

To The A. C. O.

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G.R.S. Form #114-B

APR 27 1926

FULL NAME CROSS, Robert S. ✓

RANK Pvt. ✓ SERIAL 185579 ✓ 26 dir

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION Co. F, 101st Engrs. ✓

DATE OF DEATH March 24, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Me

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 16 34 C
Date Grave Row Block

Meuse-Argonne, #1232

Cemetery

Robert C. Davis,
Major General,
The Adjutant General
By *[Signature]*

MAY 5 1926

1 A. C. O.
APR 30 1926
WORLD WAR DIV.

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Received
MAY 6 1938
M & R BRANCH
O. Q. M. G.

Place Neufchateau

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Feb. 24, 1921

1. REMAINS OF CROSS, Robert S. SERIAL NUMBER ---

RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Co. F. 101st Engrs

2. Disinterred (date) : Feb. 24, 1921 From (give complete location) : Gr. No. 42 Cem. No. 4³_A

By : Group 4 Unit Sec. 8

3. Reburied (date) : Feb. 24, 1921 In (give complete location) : G r. No. 124 Cem. No. 4

By : Group 4 Unit Sec. 8 Nature of reburial Burlap & Pine box.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment : Naked pine box, entirely decomposed.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks : Tag on cross reads R.S. ~~XXXXX~~ Cross, Pvt. Co. F. 101st Engrs, Serial No. 185579. Tag on body corroded serial No. 185579 legible.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Unable to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to estimate

(c) Hair—Color Apparently Dk. Brown

Quantity Very little

Characteristics Straight

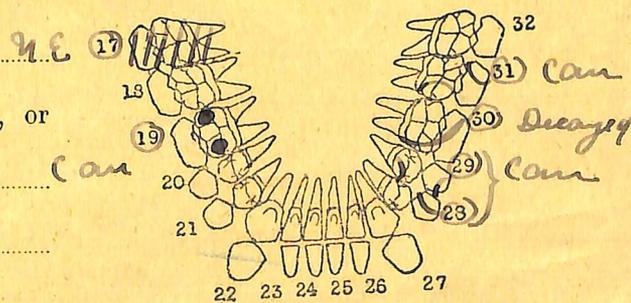
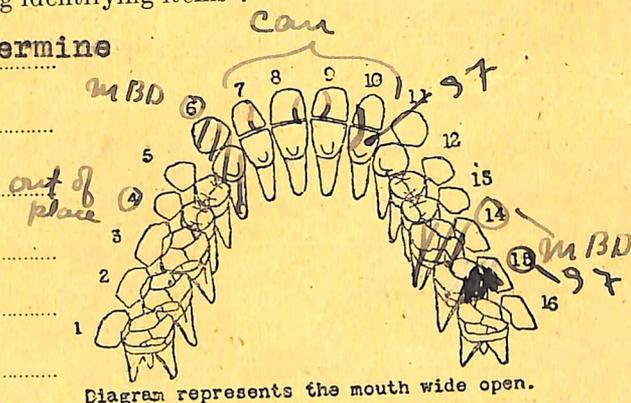
(d) Hair on face—Color None

Location

Quantity

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

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



Post mortem

H.S. Parker
Checker

7. Disinterment supervised by R.G. Richards
2nd. Lt. Q.M.C.

Approved : Samuel J. Heidner
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by R.G. Richards
2nd. Lt. Q.M.C.

Approved : Samuel J. Heidner
(Title) Major I_nf.

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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.

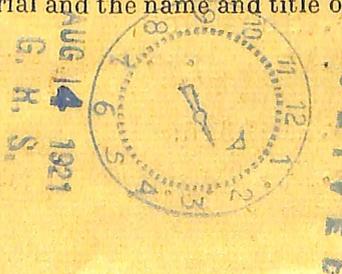
1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial 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), bicuspid (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 TEETHAll teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :	
CROWNED TEETHBlock in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :	
BRIDGE WORKBlock in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :	
FILLINGSDraw 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.



CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	<i>Cross</i>	3	<i>3 8 5</i>
	<i>Robert S.</i>		
	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>16</i>	2	<i>16</i>
	ROW <i>34</i>	2	<i>34</i>
	BLOCK <i>C</i>	1	<i>3</i>
STATE	<i>Me.</i>	2	<i>23</i>
RANK	<i>Priv</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>26</i>	2	<i>26</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>101</i>	3	<i>101</i>
ARM	<i>Engrs.</i>	1	<i>4</i>
MARITAL	<i>No</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME	<i>Lord</i>	3	<i>2 5 8</i>
	<i>Mrs. Olive A</i>		
	STATE <i>Me.</i>	2	<i>23</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Cumberland</i>	2	<i>03</i>
	CITY <i>Bridgton</i>	3	<i>XXX</i>
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Good</i>	1	<i>✓</i>
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>no</i>	1	<i>✓</i>
	<i>age</i>		<i>53</i>

AUDITED
 JAN 13 1932
[Signature]

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Cross Robert S (MA)

July 9 1932

Mrs Olive A Lord
Route #2
Bridgton Maine

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? No

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Mrs. Olive A. Lord

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Cross, Robert S. Pvt. (M-A) M

June 12, 1931.

Mrs. Olive A. Lord,
Route #2,
Bridgton, Maine.

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?

No
Write answer here

Mrs. Olive A. Lord

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 7, 1930.

Cross, Robert S., - 1232 - M

**Mrs. Olive A. Lord,
Route #2,
Bridgton, Mass.**

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.

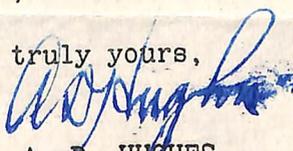
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank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

(Write answer here)


(Sign here)

QM 293 A-C
Cross, Robert S.

October 17, 1929.

Mrs. Olive A. Lord,
R. F. D. #2,
Bridgeton, Mo.

Dear Madam:

Referring to your request of recent date for a picture of that part of the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in which the body of your son, the late Private Robert S. Cross, Co. F, 101st Engineers, is buried, please be advised that no provision has been made by the Government for the photographing of graves, but it has been possible to have some photographs made from supplies left in Europe by the American Red Cross. Instructions are being given the European office to photograph the grave of your son and furnish this office two prints thereof. Upon receipt of same they will be promptly forwarded to you.

If you desire a photograph of the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, you may procure same at a nominal cost by addressing The Chief Signal Officer, U. S. Army, Munitions Building, Washington, D. C.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

1232
QM 293 A-C
Cross, Robert S.

October 17, 1929.

SUBJECT: Photograph of Grave.

TO: The Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C., in
Europe, 20 rue Molitor, Paris, France.

1. If practicable, it is requested that a photograph be taken of the grave of the late Private Robert S. Cross, Company F, 101st Engineers, in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Remagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France; Grave 16, Block C, Row 34; and that two prints thereof be furnished this office for delivery to Mrs. Olive A. Lord, R. F. D. #2, Bridgeton, Mo.

For The Quartermaster General:

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

sc/p

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

R 752
Bridgeton, Me.

IN REPLY REFER TO _____

Private

185579 - Co 7 101st Eng
grave 16 - Block C Row 34
Meuse-Argonne

To D.M. 293 A-C

If it were possible I would very
much like a picture of the part of
the cemetery where my son Robert S. Cover
is buried. He is buried in the Meuse-
Argonne section. I do not care to go
myself.

Oliver A. Lord.

Chief Signal Office, U.S. Army.
Wash. D.C.

Prints sent 8/19/30 per Mr R file
EDK

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Cross, Robert S. 1232 M.

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Olive A. Lord,
Route #2,
Bridgton, Maine.

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.

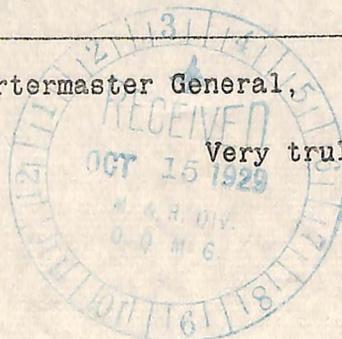
1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No) <i>No</i>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No) <i>No</i>
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes)	(No) <i>No</i>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <i>53</i> Health <i>Fairly good</i> (Years) (Good) (Poor)	
5. What language do you speak?	English - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes) (No) Other language (Specify language spoken)	

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.
Act
Envelope



July 6, 1929.

War Department,
Office of Quartermaster General,
Washington,

QM 293 A-C
Cross, Robert S.,

In reply to your letter will say that my son, the late Robert S. Cross, of Co. F,
101st Engrs., whose remains are interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, was not
married so did not leave a widow.

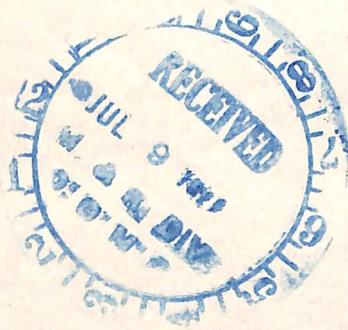
Yours truly

Mrs. Olive A. Lord

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Route 2,

Bridgton, Maine.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29 , 1929.

Gross, Robert S.

Mrs. Olive A. Lord,
Route # 2,
Bridgeton, Maine.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Pvt. Robert S. Gross, Co.F. 101st Engrs., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Cross Robert S (MA)

July 9 1932

Mrs Olive A Lord
Route #2
Bridgton Maine

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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-AM

Cross, Robert S. Pvt. (M-A) M

June 12, 1931.

Mrs. Olive A. Lord,
Route #2,
Bridgton, Maine.

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

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August 19, 1930.

QM 293 A-M
Cross, Robert S, 1232 M

Mrs. Olive A. Lord,
R. F. D. #2,
Bridgeton, Maine.

Dear Madam:

Further reference is made to your request for a photograph of the grave of your son, the late Private Robert S. Cross, in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in France. There are enclosed herewith two prints of a photograph of his grave which have been received from The Chief of the American Graves Registration Service in France.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

O.G.M.G.-M. & R.DIV.

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Enclosures:
2 prints

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August 19, 1950.

QM 293 A-M
Cross, Robert S. 1252 M

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 7, 1930.

Cross, Robert S., - 1232 - M

Mrs. Olive A. Lord,
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Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? _____

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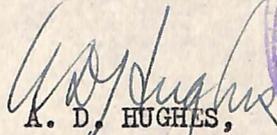
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For The Quartermaster General:


A. D. HUGHES,
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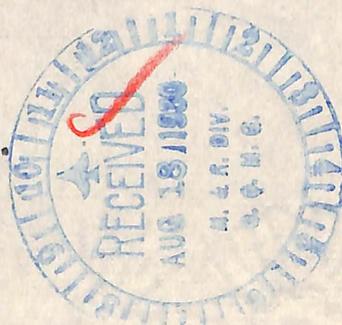
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Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service in Europe, 20 rue Molitor, Paris, France, Aug. 7, 1930. - To: The Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington, D.C.

There are enclosed herewith two prints of photograph of the grave of the late Private Robert S. Cross for transmittal as above.

Encls: 2
Photographs.




Richard T. Ellis,
Colonel, U.S. Army,
Chief.

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QM 293 A-C
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October 17, 1929.

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R. F. D. #2,
Bridgeton, Me.

Dear Madam:

Referring to your request of recent date for a picture of that part of the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in which the body of your son, the late Private Robert S. Cross, Co. F, 101st Engineers, is buried, please be advised that no provision has been made by the Government for the photographing of graves, but it has been possible to have some photographs made from supplies left in Europe by the American Red Cross. Instructions are being given the European office to photograph the grave of your son and furnish this office two prints thereof. Upon receipt of same they will be promptly forwarded to you.

If you desire a photograph of the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, you may procure same at a nominal cost by addressing The Chief Signal Officer, U. S. Army, Munitions Building, Washington, D. C.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

In Care of

G.M.G.M. & P. DIV
29 OCT 18 AM 11 IC

DISPATCHED

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QM 293 A-C
Cross, Robert S.

October 17, 1929.

SUBJECT: Photograph of Grave.

TO: The Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C., in Europe, 20 rue Molitor, Paris, France.

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SC/p

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Cross, Robert S. 1232 M.

Mrs. Olive A. Lord,
Route #2,
Bridgton, Maine.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.
Act
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29 , 1929.

Cross, Robert S.

**Mrs. Olive A. Lord,
Route # 2,
Bridgeton, Maine.**

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late **Pvt. Robert S. Cross, Co.F. 101st Engrs., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.**

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

Cross

Robert S.

185579 ✓

(Surname)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt

101 Engr, Co F.

(Rank and organization.)

your relationship to the deceased

Mother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

No

(Yes or no.)

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

Yes

(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)

Oliver A. Lord;

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Bridgton

Maine.

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by MKS

4-a-13

10-29-30

Reburied into

ty. 4 - 15

REVIEWED
OSP SS.

Child
10/14/21

In reply refer to:
293.8 C-R

1198

File

Dec. 4 1922.

Mrs. Olive A. Lord,
R. F. D. # 2,
Bridgeton, Maine.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of the late Robert S. Cross, Private, Co. F, 101st Engrs., is Grave 16, Row 34, Block C, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of 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, 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,

MAILED

DEC 4 1922

H. J. COMAR,
Assistant

*H. J.
H. J.*

22/1281/ARK

G.R.S.

MMB

DATE 12/5/21

1. NAME CROSS, Robert S. SERIAL No. 185579

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co.F 101st Engrs.

GRAVE LOCATION Amer.Cty. Neuf Chateau, Vosges #4

124 GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 42 Neufchateau 42A Vosges.

COORDINATES E.349-65. N. 174-94. Map: Mirecourt N.W.84.

CONCENTRATED TO Feb.24, 1921. 124

Neufchateau 4. CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Nothing of record.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS Not of record.

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR WILLIAM H. QUARTERMAN, Capt. F.A. USA.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 12/5/21 16 34 C

AUDITED BY

M. M. E.

10-13-22

Meuse Argonne American Cty # 1232 Ronagne sous Montfaucou CEMETERY

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.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date October 10th 1921.

1. REMAINS OF CROSS, ROBERT S. SERIAL NUMBER 185579
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. F 101st Engrs.

2. Disinterred (date): October 10th 1921. From (give complete location): Grave 124.
American Cemetery, G.R.S. Code # 4, Neufchateau, (Vosges) France.
By: Group 3 Unit Section 4.

3. Reburied (date): Dec. 5, 1921. In (give complete location): R. 15, Block C, Row 34.
By: Group Reburial 3 Unit Nature of reburial

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: Buried in uniform and wooden box. Body badly decomposed, recognition impossible.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes, Partially On grave marker? Yes.
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:

Disc on body partially corroded, but the following is legible: 185579.
Bottle containing reburial record found on body. Post mortem on head.

6. (a) Height (actual measurement) Unable to determine.

(b) Weigh, (estimated)

(c) Hair—Color Apparently light brown
Quantity Medium.
Characteristics Straight.

(d) Hair on face—Color Unable to determine.
Location
Quantity

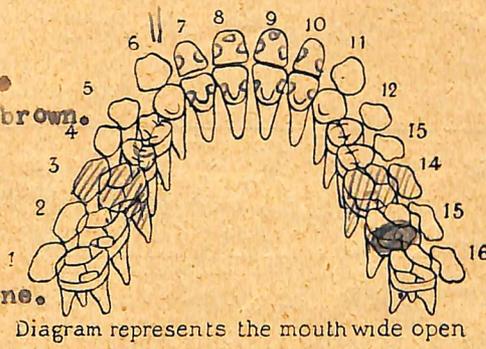
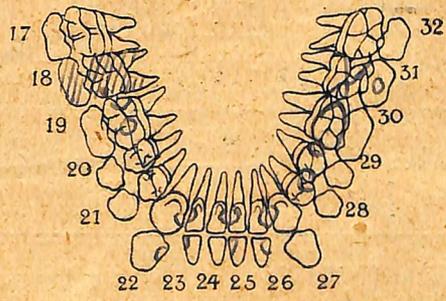


Diagram represents the mouth wide open

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



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) Nos. 3, 14, 18, Missing before death.
No. 15 Silver fillings. Nos. 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 Cavity.
Nos. 22 to 27 inclusive, Irregular. No. 5 Irregular. 1/8 inch space, between # 6 & 7.

7. Disinterment supervised by THEOMILNER, Approved; R.L. FAIN, Capt. Q.M.C. hom

8. Reburial supervised by A.J. DUPONT, Approved; Capt. Q.M.C.

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

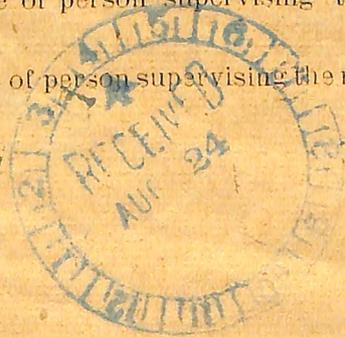
Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Questions 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".
(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave, Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No 6.
6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

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

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

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



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE October 10th 1921.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name CROSS, Robert S.
 2. No. 185579
 3. Rank Pvt.
 4. Org. Co. F 101st Engrs.
 5. D.D. 3-24
 6. C.D. D.O.D.

10. Name _____
 11. No. 185579.
 12. Rank _____
 13. Org. _____
 14. (a) D.D. _____
 (b) D.B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 124 Sec. _____
 8. Plot _____ Row _____
 9. _____

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

18. Cemetery American
 20. Dept. or County Vosges
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 4

19. Commune or town Neuf-Chateau
 21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) October 10th 1921.

By THEO. MILLER.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name ROBERT S. CROSS.
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. ---
 Organization Co. F 101st Engrs. Grave 124.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes. On body? Yes, Partially corroded.

Glenn C. Dorsey
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant
GLENN C. DORSEY.

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).

Bottle containing reburial record found on body. Post mortem on head.
No effects found. Form 16a accomplished.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, recognition impossible.

28. Nature of burial In uniform and wooden box.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? See number 11.

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date October 10th 1921. By THEO. MILLER.

31. Casket sealed by THEO. MILLER.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) Theo Miller
THEO. MILLER.

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. G-10957

32. Designation of body: _____

Name GROSS, Robert S. Serial No. _____

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. F 101st Engrs.

33. Consigned to: _____

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

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) October 10th 1921. By THEO. MILLER.

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 _____

R. L. PAIN
R. L. PAIN, hem
Capt. Q.M.C.

36. Remarks Disc on body partially corroded,

but the following is legible: 185579.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) October 10th 1921.

To point of Concentration Neufchateau, (Veoges) France.

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer _____
(Name) Capt. Q.M.C.

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

By G.R.S. Representative _____

30 OCT 1921

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

To Permanent Cemetery Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, (Meuse) France.

Convoyer C. LIRIELEY Signature Shipping Officer W. R. Buckley
(Name) W. R. Buckley, Capt. Q.M.C.

40. Received: Date _____

G.R.S. Representative _____

41. Reinterred Dec. 5, 1921 Meuse-Argonne Cty. 1232.

(Date) _____

42. Grave No. 16 Section _____

43. Plot Block C Row 34

G.R.S. Representative *James W. Younger*
JAMES W. YOUNGER, CAPT., Q.M.C.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

WASHINGTON HOBOKEN, N.J.

DEC 1 1920

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C.
To: Mrs. Olive A. Lord, ~~P.F.D. #2~~ ^{209 Main St}, Bridgeton, Maine.
SUBJECT: Remains of ~~Pvt.~~ ^{P.F.D. #2} Pvt. Robert S. Cross, Ser. No. 185579,
Co. F, 101st Engrs.

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

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Major, U. S. A.

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

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Was soldier married? Soldier's widow	<i>No.</i>		
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____		
Father	<i>William W. Cross</i>	<i>Deceased</i>	
Mother	<i>Olive A. Lord</i>	<i>209 Main St.</i>	<i>Bridgeton Maine</i>
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1 <i>George B. Lord</i> 2 _____ 3 _____	<i>209 Main</i>	<i>Bridgeton Maine.</i>
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1 <i>Mrs. Helen W. Easton</i> 2 <i>Jennie E. Cross</i> 3 _____	<i>Iredale St.,</i> <i>Pond St.,</i>	<i>Bridgeton Maine.</i> <i>Bridgeton Maine.</i>

Date *December 2nd 1920.*

Signature *Olive A. Lord*

Address *P.F.D. #2*

Relationship *Mother.*

CENTRAL DIVISION



DEC 6

Dec. 2, 1920.

I, the undersigned, am the Mother and nearest living relative of the within-named soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz: (Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

2. ~~To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to~~ _____ (Name.) _____ (R. R. station.) _____ (State.)

3. ~~To be returned to the U. S. and buried in~~ _____ National Cemetery.

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

Signature Mrs. Olive A. Lord,

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

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

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

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

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

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

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

7. If YOU are not the nearest living relative and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.

8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.

9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File 1198

*10/23/21 - Examined for communication
CPW-11/16/21*

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name CROSS, Robert S. Ser. No. 185579
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co.F. 101st Engrs.
(c) Date of death 3-24-18 (d) Cause of death Scarlet Fever.

TYP. db
CKR. db

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

(a) Grave No. 124 Row -- Plot -- Sec. -- TYP. db
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Olive A. Lord, Mother, RFD 2, Bridgeton, Maine.

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

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Olive A. Lord (b) Relationship mother
(c) Address R.F.D. #2, Bridgeton, Maine
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? no
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at no

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. ---

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

Examiner's Initials MEM Date 9/26/21, 192

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

_____, dated _____

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

Examiner's Initials _____ Date _____, 192

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

Mrs. Olive A. Lord
mother, R.F.D. #2, Bridgeton, Maine. 2/24/20
Confirms request on card.

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? _____

Examiner's Initials MEM Date 9/26/21, 192

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 4 SHEET No. 154

*1921
10/23/21
14/4/21*

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 192

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
letter on _____, 192

ADJUSTMENT RECORD # 11/13/20 - Letter of Transmittal - Europe advised that body of ROBERT S. CROSS, recorded as buried in Grave 42, Plot 6, Cemetery 4-A is not to be returned. 9/4/21 AUDIT DEPARTMENT amended records to show that body of ROBERT S. CROSS is now reburied in Grave 124, Cemetery 4. Forms 115 have been adjusted accordingly. 10/29/21 Europe advised of adjustment "body not to be returned."

GMP 11/4/21.

DRS 11/21

IX.

REMARKS

12-2-20 Form #120 Mother, N.K. Wishes body to Remain in France. 12-7-20 ECS.

10/29/21 Europe advised of adjustment - body not to be returned. 10/29/21 H.G.

Let. 1/19/22 - Mother Mrs. Olive A. Lord, Bridgton, Maine, R.F.D.#2, requests inf. as to whether the body has been removed and if so, where. (A28-124/22).

Let. 1/24/22 To Mother advising her the remains of her son has been exhumed for concentration into a P.A.C. in France & that when same has been effected, she will be advised (A28-124/22)

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File 1198

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

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dyrs 11/17-21

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
 letter of transmittal on _____, 192

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

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

Date of and source.	Relationship and name.	Desires.	Action taken.
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

10-29-21 Unopraduced of adjustment body not to be returned 10/29/21 III 9

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

COUNTRY _____ CEMETERY NO. _____ SHEET NO. 154

December 11, 1920.

FROM: Graves Registration Service, Hoboken, N. J.
TO: The Quartermaster General (Cemeterial Division -
Overseas Project Subsection), Washington, D.C.
SUBJECT: Return of O.S.P. Records - Cemetery # 4-A.

1. The enclosed records covering the following cases are returned herewith, it having been definitely determined that the bodies are to remain in Europe:

REFERENCE NO.

- 42 PETERSON, Arthur R., Pvt. 1/c., 104th Amb. Co.
15 CROSS, Robert S., Pvt., Co. F, 101st Engineers.

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

By:

F. C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Cross Robert S.
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt. Co. F., 101 Eng.
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL March 25, 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL Amer. Sec. of French Military...
Cemetery, Neufchateau,
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

GRAVE NUMBER 42.

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS :

Was one buried with body? Yes.

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

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

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REPORTED BY :

Valentine
Capt, M.R.C.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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J. Valerius

Capt, M.R.C.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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EXTRAORDINARY FORCES
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

4/11

1918

FROM : Adjutant General.

TO : C. O. Base Hosp. No. 66.

SUBJECT: Information for Burial
Register.

1. You are directed to transmit without delay to the Chief, Graves Registration Service, these Hdqrs., the information indicated on enclosed Grave Location Blank as necessary for the completion of official records.

By Command of Major General Kernan:

L. H. BASH
Adjutant General
CEP

Note:

In case this item is checked, you will note hereon:

Nearest relative of deceased:

Mrs. Olive A. Lord.

Relationship: Mother

Address: R. F. D. #2., Bridgeton, Maine

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To G.R.S., Hdq.

Q.M. Form No. C.B.

BURIALS IN PERMANENT CEMETERIES

Report No. 16.

Sheet No.

1198

No. of Cemetery American Section of French Military Cemetery, Date March 25, 1918.

Place of Cemetery Neufchateau. Grave, No. 42.

Place of death Base Hospital 66, AEF.

Disposal of Tags One buried with body, other attached to Cross.

Name Cross, Robert S. Rank Private.

Regiment and Company Co. F., 101st, Eng.

Nature of marking Cross with name, rank, organization, date of death and identification tagnailed securely to Cross.

Disposal of Personal Effects Sent to Effects Section, Q.M. Office Hdq. Base Section, No. 1.

Signed R. F. Torby 1st Lt. Chaplain. [Signature]
Officer in charge.
Capt. M.R.C.

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Received By
27 MARS 1918

NOTE. — Soldiers of Jewish faith to be checked thus in left hand margin : \triangle

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BURIALS IN PERMANENT

CEMETERIES

RECEIVED
STATISTICAL DIVISION
16 MAY 1918

American Section of
French Military Cemetery,
Graves of
Netherlands.
Base Hospital No. 10,
One buried with body, other attached to Cross.

Private
Cross, No. 10

Co. F., 101st Regt.

Graves with name, rank, organization, date of death and
identification tag sent to Military Section, G.W. Office

Base Section No. 1.

Capt. M. F. O.



To G.R.S., Hdq. Loc.

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Valentine
Officer in charge.
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Jan. 24, 1922.

293.8 C-R #1198-(Cross, Robert S. Pvt.)Cty.4, Sht.154.

The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)

Mrs. Olive A. Lord, R.F.D.#3, Bridgton, Maine.

Permanent burial in France.

File 1/24/22
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1. In reply to your letter of January 19, 1922, you are advised that the records of this office indicate that the remains of your son, the late Private Robert S. Cross, Company F, 101st Engineers, have been exhumed for concentration into a permanent American Cemetery in France. When the final burial has been effected, you will be duly advised of the new grave location.

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2. You are assured that the grave of your son will be marked by a suitable headstone and will be tenderly and fittingly maintained by this Government for all times.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES J. WYNNE,
Captain, Q.M.C.

LC
HCH
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Noted on Form 115

Date 1-24-22-a28

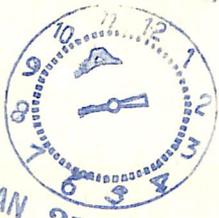
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Graves Registration Bureau -
Washington, D. C. -

Some time ago I wrote regarding the burial place of my son - Robert S. Cross, Co. F, 1st Eng's. He died March 24, 1918 in Base Hospital 66, I think located near Neufchateau. Was buried I was notified, in the American Section of the French military cemetery, Neufchateau, Grave 42. When I wrote before, the location of the permanent cemetery had not fully been decided. I did not wish for the return of my son's body but would like very much to know if his

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Noted on Form 115
Date 1-24-22-115

body had been removed, and if
so, where to.

Thanking you for your
courtesy in the past,

Respectfully

Miss Olive A. Lord.

Bridgton, Maine.

R. F. D. #2.

Jan. 19, 1922.

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FROM: ~~Q. M. G.~~
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
Munitions Building
Room 1128

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of
Washington.

PLEASE
EXPEDITE

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A-0
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 11/4/20

File No. **1198** Registration.

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 **Cross,** ✓
- b. Christian name **Robert S.** ✓
- c. Serial Number **185579** ✓
- d. Organization **Co.F. 101st Engineers.** ✓
- e. Rank **Private** ✓
- f. Date of death **3/24/18** ✓
- g. Cause of death **Scarlet Fever** ✓
- h. Authority (C.C.#) **80**
- i. Emergency address **Mrs. Olive A. Lord
Bridgton, Maine**
- j. Relationship **(mother)**

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

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

- a. Age of enlistment
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H. L. ROGERS,
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.,

CIMETERY NO: 4-A
SHEET NO: 13
TYPED BY: ZS

BY: *H. J. Conner*
H. J. CONNER,
~~Quartermaster General~~
1st Lt. Q.M.C.

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CIMETERY NO: 4-A

SHEET NO: 13

TYPED BY: JS

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BY: *H. J. Conner*
H. J. CONNER,
1st Lt. Q.M.G.

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

Hdqrs. Base Hospital No. 66,
American Expeditionary Forces,

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April 3rd 1918.

From: The Commanding Officer.
To: The Chief Surgeon, Hdqrs. AEF.
Subject: Report of Death.

1. Report the death of Robert S. Cross, Private Co. F,
101st Engineers, at this hospital at 2.55 PM, March 24th 1918.
Cause of Death: 1. Abscess of brain following Scarlet Fever.
2. Broncho-pneumonia.

2. Autopsy report enclosed.

3. Place of burial: American Section, French Military Cem-
etery, Neufchateau, France, March 25th 1918, Grave number 42.

4. Government property turned into the Quartermaster, this
hospital, personal effects sent to the Effects Section, QM, Office
Hdqrs. Base Section, No. 1.

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Blase Cole
Captain, Med. Res. Corps,

HCM/rwl.

Copy to the Graves Reg. Bureau.

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U. S. ARMY LABORATORY NO. 1
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

O C Q M. S. O. S.
APRIL 8 1918

AUTOPSY REPORT

NAME: Gross, Robert S. RANK: Private ORGANIZATION: 101st Engineers Co. F
AGE: 19 years. RACE: white.

TIME OF DEATH: 2:55 P. M. March 24, 1918. PLACE OF DEATH: Base Hosp. #66

TIME OF AUTOPSY: 9:30 A.M. March 25, 1918. PLACE OF AUTOPSY: Morgue, Base Hosp. #66

PATHOLOGIST: 1st. Lieut. Hugh R. Spencer, M. R. C.

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CLINICAL DATA: Patient was admitted to the hospital on February 2, 1918, with a diagnosis of "Scarlet Fever". He complained of sore throat. The skin over hands, arms, neck and chest showed a red erythema. On February 18, 1918, a profuse purulent discharge escaped from both ears. Temperature 104, pulse rapid. On March 2, 1918, patient showed edema of face and eyes. Examination of urine showed albumen and numerous casts.

EXTERNAL APPEARANCE: The body is that of an adult male, measuring 183 cm. in length and weighing about 130 pounds. The eye lids are swollen and edematous. The pupils measure 5 cm. in diameter and are equal. A few drops of pus are seen in the orifices of the external ears. Rigor mortis is pronounced. On incision the subcutaneous fat is scant and the muscles are pale.

PERITONEAL CAVITY: The surfaces are smooth. The cavity contains about 500 cc. of fluid. The appendix measures 9 cm. in length and hangs free. The liver extends three fingers breadth below the costal margin. The dome of the diaphragm reaches the 4th interspace on the right and the 5th rib on the left.

PLEURAL CAVITIES: Left, surfaces are smooth and free from abnormal fluid. Right, surfaces are everywhere covered with dense, yellowish, fibrinous masses.

PERICARDIAL SAC: Contains about 50 cc. of clear fluid. The surfaces are everywhere smooth.

HEART: Is large and dilated. The epicardium is smooth; the endocardium is everywhere normal. The auricles are filled with soft red clots. The tricuspid valve measures 11 cm. in circumference. The pulmonary valve measures 7 cm. in circumference, the mitral 12 cm. and aortic 6.5 cm. The coronary arteries at the base of the aorta are normal.

LUNGS: Left lung, the mucosa of the bronchi is swollen and red. The lung shows congestion at the base. Right lung, is everywhere covered with dense yellow masses of fibrin. The mucosa of the bronchi is swollen and covered with a mucopurulent exudate. The lymph nodes at the hilum are congested. On section, the lung is of a dark red color and shows numerous small areas of consolidation. These correspond for the most part to the bronchiales.

SPLEEN: Is large; the pulp is soft and deep red in color; the lymph nodules are distinct.

LIVER: Is large, the surface is smooth. Cut section shows a surface that is pale and glazed. The gall bladder and ducts are normal.

GASTRO INTESTINAL TRACT and PANCREAS: Normal.

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ADRENALS: Normal.

KIDNEYS: Are large, dark red in color. The capsule strips readily and the surface is smooth. The stellate veins are injected. The cortex is thick, of a mottled greyish red appearance. The glomeruli stand out as small hemorrhagic dots. The pelvis and ureters are normal.

PELVIC ORGANS: Normal.

AORTA: Normal.

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NECK ORGANS: Normal.

HEAD: Scalp and calvarium are normal. The dura is congested, as is the pia arachnoid. Section of the brain discloses an abscess mass at the base of the left temporal lobe. It measures about 4 cm. in diameter and is filled with thick yellowish pus. The brain tissue in the neighborhood is soft and shows congestion. Both middle ears are filled with thick yellow pus. At the base of the skull, over the left middle ear, the bone is soft and necrotic and several drops of pus are seen on the dura at this point. The sinuses are free.

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(Specimens removed for Microscopical Examination.)

ANATOMICAL DIAGNOSIS:

1. Purulent Otitis Media (Bilateral).
2. Abscess Brain.
3. Acute Nephritis.
4. Acute Bronchitis, Broncho Pneumonia.
5. Acute Fibrinous Pleurisy.
6. Cloudy swelling heart muscle.
7. Cloudy swelling liver.
8. Acute Splenic Tumor.
9. Congestion of Brain.

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Cultures from Brain Abscess shows Streptococci.

By direction.

Hugh R. Spencer,
1st. Lieut. M. R. C.,
Pathologist.

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Feb. 24, 1920.

Mr. Pierce -

Dear Sir -

More than a year ago I received a letter from you, while you were "over there" stating where my son Robert S. Cross, Co. F, 101 Engineers was buried, the file being the American Section of the French Military Cemetery, Neu-Chateau grave 42. Last week I received a photo of the Cross which marks my sons last resting place, from the Red Cross, they also stated that for all information about this write to you. In a communication from the Government, asking if I wished my sons body brought home, it also said that other bodies would be moved to other cemeteries. I did and do not now think it advisable

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to have the body sent here, I wish
to have him rest there, but I wish
very much to know if these bodies
in that section are to be moved to
other cemeteries, or possibly at this
time you do not know, if not
sometime when things get righted
around I can of course find out.
Your letter to me seemed so friendly
that somehow it took the sharp
edge off the sad thing you had to
tell me, for which I thank you.

Yours respectfully
Mrs. Olive A. Lord
P.O. #2. Bridgton, Maine

TO:- REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S.

Date 3-1-20

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

Please furnish information as checked (✓) below regarding the following soldier:

NAME Cross, Robert S. Serial Number _____
 RANK _____ ORGANIZATION C. P. 101st Engis.

NO	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	(1) Yes Pot # 185579.
2.	Date of Death.	(2) 3-24-18
3.	Cause and place of death	(3) Scarlet Fever
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	(4) #80.
5.	Date buried	(5) 3-25-18
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	(6) Grave #42, Plot #6, ✓ French Mil Cty 4-A. Neufchateau, Sarges.
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	(10a) yes b yes
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	
12.	Has above been notified? (Give date)	(11) { Mrs Alice A. Ford (Mother) R.F.D. #2, Bridgeton, Maine.
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	(12) 4-19-18.
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	
15.	Inquiry made by?	

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N.B. All Proper names to be typewritten, or printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.

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