11. No. _____
 12. Rank _____
 13. Org. _____
 14. (a) D.D. _____
 (b) D.B. None.



Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 161 Sec. 36
 8. Plot 4 Row _____
 9. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
 16. Plot _____ Row _____
 17. None.

18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer.
 20. Dept. or County Meuse
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. Cty.#1232, Sec.36

19. Commune or town Romagne/s/Montfaucon
 21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) Dec. 13, 1921.

By Ed. Lavelle.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Oron B. Crook
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. 2176265
 Organization Co. H, 140th Inf.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes On body? No

J. White
 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).

GRS plaque found on body checks with records.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed; features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial US uniform and pine 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 Dec. 13, 1921. By Ed. Lavelle.

31. Casket sealed by Ed. Lavelle.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

Ed. Lavelle
 Ed. Lavelle

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-18979

32. Designation of body:

Name Oron B. CROOK Serial No. 2176265

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. H, 140th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer.#1232,Romagne/s/Montfaucon,Meuse

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Dec. 13, 1921. By Ed. Lavelle.

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 A. E. Dewey, 1st Lieut., OMC.

36. Remarks None.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Dec. 13, 1921. d

To point of Concentration Morgue, Romagne.

(Name)

Convoyer W. J. Royed. Signature Shipping Officer J. Gerald Cole

J. GERALD COLE
Captain, C. A. C.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date _____

By G.R.S. Representative _____

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date _____

To Permanent Cemetery _____

(Name)

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer _____

40. Received: Date _____

G.R.S. Representative _____

41. Reinterred, Meuse-Argonne Cemetery 1232 - Dec 13-21
(Date)

42. Grave No. 12 Section _____

43. ~~Block~~ Block B Row 19

G.R.S. Representative

James W. Younger
Captain, G.M.C. gcs

AUDITED BY

Place Romagne 1232

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Dec 13 1921

1. REMAINS OF GROOK, Oron B SERIAL NUMBER 2176265

RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Co. H 140th Inf

2. Disinterred (date): Dec 13 1921 From (give complete location): Gr 161 Sec 36 Plot 4 Cem 1232

By: Group _____ Unit Sec No 1

3. Reburied (date): Dec 13-21 In (give complete location): Grav 12, Row 19, Block E, Cem 1232

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

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: US Uniform, burlap and pine box

Body badly decomposed, features unrecognizable

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? No On grave marker? Yes

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks: GRS plaque found on body checks with records

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Imp to det

(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) None visible

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

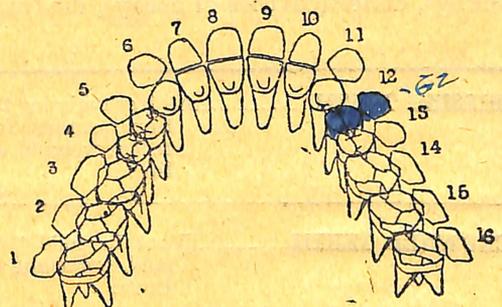
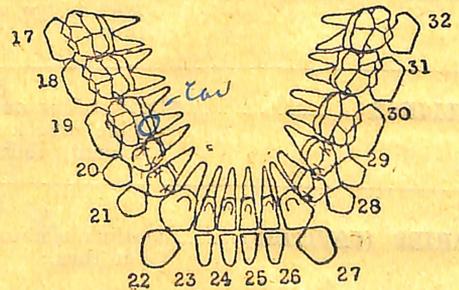


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



7. Disinterment supervised by Ed Lavelle Approved: A E Dewey

Ed Lavelle (Title) A E Dewey 1st Lt. QMC

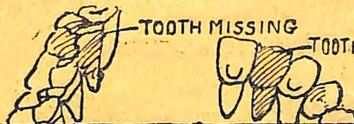
8. Reburial supervised by A. U. Dufault Approved: James W. Younger

(Title) Captain, Q.M.C. sec

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.

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

CEMETERIAL DIVISION

WASHINGTON

MAY 23 1921

This is not a notice that body has arrived in U.S.

Do Wash

6/7/21 RWS/8

R
S. M. Johnson

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

To: Mr. William H. Crook, 12th & Olive, Concordia, Kansas

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Cron B. Crook, Ser.No. 2176265 Co.H, 140th Inf.

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above-named soldier be returned to the United States and shipped to you at 12th & Olive Concordia, Kansas

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.
6/7/21 - Europe advised by proposed cable 316 - "To Remain"

GEORGE H. PENROSE,
Colonel, Q. M. C.

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

CEMETERIAL DIVISION

NAME OF--	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow			
Soldier's children. { 1			
(Name oldest first.) { 2			
{ 3			
Father <u>William H. Crook</u>	<u>12 3 15</u>		
Mother			
Brothers. { 1			
(Name oldest first.) { 2			
{ 3			
Sisters. { 1			
(Name oldest first.) { 2			
{ 3			

Date

Signature William H. Crook

Address

Relationship father

Address _____, 192

Date _____ Signature _____
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.)

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MAIL UNIT
JUN 13 1921

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to NO
(Name.)

Cemeterial Division
Overseas Project Sub-section

(R. R. station.) _____ (State.) _____

3. To be returned to the U. S. and buried in NO National Cemetery.

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

Signature William H. Crook

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

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

June 1, 1921.

From: Graves Registration Officer, Hoboken, New Jersey.
To: Quartermaster General, Cemeterial Division, Washington, D. C.
Subject: Supplementary Advice concerning:

Name Crook, Oron R. Ser. No. 2176265
Rank Pvt. Organization Co. H, 140th Inf.
Cemetery No. 1252 Sec. 36 Cable Reference No. (Sheet No.) 45

Request shown below dated May 31, 1921 is latest in this case:

Name of Relative	Return	Remain	Special
	to	in	
		France	

Widow _____
Children _____
Guardian _____
Father Mr. William H. Crook, 12th & Olive, Concordia, Kansas.
Mother _____
Brother _____
Sister _____
Others _____

Body to be shipped to, or for interment in: permanent American Cemetery.

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Cable Letter 6/7/21 1921 forwarding advice to Europe dispatched _____ 1921.

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Sender
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Cemeterial Division
Overseas Project Sub-Section



body to be attached to...

Officer

Special

Inspector

Master

Ensign

Quartermaster

Midshipman

Widow

Name of Relative

Rank

Service

Branch

Address of relative (if different from above) in full in this case:

Cemeterial no. _____ Serial Reference no. (Sheet no.) _____

Rank _____ Organization _____

Name _____ Ser. no. _____

Subject: _____
to: _____
from: _____

NOVEMBER 11
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
QUARTERMASTER CORPS
NAVY DEPARTMENT

NOVEMBER 11 1921
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
QUARTERMASTER CORPS
NAVY DEPARTMENT

June 4, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div.Cor.BR.

Re: Crook, Oron B., Private,
Serial Number 2176265,
Co. H, 140th Infantry.

Mr. William H. Crook,
12th & Olive,
Concordia, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Your telegram dated May 29, 1921, requesting that the remains of the deceased soldier named above be left in France has been forwarded to the Cemeterial Division, Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C., for necessary action.

It is requested that any further communications concerning the disposition of the remains be addressed to that office for reply.

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

In authority of the Quartermaster General:

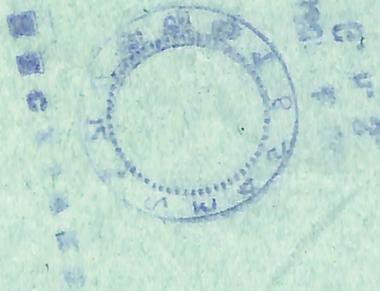
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JUN 7 1921
COR. BR. G. R. S.

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

BY:

B.R. R. C. WALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

ms/na



June 4, 1921

File No. 292.8 Gen. Div. C. B. S.

Re: Brock, Owen B., 1st Lieut.
Serial Number 217282,
Co. H, 140th Infantry.

Mr. William H. Brock,
12th & Olive,
Donordis, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Your telegram dated May 26, 1921, requesting that the
remains of the deceased soldier named above be left in France
has been forwarded to the Central Postal Directory, Office of the
Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C., for necessary action.

If it is requested that any further communication con-
cerning the disposition of the remains be addressed to this
office for reply.

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

Very respectfully,
The Quartermaster General.

R. H. SHANNON,
Captain, U. S. Corps,
Officer in Charge.

BY:

R. D. ALIAS,
Executive Assistant.

MR. G. H. S.



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COR. BR. C. B. S.

G.R.S. FORM 129
Transmittal Supplementary Advice
Hoboken to Washington

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

June 1, 1921

From: Graves Registration Officer, Hoboken, New Jersey.
To: Quartermaster General, Cemeterial Division, Washington, D. C.
Subject: Supplementary Advice concerning:

Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. O. M. G.
File # 293.8
37904

Name Crook, Oron B. Ser. No. 2176265
Rank Pvt. Organization Co. H, 140th Inf.
Cemetery No. 1232 Sec. 36 Cable Reference No. (Sheet No.) 45

Request shown below dated May 31, 1921 is latest in this case:

Name of Relative	<u>Return</u>	<u>Remain</u>	<u>Special</u>
	to	in	
		France	

Widow _____
Children _____
Guardian _____
Father Mr. William H. Crook, 12th & Olive, Concordia, Kansas.
Mother _____
Brother _____
Sister _____
Others _____

Body ~~to be shipped to, or~~ for interment in: permanent American Cemetery.

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Cable Letter June 7, 1921 forwarding advice to Europe dispatched _____ 1921.

S-744 EB

Crook, Oron B.

CLASS OF SERVICE	SYMBOL
Telegram	
Day Letter	Blue
Night Message	Nite
Night Letter	N L

If none of these three symbols appears after the check (number of words) this is a telegram. Otherwise its character is indicated by the symbol appearing after the check.

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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CONCORDIA KANS 95A 29

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

PIER 2 HOBOKEN NJ

YOURS MAY 23RD FORM NO 120 WE WISH BODY OF PRIVATE ORON B CROOK
TO REMAIN IN FRANCE

WM H CROOK.

GEMETTERIAL DIVISION
CORRESPONDENCE BR.



1921 MAY 29

AM 11

17 JW

HOBOKEN, N. J.
MAY 31 1921

1232-36-45

Quid 5/31/21

11-10 am

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6/7/21 - Europe advised by proposed cable 316 - To Remain - 6/25/21 - LPA

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Central Division
Concrete Project Bureau

JUN 9 1921
G. h. S.



RECORDED

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
CEMETERIAL DIVISION

WASHINGTON

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MAY 23 1921

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

To: Mr. William H. Crook, 12th & Olive, Concordia, Kansas

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Orion B. Crook, Ser. No. 2176265 Co. H, 140th Inf.

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above-named soldier be returned to the United States and shipped to you at 12th & Olive

Concordia, Kansas

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.

GEORGE H. PENROSE,
Colonel, Q. M. C.

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

Was soldier married? -----

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

Date -----

Signature -----

Address -----

Relationship -----

Address _____ Relationship _____, 192

Date _____ Signature _____

I, the undersigned, am the _____ 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 _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

1. If definite instructions for the disposition of a body are not received from the next of kin within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.
2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.
3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT OF KIN IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.
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6-6-21 1920.

Prepare the communication to Chief, G. R. S.,
in Europe, indicated below:

1. Corrective letter

- (1) Name
- (2) Rank
- (3) Serial No.
- (4) Organization.

2. Supplementary letter

- (1) Body to be returned
- (2) " to remain
- (3) " to Foreign country
- (4) Communicate and comply with wishes of relatives.
- (5)
- (6)

3. Cable

- (a) Body to remain
- (b) Body to be returned
- (c) Special

H. B. Cairns.

Ref. Par. Letter

 1920.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

See Form 115
Att 3/30/22

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #37904

(a) Name CROOK, Oron B. Ser. No. 2176265
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. H, 140th Infantry
 (c) Date of death 9/30/18 (d) Cause of death K/A

} TYP. DMA
} *go*

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

(a) Grave No. 161 Row - Plot 4 Sec. 36 TYP. DMA
 (b) Emerg. Address William Crook (father) RFD #3, Glasgow, Kans.

III. ~~Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases~~ CKR. *go*

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

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
 letter of transmittal on 5/11/21, 192
Section # 36
par # 1 - To be returned - AP

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., MAY 17 1921, 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

Date of and source.	Relationship and name.	Desires.	Action taken.
<i>June 1, 1921</i>	<i>Father (5/31/21)</i>	<i>Remain</i>	<i>4/21 Europe advised</i>
<i>Form 129</i>	<i>Wm. W. Crook</i>	<i>in France</i>	<i>by proposed cable</i>
			<i>316 - To remain 6/7/21</i>

*Letter from Europe 7/18/21 states return cancelled
 as per cable 11/4/21*

VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J. 6-9-21, 192

COUNTRY _____ CEMETERY No. _____ SHEET No. _____

AP 5-13-21

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Crook, 2176365 Oren B.
(Surname) (Number) (First Name and Initials)

Co. H, 140th Infty.
(Rank) (Organization)

PLACE OF DEATH:

CAUSE OF DEATH:

DATE OF BURIAL September 30, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL:

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

North of Cheppy on road to Chappentry.

GRAVE NUMBER:

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 should be given here:

25 OCT 1918

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY: Richard Hatal Chap 137 Inf.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

A.S. Form #1.

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Soldiers No. 277 21 26

Name CROOK ORAN B

Rank PVT Company H Reg 141 INF.

Date of death Cause if known

Place of burial AMERICAN Cemetery

CHARPENTRY MEUSE
Town or Commune Department

Grave No. 2 ISOLATED Plot No. SHELL HOLE

How pegged Cross Headboard Bell

Buried with body YES Marker YES

Sketch No. 15 from Plot 106

Description MAP 35 S.E. 276 N 304.4 E

26M. OFF VARENNES CHARPENTRY RD - 2 KILO. S.E. OFF CHARPENTRY

2 1/2 KILO. E. OFF CHARPENTRY - VARENNES RD

Name of Chaplain or Burial Officer
Signed GEORGE DIEKHOF

P.P. 1077 Group 4 Unit 1063. R.S.

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O. C. D. M.

G. R. S.

37904

FILE

4/28/01
(Date)

FORM 115 has been compiled on the following case:-

CEMETERY NO. 1232 SECTION 36

FORM 115 Sheet No. 45-

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(Initials)