

To The A. S. O.

G.R.S. Form #114 B

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DATE

1. NAME CROSBY, William G. SERIAL No. 1585330

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION MG. Co. 167th Inf.

& DIVISION 42

GRAVE LOCATION St. Mihiel American Cty. THIAUCOURT (M-et-M) 1233

CTY. NAME NUMBER

117 Sec. 18 3

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Isolated Grave 13 - St. Baussant M et M 2/19/24

*1 auth 1st Ind from Europe*

GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT. 8aB

COORDINATES App. 52 SW 235.6 N 357.5 E 233.3 N 358.77 E

CONCENTRATED TO 6/12/19 117 Sec. 18 3

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

St. Mihiel 1233

CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on cross.

DATE OF DEATH Sept 12, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Miss

Data F-1

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR I. H. JOFFEE, 1st Lieut., OMC.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION July 13, 1922 10 29 Block D

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

St. Mihiel American No. 1233, Thiaucourt

CEMETERY

APB 6/3  
AUDITED BY  
DEC 21 1925  
RECORDED  
DEC 18 1925  
WORLD WAR  
31774

## 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.

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

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Crosby 1,585,330 William  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt. M.G.Co. 467 Inf.  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL

9/13/18

PLACE OF BURIAL

S.E. St. Bausant

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

GRAVE NUMBER

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? Yes

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

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:

Charles G. ...  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Co. MG

167th Infantry  
42nd Division

Crosby, William G. -Pvt. 1585330  
Home: Clarksville Miss.

Pvt Hunt states: That on Sept 12 1918 at 6:00 A. M. while advancing  
Pvt Crosby was hit with a Machine Gun Bullet, killing him instantly.  
This was near Seicheprey, France. ( St Mihiel Salient) was buried  
at place where he was killed.

Informant: Hunt, Foy - Pvt 1 cl. 98994  
Co. MG 167th Infantry.

Home: Guin A1a.

Date:

Signed:

Emergency Address:  
Not known P. M.  
Clarksville Miss.

ROD

Place Thiaucourt, Cem. 1233,

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date May 5th, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF CROSBY, William C. SERIAL NUMBER 1575330

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION M. G. Co. 167th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): May 5th, 1921 From (give complete location): Gr. 117, Sec. 18, Plot 2, Cem. 1233,

By: Group 1 Unit Sec. 8

3. Reburied (date): May 5th, 1921 In (give complete location): Gr. 117, Sec. 18, Plot 2, Cem. 1233,

By: Group 1 Unit Sec. 8 Nature of reburial Box. Burlap.

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

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:   
Plaque of "William C. Crosby" found buried with body of "Bunie E. McCormick, Pvt. Co. H. 167th Inf." in grave 120, Sec. 18, Plot 2, Cem. 1233.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items?   
(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) "

(c) Hair—Color None visible.

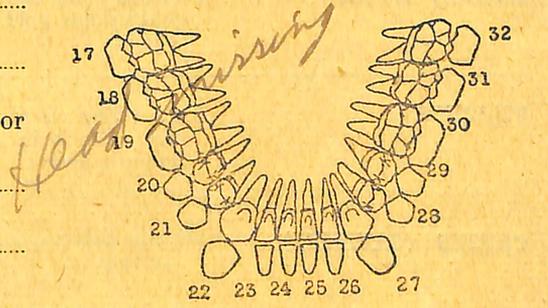
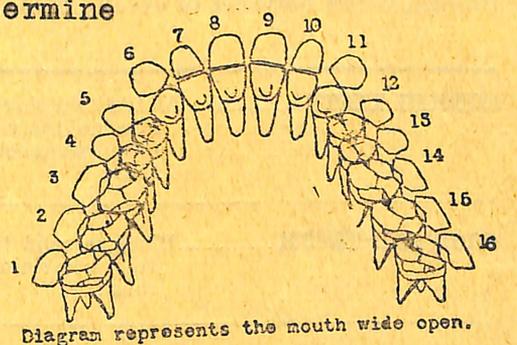
Quantity .....  
Characteristics .....

(d) Hair on face—Color None

Location .....  
Quantity .....

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

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) Head missing and many bones fractured.



E. J. Rasch, checker.

7. Disinterment supervised by L. H. Johnson

Approved: Hubert W. Beyette  
(Title) .....

8. Reburial supervised by L. H. Johnson, Sup. Emb.

Approved: Hubert W. Beyette, Capt. QMC.  
(Title) .....

**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.

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

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



CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME Crosby, Hm. G.	Cro	3	3 8 5
BURIED	CEMETERY 1233	1	3
Ent. 7-16-17	GRAVE 10	2	10
Born 10-18-91	ROW 29	2	29
	BLOCK 10	1	4
STATE	Miss	2	28
BANK	Port.	1	2
DIVISION	H2	2	42
ORGANIZATION	167	3	167
AEM	Inf	1	1
MARTIAL	No	1	2
NAME Crosby, Mrs. Mae	Cro	3	3 8 5
RESIDENCE	STATE Miss	2	28
(mother dead.)	COUNTY Bolivar	2	06
RELATION	CITY Cleveland	3	XXX
OTHER	Step mother	1	3
ELIGIBILITY	Father	1	1
NATIVITY	Yes	1	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. eye	1	2
29/514/PJ			45

**AUDITED**

MAR 1 1932

*Handwritten initials*

*Handwritten initials*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Crosby, Wm. G. (StM) s

Sept. 8, 1932

Mrs. Mae Crosby  
Cleveland, Miss.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	<i>Can't go.</i>
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: <i>45-</i> Health: <i>not good</i>
3. Do you speak English?	<i>yes</i>
4. What other language do you speak?	<i>none.</i>

*Mae Crosby*  
Sign here

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*Chas. W. Dietz*  
CHAS. W. DIETZ,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Encl:  
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Crosby, William G. (StM) s

July 18, 1932.

Mrs. Mae Crosby,  
Cleveland,  
Miss.

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.

2 Encls.

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-AM

Crosby, William G. Pvt. (StM)SM\*

July 18, 1931.

Mrs. Mae Crosby,  
Cleveland, Miss

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.

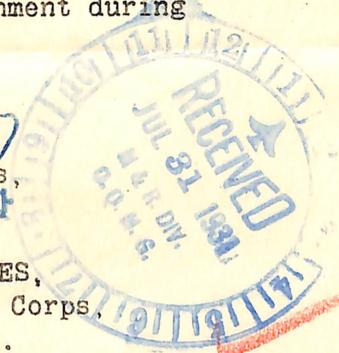
This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*A. D. Hughes*

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



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

*Can't accept*  
Write answer here

*Mrs Mae Crosby*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Sign here

QM 293 A-M

Crosby, Wm. C., Pvt. 1233 SM

March 13, 1931.

Mrs. Mae Crosby,  
Cleveland,  
Mississippi.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication declining invitation to sail on the President Roosevelt, June 24, 1931, because of ill health.

It is regretted that your physical condition will not permit you to make the journey at this time, Should your health improve, however, it is believed you should feel no hesitancy in making the journey, inasmuch as competent personnel will be provided to care for the women making the pilgrimage from the time they arrive in New York City until they return thereto. Medical attendants and all other necessities have been arranged for, and you are assured that the pilgrimage will not only be made at the expense of the United States, but everything necessary for the welfare and comfort of the pilgrims will be provided. It has also been arranged with the railroad companies to give special care and attention to the pilgrims while enroute from their homes to New York and return. A number of mothers and widows in ill health made the pilgrimage in 1930 and appear to have benefited therefrom.

Your name has been placed on the list of mothers and widows eligible to make the pilgrimage in 1932, and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages for that year are being arranged. However, in the event you are able and desire to make the journey in July or August, 1931, it is requested that you advise this office not later than May 1st, so 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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*per decline card*

President Roosevelt

6-24-31

1233

Crosby, William G. Pvt.

*Answer 9-13-31*  
I *Can't accept* the invitation extended  
(Accept or decline)

me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of  
the Government of the United States under the pro-  
visions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Mae Crosby

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(Name)

Cleveland, Bolivar County, Mississippi

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(Town or City)

(State)

*As mine & Mr Crosby Health is not good.  
would like the trip all right.*



RECEIVED  
MAR 9 1931  
N. R. DIV.  
O. G. M. G.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

December 2, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Crosby, William G. Pvt. 1233 SM

Mrs. Mae Crosby,  
Cleveland, Mississippi.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested that you advise as to whether or not the late Private William G. Crosby is survived by a natural mother. If so, it will be appreciated if you will furnish her name and present address.

The enclosed Government envelope, which requires no postage, is for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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



Enclosure:  
Envelope

12 / 16 / 1930

P. S. The late Private William G. Crosby is not survived by natural mother his mother died in 1910 on Aug 10<sup>th</sup> he had only a step mother  
Mrs Mae Crosby.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Crosby, William G. 1233-SM

June 19, 1930

Mrs. Mae Crosby,  
Cleveland, Mississippi.

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)

QM 293 A-C  
Crosby, William G. 1233 SM

April 17, 1930

Mrs. Mae Crosby,  
Cleveland, Mississippi.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date declining the invitation to sail on the SS "Harding" July 9, 1930 to visit the grave of your stepson, the late Private William G. Crosby, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

In this connection, you are advised that your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the journey in 1931 and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages are being arranged for that year.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Harding

7/9/30

1233

*Crosby, William J*

I *Consent except* the invitation extended  
(Accept or decline)

me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of the Government of the United States under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

*1931*

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Mrs. Mae Crosby

(Name)

-----  
Cleveland, Bolivar Co., Miss.

(Town or City)

(State)



Thank you very much  
for the invitation but cant  
go as my husband Health  
isnt so very good and cant  
leave him that long sure would  
like the Trip

Mrs Mae Crosby.

# NOTICE

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In order that steamship and hotel reservations and all other necessary arrangements for this pilgrimage may be made, it is requested that you accept or decline the inclosed invitation without delay. Please complete the inclosed card by writing the word "accept" or "decline" in the blank space, sign your name and address, and mail it promptly to the Quartermaster General in the inclosed addressed envelope, which requires no postage.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Crosby, William G.  
1233

November 4, 1929.

Mrs. Mae Crosby,  
Cleveland, Mississippi.

*letter 10-7  
and 11-14-29*

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, enabling the mothers and widows of the members of the military and naval forces of the United States now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries.

The records of this office indicate that you were the step-mother of the late Private William G. Crosby, and in order to determine your eligibility under the Act to make the pilgrimage to his grave it will be appreciated if you will furnish the following information:

- (1) Date of your marriage to the father of Private Crosby. *(May 3rd 1914)*
- (2) Were you married to Mr. Crosby at the time his son entered the military service? *(Yes)*
- (3) Were you married to Mr. Crosby at the time of his son's death? *(Why sure)*

For the Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

*declined wid.  
Harding July 9-30  
husted for 1931*

2 Incls.  
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*3/12/32  
pm  
OK pps*

#1233

8-29-29

QM 293 A-C  
Crosby, William G.

September 20, 1929.

Mr. John R. Crosby.  
Cleveland,  
Mississippi.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date relative to the Pilgrimage of the Gold Star Mothers and Widows to Europe.

In reply you are informed that the Act of March 2, 1929 provides that invitations for a pilgrimage shall be extended the mothers and widows of the members of the military or naval forces who are buried in the cemeteries in Europe, but it makes no provision for any member of the family making the trip other than the mother or widow. It is therefore regretted to have to advise that your son is not eligible under the law to make this pilgrimage.

As the records of this office do not show that the late Private William G. Crosby had a stepmother at the time of his war service, this office will appreciate your advising the date of your marriage to Mrs. Mae Crosby, in order that her eligibility to make the pilgrimage provided by the Act of March 2, 1929 may be determined.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

August 29, 1929.

Crosby, William G.  
1233

Mr. John R. Crosby,  
Cleveland,  
Miss.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 28, 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:

*No he had never married*

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.

*yes he has a step-mother  
Mrs. Mae Crosby.*

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

*would like to & had a  
son wounded in action  
John R. Crosby. how about  
him going with her*

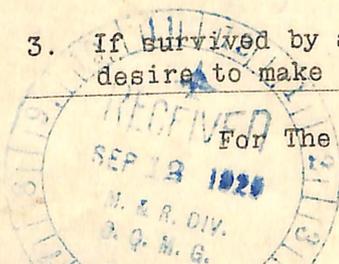
For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*John T. Harris*

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

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Crosby, William G

May 23 , 1929.

Mr. John R. Crosby,  
Cleveland,  
Miss.

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 Private William G. Crosby, U. S. Co., 167th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Mourthe-et-Moselle, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Crosby, Wm. G. (StM) s

Sept. 8, 1932

Mrs. Mae Crosby  
Cleveland, Miss.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Sign here

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:  
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Crosby, William G. (StM) s

July 18, 1932.

Mrs. Mae Crosby,  
Cleveland,  
Miss.

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?

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(Write answer here)

(Sign here) \_\_\_\_\_

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM  
Crosby, William G. Pvt. (StM)SM+

July 18, 1931.

Mrs. Mae Crosby,  
Cleveland, Miss

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

Crosby, Wm. C., Pvt. 1233 SM

March 13, 1931.

Mrs. Mae Crosby,  
Cleveland,  
Mississippi.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication declining invitation to sail on the President Roosevelt, June 24, 1931, because of ill health.

It is regretted that your physical condition will not permit you to make the journey at this time. Should your health improve, however, it is believed you should feel no hesitancy in making the journey, inasmuch as competent personnel will be provided to care for the women making the pilgrimage from the time they arrive in New York City until they return thereto. Medical attendants and all other necessities have been arranged for, and you are assured that the pilgrimage will not only be made at the expense of the United States, but everything necessary for the welfare and comfort of the pilgrims will be provided. It has also been arranged with the railroad companies to give special care and attention to the pilgrims while enroute from their homes to New York and return. A number of mothers and widows in ill health made the pilgrimage in 1930 and appear to have benefited therefrom.

Your name has been placed on the list of mothers and widows eligible to make the pilgrimage in 1932, and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages for that year are being arranged. However, in the event you are able and desire to make the journey in July or August, 1931, it is requested that you advise this office not later than May 1st, so 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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QM 293 A-M

Crosby, Wm. G. 1233-EM

March 3, 1931

Mrs. Mae Crosby,  
Cleveland, Miss.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the "President Roosevelt" on June 24, 1931.

In order that arrangements may be completed for the pilgrimage, it is imperative that you complete the card enclosed with the invitation signifying whether or not you accept the invitation and return the same to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before April 7, 1931, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

Should you desire to make the pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you advise this office to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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December 2, 1930.

QM 293 A-M  
Crosby, William G. Pvt. 1233 SM

Mrs. Mae Crosby,  
Cleveland, Mississippi.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested that you advise as to whether or not the late Private William G. Crosby is survived by a natural mother. If so, it will be appreciated if you will advise her name and present address.

The enclosed Government envelope, which requires no postage, is for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Crosby, William G. 1233-SM

June 19, 1930

Mrs. Mae Crosby,  
Cleveland, Mississippi.

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)

QM 293 A-C  
Crosby, William G. 1233 SM

April 17, 1930

Mrs. Mae Crosby,  
Cleveland, Mississippi.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date declining the invitation to sail on the SS "Harding" July 9, 1930 to visit the grave of your stepson, the late Private William G. Crosby, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

In this connection, you are advised that your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the journey in 1931 and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages are being arranged for that year.

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 295 A-C

Crosby, William G. 1233--SM

March 29, 1930

Mrs. Mae Crosby,  
Cleveland,  
Mississippi.  
Dear Madam:

This letter, which contains general information regarding the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, is being sent to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during the calendar year 1930. The general plan for the conduct of the pilgrimage is shown in the Pilgrimage Regulations, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. In addition to the information shown in the regulations, the following explains in detail some of the most important things connected with the pilgrimage.

Formal invitations are being extended to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during 1930. In so far as practicable, these invitations are being extended with a view to keeping the women from each state together and the order in which the invitations to the women from the several states are issued is based on a drawing by lot which was held about one month ago. Inclosed with each invitation is a card for acknowledgment and it is quite important that you accept or decline this invitation promptly in order that the necessary railroad, steamship and hotel reservations may be arranged. The government will defray all the necessary expenses of the pilgrimage, including railroad fare, hotel accommodations, steamship fare and all other incidental expenses. It will not provide anything other than the necessary expenses so that you should bring with you such funds as you may desire to use for making small purchases and for other uses distinctly of a personal nature.

Arrangements have been made with the American Railroad Association which assures us the united support and cooperation of all of the railroads in the United States in handling the movement to and from New York City. The local ticket agent will secure your railroad and sleeper ticket and will make the necessary pullman reservations. Before your departure from your home we will mail you a check, sufficient to pay for your meals and other travelling expenses while enroute to New York. Your railroad ticket will provide for a round trip from your home to New York and upon arrival in New York the army officer in charge of the New York office will collect the return trip stub and hold it until your return to New York from Europe.

Upon arrival in New York, you will be met by an army officer

and escorted to a first class hotel where reservations have been made. The duration of your stay in New York will be from 24 to 48 hours. At the proper time, you will be escorted to the steamship upon which passage has been engaged for Europe. All of the women making this trip will be provided with cabin class accommodations aboard steamers which means that from two to four will be quartered in the same stateroom. If you have any friend that you would like to be quartered with we will endeavor to arrange it if you will communicate with this office.

The ocean voyage will last about 8 days and when the ship docks at Cherbourg, France, each party will be met by officers especially detailed for the purpose and taken in a special train to Paris where first class hotel accommodations have been reserved. The first day in Paris will be a day of rest. On the 2d day, the women of each party will place a wreath on the tomb of the French unknown soldier. In the afternoon there will be a reception in which the French war mothers, government officials, and prominent civilians will participate. The following morning the groups going to the different cemeteries will leave Paris, travelling in motor busses, and proceed to the cemeteries where they will remain for about 7 days. Twenty-five women will be assigned to each bus and an army officer will have charge of the bus. The itineraries to and from the cemeteries and the daily itineraries while at the cemeteries have been varied so as to take in points of historical interest as well as some parts of the battlefields where American troops were engaged. Upon return to Paris, each party will remain for about 5 days and during this time an opportunity will be given to see the points of historical interest in Paris and vicinity. The entire duration of your stay in Europe will be 14 days, and the itineraries have been so arranged that each day will be provided for. Except in case of illness or other unavoidable cause it will not be possible for any woman making the pilgrimage to remain in Europe for a longer period than 14 days nor to leave the party with which she is travelling unless she is prepared to pay all of her expenses after leaving the party since the Act of Congress authorizing the pilgrimage specifically states that the government shall not pay the expenses of any woman who willfully leaves her party.

Upon return to the United States each ship will be met in New York City by army officers who will escort the mothers and widows to the trains which will take them home. Before leaving New York each woman will be provided with her return railroad ticket, a sleeping car ticket and funds to cover the cost of meals and other travelling expenses.

Army officers are being used as guides and escorts throughout this entire movement and care has been taken to select officers who will see that proper care is taken of the women who are entrusted to their charge. Arrangements have been made for taking care of women who may be taken sick during the pilgrimage and also to care for the remains of any who may die and provision has been made for returning the remains of any who may die to their homes. It is essential that each woman making the pilgrimage furnish The Quartermaster General with an emergency address of some relative or friend to be notified in the event of an emergency. Medical care will be provided by civilian agencies. If such care is needed in New York City it will be furnished by the hotel physicians or

by local hospitals. Aboard ship, medical care will be provided by the ship's doctors and in Paris arrangements have been made with the American Hospital for the hospitalization and treatment of any women who may need it. In addition to this, six doctors of the regular army will be on duty throughout the pilgrimage.

Baggage will be limited to not to exceed two pieces of hand baggage and the articles taken should be such as will be required for a trip of about one month. Laundry service can be obtained in New York and Paris. Since the climate of Europe is much colder than that of the United States, each woman should provide herself with sufficient warm clothing to stand the motor bus trip and the visit to the cemeteries.

Since it is necessary for this office to make all reservations for your accommodations throughout this pilgrimage, it will be greatly appreciated if you will make prompt reply to any communications received from this office.

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,

Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

1 Enclosure.  
Regulation.

QM 293 A-C  
Crosby, William G.  
1233

November 4, 1929.

Mrs. Mae Crosby,  
Cleveland, Mississippi.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, enabling the mothers and widows of the members of the military and naval forces of the United States now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries.

The records of this office indicate that you were the step-mother of the late Private William G. Crosby, and in order to determine your eligibility under the Act to make the pilgrimage to his grave it will be appreciated if you will furnish the following information:

- (1) Date of your marriage to the father of Private Crosby.
- (2) Were you married to Mr. Crosby at the time his son entered the military service?
- (3) Were you married to Mr. Crosby at the time of his son's death?

For the Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Crosby, William G. 1233-SM

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Mae Crosby,  
Cleveland, Miss.

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,

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

QM 293 A-C  
Crosby, William G.

September 20, 1929.

Mr. John R. Crosby,  
Cleveland,  
Mississippi.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date relative to the Pilgrimage of the Gold Star Mothers and Widows to Europe.

In reply you are informed that the Act of March 2, 1929 provides that invitations for a pilgrimage shall be extended the mothers and widows of the members of the military or naval forces who are buried in the cemeteries in Europe, but it makes no provision for any member of the family making the trip other than the mother or widow. It is therefore regretted to have to advise that your son is not eligible under the law to make this pilgrimage.

As the records of this office do not show that the late Private William G. Crosby had a stepmother at the time of his war service, this office will appreciate your advising the date of your marriage to Mrs. Mae Crosby, in order that her eligibility to make the pilgrimage provided by the Act of March 2, 1929 may be determined.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

August 29, 1929.

Crosby, William G.  
1233

Mr. John R. Crosby,  
Cleveland,  
Miss.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 28, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May 28, 1929.

Crosby, William G

Mr. John H. Crosby,  
Cleveland,  
Miss.

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 Private William G. Crosby, M. G. Co., 167th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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CROSBY, William G. - Pvt.

QM 293 A-C

March 28, 1924

Mr. John R. Crosby,  
Cleveland,  
Miss.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires to invite your attention to the inclosed card which gives the permanent cemetery location of the soldier's grave in which you are interested.

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

Please be assured that in effecting removal of the dead, the utmost reverential care was exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed this sacred duty. For the future, these graves will be perpetually maintained by the Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,  
R.L. FOSTER

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Record card.

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Hqs. American G.R.S., Q.M.C., in Europe, 20 rue Molitor, Paris, France, February 19, 1924. To: The Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.

1. The records of this office show Privates William S. Riley and William G. Crosby exhumed from isolated graves #1 and #2 respectively, in the Commune of Boney (Meuse), 52 N.W., E. 360.07, N. 242.76.

2. William G. Crosby and Corporal P.J. Doolan were exhumed from Isolated Graves #1 and #2 respectively, Commune of St. Baussant, (Meurthe-et-Moselle), 52 S.W., E. 357.5, N. 235.6.



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File No.

Mrs. American G.H.S., G.H.D., in Europe, 50 rue Koller, Paris, France, February 19, 1924. To: The Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.

1. The records of this office show Privates William J. Riley and William G. Crosby examined from isolated graves #1 and #2 respectively, in the Commune of Sancy (Mosue), 22 N.W., N. 250.07, E. 242.75.

2. William G. Crosby and Corporal P.J. Dolan were examined from isolated graves #1 and #2 respectively, Commune of St. Bassant, (Montne-of-Koselle), 22 S.W., N. 287.5, E. 225.5.



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*W. J. Riley*

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O. Q. M. G.

QM 293 A-C,  
(Riley, William S.)  
(Crosley, William J.)

February 1, 1924.

SUBJECT: Discrepancies in original grave locations.

TO: The Chief, A.G.R.S., Q.M.G., in Europe.

1. Form 114-B gives the original grave location of Private, first class William S. Riley, Company M, 353rd Infantry as Isolated near St. Bausant, M-et-M, E-235.6, E-357.5. G.R.S. form 1-A dated April 14, 1919, reports two burials in Boney, Meuse, 52 NW, E-360.07, E-242.76:

Riley, 2212990, Wm. S. Pvt., Co. M, 353rd Inf., Date of burial unknown, grave 1.

~~Crosley, 2202657, Wm. G., Pvt., Co. M, 353rd Inf., Date of burial unknown, grave 2.~~

2. G.R.S. form 1-A, dated February 2, 1919, reports two burials in St. Bausant, M-et-M, 52 NW, E-357.5, N-235.6:

✓ Crosby, 158330, Wm. G., (org. unknown), Date of burial unknown, grave 1.

Doolan, 89030, P. J., Cpl., Co. A, 165th Inf., Died 9-13-18, grave 2.

G.R.S. forms 16 for the cases of Private Riley and Private Crosley report these bodies to have been exhumed from the coordinates shown by the form 1-A dated February 2, 1919 to have been the burial place of Private Crosby, and Corporal Doolan. The Grave Location Blanks for the cases of Riley and Crosley report the burials in Cmmo. Boney, (Meuse) about the same coordination as is shown by the form 1-A dated April 14, 1919, confirming these two burials. G.R.S. form 16 for the cases of Doolan and Crosby report the bodies to have been removed from E-358.77, N-233.3. Corporal Doolan and Private Crosby have been returned to the United States.

3. Forms 16-A show no means of identification (heads missing) for the cases of Riley, Crosley and Crosby, therefore the identifications are not questioned as there is nothing on which to base an investigation as to identities. An explanation concerning the correct original burial places is desired, in order that the records of this office may be properly and completely adjusted.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

R. L. FOSTER,  
Assistant.

293  
Crosley, William J.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE July 13th, 1922.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters. jc. Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

- 1. Name CROSBY, William G.
- 2. No. 1585330
- 3. Rank Pvt.
- 4. Org. MG. Co. 167th Inf.
- 5. D.D. Sept. 12th 1918
- 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. 117 Sec. 18
- 8. Plot 3 Row \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. \_\_\_\_\_
- 15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_
- 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_
- 17. None.

- 18. Cemetery St Mihiel American Cty.
- 19. Commune or town THIAUCOURT
- 20. Dept. or County M-et-M
- 21. Country France
- 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1233

23. Disinterred (Date) July 13th, 1922. By W. G. Follmer.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name William G. Crosby Serial No. 1585330  
 Rank Pvt. Organization M. G. Co. 167th, Inf.

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

C. E. Brown. C. E. Brown.  
 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).

No evidence on body to disprove identity.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Wooden box and burlap

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 July 13th, 1922. By W. G. Follmer.

31. Casket sealed by W. G. Follmer

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

W. G. Follmer  
 Signature of Embalmer

**AUDIT**  
 #44  
 8/15/22

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-29595

32. Designation of body: \_\_\_\_\_

Name William G. CROSBY Serial No. 1585330

Rank Pvt. Organization MG. Co. 167th Inf.

33. Consigned to: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Permanent Cemetery St Mihiel American Cty. 1233, THIAUCOURT (M-et-M)

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) July 13th, 1922. By W. C. Hollmer.

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 O. E. Davis, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

36. Remarks None.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) July 13th, 1922.

To point of Concentration \_\_\_\_\_

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ (Name) Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

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 St. Mihiel Amer 1233. Thiaucourt, France.

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ (Name) Signature Shipping Officer O. E. Davis, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

40. Received: Date July 13, 1922.

G.R.S. Representative A. E. Dewey, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

41. Reinterred: July 13, 1922. (Date)

42. Grave No. 10 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. ~~Block~~ Block D Row 29

G.R.S. Representative A. E. Dewey, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

ORIGINAL PAPER FILED

CROSS INDEX

O. Q. M. G.

QM 293 A-C.

February 1, 1924.

(Riley, William S.)

(Crosley, William S.)

**SUBJECT:** Discrepancies in original grave locations.

**TO:** The Chief, A.G.R.S., Q.M.C., in Europe.

1. Form 114-B gives the original grave location of Private, first class William S. Riley, Company M, 355rd Infantry as Isolated near St. Bausant, E-et-M, N-235.6, E-357.5. G.R.S. form 1-A dated April 14, 1919, reports two burials in Boney, Mouse, 52 NW, E-360.07, N-242.76:

Riley, 2212990, Wm. S. Pvt., Co. M, 355rd Inf., Date of burial unknown, grave 1.

Crosley, 2202637, Wm. G., Pvt., Co. M, 355rd Inf., Date of burial unknown, grave 2.

2. G.R.S. form 1-A, dated February 2, 1919, reports two burials in St. Bausant, E-et-M, 52 NW, E-357.5, N-235.6:

Crosby, 188330, Wm. G., (org. unknown), Date of burial unknown, grave 1.

Doolan, 89030, P. J., Cpl., Co. A, 165th Inf., Died 9-13-18, grave 2.

G.R.S. forms 16 for the cases of Private Riley and Private Crosby report these bodies to have been exhumed from the coordinates shown by the form 1-A dated February 2, 1919 to have been the burial place of Private Crosby, and Corporal Doolan. The Grave Location Blanks for the cases of Riley and Crosby report the burials in Game, Boney, (Mouse) about the same coordination as is shown by the form 1-A dated April 14, 1919, confirming these two burials. G.R.S. form 16 for the cases of Doolan and Crosby report the bodies to have been removed from E-358.77, N-233.5. Corporal Doolan and Private Crosby have been returned to the United States.

3. Forms 16-A show no means of identification (heads missing) for the cases of Riley, Crosby and Crosby, therefore the identifications are not questioned as there is nothing on which to base an investigation as to identities. An explanation concerning the correct original burial places is desired, in order that the records of this office may be properly and completely adjusted.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

R. L. FOSTER,  
Assistant.

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Crosby, William S.

October 18, 1923.

File#36453  
##37907

Cases of:

Riley, William S.  
and  
Crosley, Willaim G.

Regarding the discrepancy which appears on the form-114 for the case of Riley the following information is set forth for transmittal to Paris, for explanation:

GRS Form-1-A dated April 14, 1919 reports two burials in Beney, Meuse, 52NW, E-360.07 N-242.76:-

Riley, 2212990 Wm.S. Pvt. Co.M,353Inf., Date of burial unknown,---Gr. 1.  
Crosley, 2202637, Wm.G.,Pvt.Co.M,353Inf., " " " " ----" . 2.

GRS Form-1-A dated February 2, 1919 reports two burials in St. Baussant, M-et-M, 52 NW, E-357.5 N-235.6:-

Crosby,158330 Wm.G.,(org,Unknown)----- Date of burial Unknown.....Gr.# 1.  
Doolan,89030,P.J.,Cpl. Co.A,165 Inf., Died 9-13-18 ..... " # 2.

The GRS forms-16 for the two former cases ( Riley and Crosley) report these bodies to have been exhumed from the coordinates shown by the form-1-A dated 2-2-19 to have been the burial place of the two latter cases (Cresby and Doolan).

The Grave Location Blanks for the cases of Riley and Crosley report the burials in Cmme. Beney, (Meuse) about the same coordination as is shown by the form 1-A dated Apr.14, 1919 confirming these two burials.

GRS form 16 for the cases of Doolan and Crosby report the bodies to have been removed from E-358.77 N-233.3.

The bodies of Doolan and Crosley have been returned to the U.S.

The froms 16-A show no means of identification ( heads missing) for the cases of Riley, Crosley and Crosby therefore the identification are not questioned as there is nothing on which to base an investigation as to identities; the information desired is as to the original burail places so that the records of this officemmay be properly and completely adjusted.

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REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

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Remains of :

NAME: CROSBY William G. NUMBER: 1585330.

RANK: Unknown. Put ORGANIZATION: Unknown. M. G. Co., 167th Infantry

DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL MADE BY GROUP: \_\_\_\_\_ UNIT: \_\_\_\_\_

DISINTERRED: (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ FROM: (Give complete location) \_\_\_\_\_

June 12th 1919. \_\_\_\_\_ ISOLATED GRAVE. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ T \_\_\_\_\_ ST BAUSSANT M et M. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ SW52. 558.77E 233.3N \_\_\_\_\_

REBURIED (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ IN: (Give complete location) \_\_\_\_\_

1233

June 12th 1919. \_\_\_\_\_ Grave No 117 Sect 18 Plot 3. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ST MIHIEL AMERICAN CEMETERY #1233. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ THIAUCOURT M et M. \_\_\_\_\_

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

Burial good :Buried in uniform : Body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body ? No.

What other means of identification were found on the body ? NONE.

Note-

If, upon disinterment, effects are found on bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Medical Dept., direct, as is required by G. C. 170, G.H. Q, 1918, after being carefully examined for causes of identity in doubtful cases, notation thereof will be made and reported to the Chief, Graves Registration Service.

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CORRECTION D

Supervised by: Lt Scott.  
DC.

R. H. ROSENTHAL  
2nd Lieut. Q. M. C. U. S. A.  
C.O. Group \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Date: June 15th 1918

REPORT OF DISTINGUISHMENT AND BURIAL

Remains of:

NAME: GEORGE WILLIAMS

NUMBER: 100000

RANK: Unknown

ORGANIZATION: Unknown

DISTINGUISHMENT AND BURIAL MADE BY GROUP: UNIT:

FROM: (Give complete location)

DISTINGUISHMENT (Date)

June 15th 1918

AT BARRAGE NO. 1

Report on the status of remains, burial, and location of body when distinguished:

buried in uniform; body badly decomposed.

Was one of the remains of the body?

That other remains of remains of the body?

Notes: If the remains are not identified, they will be properly

disposed of in accordance with the provisions of G. R. S. Form 116.

First name of the person to whom the remains were forwarded:

Supervisor of the Cemetery, Washington, D. C.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_



Crosby, William G

1,585,330

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number)

Pvt

~~167 MG Co~~

M.G. Co.

167 Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Father

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

No

(Yes or no.)

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

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

John R Crosby  
Cleveland Miss.

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by E.L.  
12332764  
2-2-21

checked  
2/3/21  
E.M.

**Crosby**

~~Grosley~~

(Surname.)

**William G.**

(Christian name in full.)

1385330

~~2,202,637~~

(Army serial number)

**Pvt.**

~~Co M 357th Inf~~

(Rank and organization.)

*M. G. Co. - 167 Reg.*

State your relationship to the deceased **father**

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:

**Want his remains interred in a National cemetery -**

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

**tery - in France**

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

*J R Crosby*

**Cleveland, Miss**

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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DUPLICATE

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

*E.M.*

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

*12/21/21*

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

*checked*

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

tion below as to where they should be sent:

If you desire the remains interred at the home of the deceased, give full information below as to where they should be sent: If you desire the remains interred in a national cemetery? If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery? (Yes or no.)

(Yes or no.)

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

State your relationship to the deceased

(Rank and organization.)

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number)

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 24441

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

*(6.26.21) CE*

(a) Name CROSBY, William *g.* Ser. No. 1585330  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization M/G Co. 167th Inf. TYP. DB  
 (c) Date of death 9-12-18 (d) Cause of death K/A CKR. AEW



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

(a) Grave No. 117 Row - Plot 3 Sec. 18 TYP. DB  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mr. John R. Crosby, (Father) Cleveland, Miss.

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

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt \_\_\_\_\_

(a) Name John R. Crosby (b) Relationship father  
 (c) Address Cleveland, Miss.  
 (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 EB Date 2-2-21, 1920.

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

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

Examiner's Initials EB Date 2-2-21, 1920.

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

no Request for Disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Examiner's Initials EB Date 2-3-21, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1233-18 SHEET No. 764

CARDED

MAR 1 1921 - *ap*

*checked 2-26-21*

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

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

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on **FEB 18 1921**, 1920

Par. 2 Not to be returned.

*mca*

IX.

CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE.

ACTION TAKEN.

Desires body be \_\_\_\_\_

Body to be shipped to \_\_\_\_\_

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*7-120-4/21 - John P. Crosby  
father, 21/2 Cleveland, Miss. - leave in Europe  
H 7/20/21 etc.*

MAR 17 1921

RECEIVED

AUG 17 1921

Place Thiaucourt, France,  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date July 13, 1922.

1. REMAINS OF CROSBY, William G. SERIAL NUMBER 1585330  
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION U.S.Co. 167th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : July 13, 1922. From (give complete location) : Gr. 117 Sec. 18 Plot 3 Cem. 1233.

By : Group 3 Unit 1

3. Reburied (date) July 13, 1922. In (give complete location) : Grave 10, row 29 block D. Cty. 1233, Thiaucourt, France.  
By : Group reburial Unit  Nature of reburial regulation casket.

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

No evidence on body to disprove identity.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) impossible to determine

(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

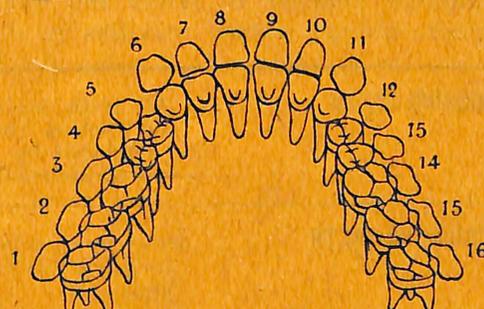
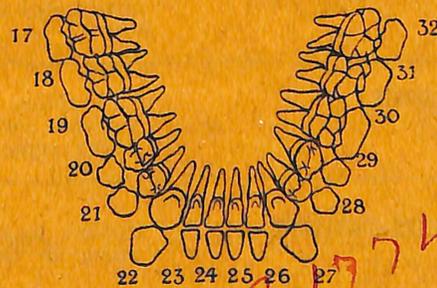


Diagram represents the mouth wide open

See note 6 f.



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

Head missing, RIGHT humerus, both radius, right femur, tibia, fibula, right femur, both feet missing. Right ulna, left femur and tibia fractured.

7. Disinterment supervised by W.C. Follmer

Approved : O. B. Lewis  
(Title) 1st Lt., Q.M.C.

8. Reburial supervised by H.L. Kramer

Approved : A. E. Dewey  
(Title) 1st Lt., Q.M.C.

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

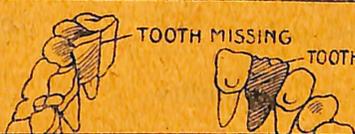
Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Question 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.

5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".

(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No 6.

6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

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

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

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

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 24441

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(2.26.2) Q

CROSBY, William G.

1585330

(a) Name..... Ser.No..... ~~0-12-26-21~~ 100 DB alcu  
 Pvt. M/G Co. 167th Inf. TYP.....

(b) Rank..... Organization.....  
 9-12-18 Cause of K/A

(c) Date of death..... death.....

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

(a) Grave No. 117 Row - Plot 3 Sect 18 TP. DB  
 Mr. John R. Crosby, (Father) Cleveland, Miss.

(b) Emerg. Address.....

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

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

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V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on..... 192  
 (letter of transmittal on..... 192

Par. 2 Not to be returned.

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J..... MAR 9 - 1921..... 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of Relationship  
 and Source.....and name.....Desires.....Action taken..

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VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J..... 192

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

CEMETERY NO.

SHEET NO.

1238

764

S/666/LML FRANCIS

Priority 104  
1021 - ap

2444

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Crosby 1,585,330 William  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt. M.G.Co. 967 Inf.  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL 9/13/18

PLACE OF BURIAL S.E. St. Bausant

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

GRAVE NUMBER

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? Yes  
Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

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:

*H. Bausant (M-et M)*

*(135) SIT. 52 SW. COORD 6. 357  
n 234  
approx*

REPORTED BY: *Chas G. ...*  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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



Communal List No. 13573  
Daily Report No. \_\_\_\_\_

**FILE**  
 WAR DEPARTMENT  
 Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
 Washington

Adjustment Made  
 MAR 7 1921  
 2444

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A-0  
 Information requested of A.G.O. Date 2/4/21.

File No. \_\_\_\_\_ Requisition: \_\_\_\_\_  
 From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)  
 To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.  
 Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed, Request confirmation of all information shown.

- a. Surname Crosby
- b. Christian name William G. or (William)
- c. Serial Number 1585330
- d. Organization M.G.Co., 167th Inf. or (167th M.G.Co.)
- e. Rank Pvt.
- f. Date of death 9/12/18.
- g. Cause of death K/A.
- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- i. Emergency address
- j. Relationship

**BODY DESCRIPTION**  
 (See page #2 of the Service Record)

- a. Age of enlistment
- b. Color of eyes
- c. Color of hair
- d. Height
- e. Weight
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)

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

a. Strike out teeth missing  
 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
 upper right upper left  
 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
 lower right lower left

C.W.

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

CEMETERY NO: 1233

BY: *H. J. Conner*

SHEET NO: 764

H. J. CONNER,  
 1st. Lieut., Q.M.C.

TYPED BY: I.W.

*Donnelly* - 7H - 61 Dec.  
 2-7-21

S/713/LML

Date... FEB 5 1921

Rec'd S & S Div., A.G.O.

FEB 5 1921 6

Director of the Army  
Adjutant General of the Army  
Washington

MAR 7 1951

Information requested of A.G.O. U.S. Form 8-4-A-0  
Date 2/2/51

Reference  
File No.

From: The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army, (Commodore Division)

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 4th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.

Subject: Information requested for G.A.S.

1. Items requested that the items checked below be completed, however  
completion of all information shown.

- 1. Date of death
- 2. Cause of death
- 3. Authority (O.D.#)
- 4. Pharmacy address
- 5. Relationship
- 6. Service Group
- 7. Christian Name (William L. or William)
- 8. Social Number 158880
- 9. Organization (M.O. Co., 107th Div. or 107th M.G. Co.)
- 10. Rank
- 11. Type

- 12. Physical CHARTS (See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)
- 13. Date of enlistment
- 14. Color of eyes
- 15. Color of hair
- 16. Height
- 17. Weight
- 18. Permanent marks and physical defects (scars or breaks)
- 19. Dental CHARTS (See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)
- 20. Strike out teeth missing
- 21. Upper right
- 22. Upper left
- 23. Lower right
- 24. Lower left

FEB 7 1951

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Quartermaster General, U.S. Army

SEARCHED FOR INDEXED  
SERIAL NO. 158  
FILE NO. 158

FEB 2 1951

August 13th, 1921.

File No. 295.8 Com.Div.Cor.Br.

Mr. John R. Crosby,  
Cleveland,  
Miss.

Re:- Crosby, William G., Pvt.,  
Serial No. 1595330,  
M.G.Co., 167th Inf.

Dear Sir:-

Our Shipping Inquiry Form #120, dated April 22nd, 1921, requesting that the remains of the deceased soldier named above be left in France for burial in a permanent American cemetery has been forwarded to the Cemeterial Division, Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington, D.C., for necessary action.

The Cemeterial Division, Washington, D.C., will furnish you the grave location in the permanent American cemetery as soon as possible after the body has been placed therein.

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

*em* BY:

F. C. PALLAS, *mk*  
Executive Assistant.  
*JF*

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File No. 2223 Gen. Div. Cor. Br.

Mr. John R. Gandy,  
Cleveland,  
Miss.

Re: Gandy, William G., 1911,  
Serial No. 108220,  
M.C. Co., 107th Inf.

Dear Sir:-

Our shipping receipt form filed, dated April 22nd, 1921, requesting that the remains of the deceased soldier named above be left in place for burial in a permanent American cemetery has been forwarded to the Quartermaster General, Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington, D.C., for necessary action.

The Quartermaster General, Washington, D.C., will furnish you the grave location in the permanent American cemetery as soon as possible after the body has been placed therein.

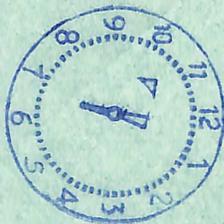
The Quartermaster General desires to show the previous expression of sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

E. W. SIMMONS,  
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,  
Office in Charge.

W. G. MILLER,  
Executive Secretary.

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WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION

WASHINGTON

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

To: Mr. John R. Crosby Cleveland, Miss

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt William G Crosby Ser No. 1585330 M G Co 167 Inf

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

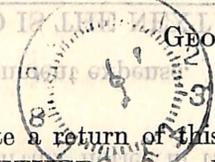
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If these are not the correct instructions, please correct them. Make corrections on reverse side of this sheet.

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? *No*

APR 25 1921

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow	<i>None</i>		
Soldier's children.			
(Name oldest first.)			
1			
2			
3			
Father	<i>John R. Crosby</i>	<i>Cleveland</i>	<i>Miss</i>
Mother	<i>deceased</i>		
Brothers.			
(Name oldest first.)			
1	<i>J. O. Crosby</i>	<i>Starbuck</i>	<i>Miss</i>
2	<i>Bob Crosby</i>	<i>Cleveland</i>	<i>Miss</i>
3			
Sisters.			
(Name oldest first.)			
1	<i>Earline Brinson</i>	<i>Cleveland</i>	<i>Miss</i>
2			
3			

*noted 115  
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Date *April 22, 1921*

Signature *J. R. Crosby*

Address *Cleveland Miss*

Relationship *Father*

Address

Postoffice

April 22, 1921

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.)

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

*John R. Crosby*

**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.

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.