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To The A. G. O.

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G.R.S. Form #114-B

JAN 7 - 1926

DATE

1. NAME **CROSSEN, Joseph A.**

SERIAL No. 1895910

RANK **Pvt.**

ORGANIZATION **Co.D. 321st MG Bn.**

DIVISION 82

GRAVE LOCATION **Amer.Cty., ANGERS (Maine et Loire)**

297

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

259

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

259

ANGERS

M. & L.

As shown by GRS Form 1-A dated 9/29/19

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES **None given**

CONCENTRATED TO **Nothing of record**

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

DATE OF DEATH **Nov 19, 1918** **Nothing of record**

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME **Pa**

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED **None**

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS **Nothing of record**

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

Stanley J. Grogan
STANLEY J. GROGAN, Captain, Infantry.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION **Sept. 19, 1922**

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35

Block B

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

Oise-Aisne American Cemetery #608, Seringes-et-Nesles (Aisne)

CEMETERY

AUDITED BY Major General,
The Adjutant General.

A.G.O.
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WAR DIV.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

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

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

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

4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form 16, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.



GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Crossan.....1895910.....Joseph
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).
Pvt......D.....321MG Bn.
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Base Hospital 27

CAUSE OF DEATH: Broncho-Pneumonia

DATE OF BURIAL: 11 Nov. 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL: American Cemetery

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

Angers, France

Maine et Loire

GRAVE NUMBER: 259

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? yes Cross? no

Headboard? no Bottle? no

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:

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:
James R. [Signature]
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

This portion to be forwarded to Central Records Office, A. G. O., A. E. F.

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Brossen, Joseph</i>	<i>bro.</i>	3	<i>3 8 5</i>
BURIED	CEMETERY <i>608</i>	1	<i>2</i>
	GRAVE <i>7</i>	2	<i>07</i>
	ROW <i>30</i>	2	<i>30</i>
	BLOCK <i>B</i>	1	<i>2</i>
STATE	<i>Penna</i>	2	<i>44</i>
RANK	<i>Pvt.</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>82</i>	2	<i>82</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>321</i>	3	<i>321</i>
ARM	<i>Inf. Bn.</i>	1	<i>2</i>
MARITAL	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Brossen Mary</i>		3	
<i>5244 Cedar ave</i>	STATE <i>Pennsylvania</i>	2	
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Philadelphia</i>	2	
<i>Phila, Pa</i>	CITY <i>Philadelphia</i>	3	
RELATION <i>mother</i>	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY <i>(No SM)</i>	<i>dead</i>	1	<i>6</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE <i>29/514</i>		1	

AUDITED

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QM 293 A-M
Crossen, Joseph A. (OA)

September 14, 1932.

Miss Mary Crossen,
5244 Cedar Avenue,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 10th relative to your desire to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your brother, the late Private Joseph A. Crossen, in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery in France.

It is regretted to advise that under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, the privilege of making a pilgrimage cannot be transferred to a relative or friend in the event a mother or widow is deceased or does not desire to accept the offer of the Government.

The only provision of the law under which a sister can be considered for the trip is contained in Section 4 (a) which was amended to read in part "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for a period of not less than five years at any time prior to the soldier, sailor or marine reaching the age of eighteen." It has been held that in order for a woman to have stood in loco parentis to a deceased veteran she must have furnished him with food, clothing, shelter, guidance, counsel, etc., thus taking the part of a father for a period of not less than five years at any time prior to his becoming eighteen years of age. Inasmuch as your father was living at the time of your brother's death, and there is no data to show that he was not considered the head of the house prior to that time, it is evident that you could not have stood in loco parentis to your brother within the meaning of the law.

Your desire to visit the last resting place of your brother is understood and appreciated, but I am sure you will realize that the War Department is powerless to do other than carry out the law as passed by Congress.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

5244 Cedar Avenue

Philadelphia, Pa.

September 10, 1932.

War Department,
Office of the Quartermaster Genl.,
Washington, D. C.
Attention: Mr. Chas. H. Dietz.

Dear Sir:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 9th, which has been forwarded to me at the above address, where I have been living for some time.

243 I am a sister of the late Private Joseph A. Croesen, and the only nearest relative surviving him, as my father and another brother

who were the only other Dearest relatives besides myself who were living at the time of my brother's death in France, have since "passed on" leaving only myself surviving.

I do not know whether or not I would be eligible to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries overseas much as I should like to see the final resting place of my brother.

There was no stepmother, as my mother died when my brothers and I were quite young and my father never remarried.

Trusting this will give you the desired information, and regretting the cause of my delay in answering, I remain
Very respectfully,
(Miss) Mary Crossen



QM 293 A-M
Crossen, Joseph A. (OA)

August 9, 1932.

Miss Mary Crossen,
753 S. 60th Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

This office is making an earnest endeavor to communicate with all women who may be eligible to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

It is therefore requested that you advise whether or not the late Private Joseph A. Crossen is survived by a stepmother, and if so, her name and address and date of her marriage to his father.

A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:
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CROSSEN, Joseph A

Pvt Co D 321 MG Bn

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Sister's add.

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VETERAN SISTER

MOTHER DEAD

Mary Elizabeth Crossen

753 So. 60th St

Philadelphia

Pa.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

July 9, 1930.

Crossen, Joseph A. 608 S

Miss Mary E. Crossen,
753 So. 50th St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

This office has no record of any person entitled under the Act mentioned to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe as the mother or widow of the above named deceased service man. To complete the list of eligibles and to assure that, if the above named man is survived by a mother or widow entitled to make a pilgrimage she receive an invitation to do so, it is requested you answer the following questions in the space provided on this letter and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

2. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not remarried?

If so, give her name and address:

3. Is the deceased survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him according to the terms of Section 4 (a) of the enclosed Act as amended?

If so, give her name and address:

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:
Envelope
Act
Amendment

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Crossen, Joseph A.
608

Aug. 29, 1929.

Mr. John Crossen,
1721 N. Dover St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 24, 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?

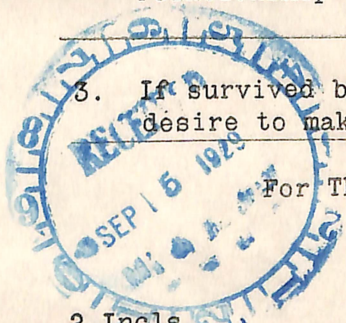
*Mr John Crossen
is dead I do
not know of any
relatives but one
sister May Crossen
and do not know
her address she is
a sister to Joseph a
Crossen 608*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 24, 1929.

Crossen, Joseph A.

Pvt - 1895910 - Co. D. 321 M. G. Bn.

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

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.

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For The Quartermaster General,

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Crossen,

Joseph A.

1,895,910

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt

Co D 321 MG Bn

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased. *Father*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? *yes.*

(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery? *no.*

(Yes or no.)

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

John Crossen

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

1610 No. 27th St. Phila., Pa.

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

John Crossen
1610 No. 27th St. Phila. Pa.

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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QM 293 A-C

April 24, 1924

CROSSEN, Joseph A., Pvt.

Mr. John Crossen,
1721 North Dover St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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. P. HARBOLD
Assistant.

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Record card.



APR 24 1924

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G.R.S. FORM #114-A.

STATION Angers #297

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Dec. 5, 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 CROSSEN, Joseph A.

10. Name

2. No. 1895910

11. No.

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank

4. Org. Co. D, 321st MG Bn.

13. Org.

5. D.D. Nov. 10th. 1918

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. Broncho Pneumonia and Influenza (b) D.B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 259 Sec.

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. No discp

18. Cemetery Amer.

19. Commune or town ANGERS

20. Dept. or County Maine et Loire

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 297

23. Disinterred (Date) 12-5-21

By E. J. Frank

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Joseph Crossen

Serial No. 1895910

Rank Pvt.

Organization Co. D. 321st M.G. Bn

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

E. J. Frank
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).

Body tag checks.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed features unrecognizable

28. Nature of burial Uniform and pine box.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? No discp

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date 12-5-21 By E. J. Frank

31. Casket sealed by E. J. Frank

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor E. J. Frank)

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-22718

32. Designation of body:

Name Joseph A. CROSSEN Serial No. 1895910

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. D, 321st MG Bn.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne Amer. Cty. 608, Seringes-et-Nesles (Aisne).

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) 12-5-21 By E. J. Frank

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 E. J. Riordan
E. J. Riordan, Capt. Q.M.C.

36. Remarks _____

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) _____

To point of Concentration _____ (Name)

Convoyer _____ 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 Oise Aisne, Am. Cty 608 Seringes et Nesles, Aisne

Convoyer [Signature] (Name) _____ Signature Shipping Officer [Signature]

C. D. CAMPBELL, Capt. Q.M.C.

40. Received: Date _____

G.R.S. Representative G. F. WAUGH

41. Reinterred, 9/19/22, Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes-et-Nesles, (Aisne)

(Date)

42. Grave No. 7, Blk. B Section _____

43. Plot _____ Row 35

G.R.S. Representative [Signature]
G. J. Blake Capt. QMC
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AUDITED BY
[Signature] 1-24

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Dec. 5th, 1921

1. REMAINS OF GROGAN, Joseph SERIAL NUMBER 1895910
RANK vt. ORGANIZATION Co. D. 31st M. C. Bn.

2. Disinterred (date): Dec. 5th, 1921 From (give complete location): Gr. 259, Com. 297
By: Group 2 Unit Sec. 7

3. Reburied (date): 9/19/22 In (give complete location) Gr. 7, Blk. B. Row 35
Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes-et-Nesles, (Aisne)
By: Group reburial group Unit metal lined casket Nature of reburial

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
wooden box and uniform. Body decomposed, features not recognizable.

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

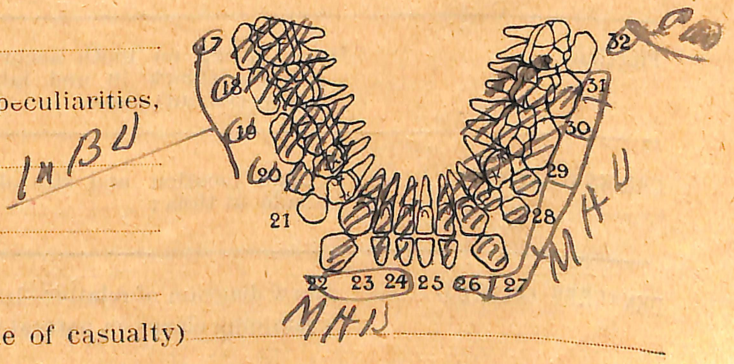
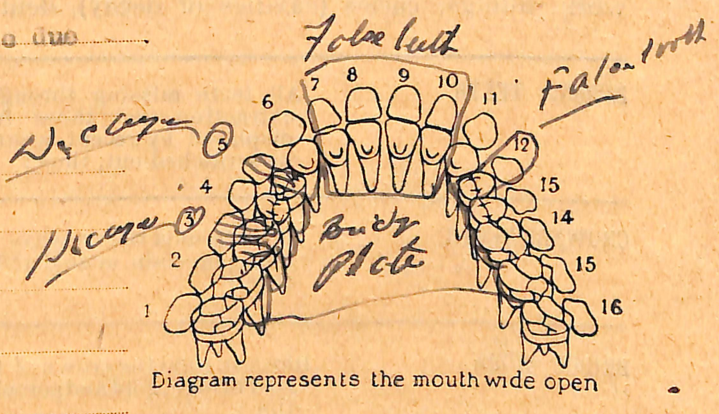
6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items?
(a) Height (actual measurement) Indiscernible due

(b) Weight (estimated) to decomposition.
(c) Hair—Color None
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)
None



7. Disinterment supervised by E. J. Frank Approved: E. J. Frank
E. J. Frank, Sup. Smb. (Title) 1st Lt., Capt., MC.

8. Reburial supervised by L. D. Hays Approved: C. J. Blake
L. D. Hays (Title) Capt. QMC

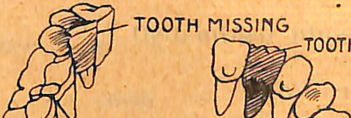




INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPER COMPLETION OF G. R. S. FORM NO. 16-A

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 :	 <p style="text-align: center;">TOOTH MISSING TOOTH MISSING</p>
CROWNED TEETH	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :	 <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD CROWN PORCELAIN CROWN GOLD CROWN</p>
BRIDGE WORK	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus :	 <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD AND PORCELAIN BRIDGE GOLD BRIDGE</p>
FILLINGS	Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :	 <p style="text-align: center;">SILVER FILLING GOLD FILLING GOLD FILLING GOLD FILLING</p>
CARIES (CAVITIES)	Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :	 <p style="text-align: center;">CAVITY DECAYED DECAYED DECAYED</p>
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 N/R REQUESTS

I. DATA COMPILATION

A. Location Index Card:-

(1) Name Crossen, Joseph A Ser. No. 1895910) TYP. ESW
 (2) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. D. 321st M.G. Bn) CKR. FLY
 (3) Date of death 11-10-18)
 B. Registration Card:- (Check Reg. Card Inf. against Loc. Ind. Inf.)
 (4) Cause of death Broncho Pneumonia & Influenza) TYP. JS
 (5) Grave No. 259 Row ----- Plot ----- Sect. -----) CKR. HT

II. FILES EXAMINATION

A. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; no card

B. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD Date of receipt None

(6) Relationship Father
 (7) Name John Crossen
 (8) Address 1610 N. 27th St. Philadelphia, Pa.
 (9) Desires remains brought to U. S.? yes
 (10) Desires remains brought to U. S. and interred in National Cemetery at no
 (11) If brought back, what shipping instructions? John Crossen
1610 N. 27th St. Philadelphia, Pa. (Ex + Tel)
Phila. Pa. 731-2320

C. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE Date of communication

(12) Does correspondence change or qualify request as made on A.G.O. card? If so, specify such information. No correspondence

(13) A. G. O. Files EXAMINED by FB (Date) 4-24-20

D. (14) G. R. S. Files - Correspondence. (Has reference been made to File No. Cancellation memos.? no Does such correspondence, if containing request for disposition, reconcile with that of A. G. O.? aa (Specify "Yes or "No".) If "No", give date of communication, the name, address, and relationship and substance of request.

No request for disposition

(15) G. R. S. Files EXAMINED by aa (Date) 4-24-20

7/1/22 Examined for Concentration Camp - Airone 608 3/6/22 AH

SEE SUSPENSION REMARKS

M. E. D.

ok mac 11/13

III. FINAL ACTION

A. MEMORANDUM to D. M. O. in E. made (Date)

(16) Removal of Remains (within custody of G.R.S.) to

(17) Instructions that remains be left undisturbed

(18) Typed by Checked by (Date)

B. G. R. S. FORM NO. 114 made (Date) 4/26/20

(19) Typed by PS Checked by *DTB* (Date) 4/26/20

C. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*Telegram 3-1-20 Father requests body remain
in France. 5-5-20 Europe advised by
pro cable HRC. See * below. Form 120 7/2/20 Father of John Crossen
1721 no. 50th st, Phila, Pa, body to remain in France
* Cable # 420. Par 2. issued 5/5/20. "Do not return." H.S. 8/30/20
E.S. 4/2/21*

D. Dispatched (Date) (Let. Trans. No. **APR 27 1920**)

Approved by

(Date)

JUL 26 1920

G.R.S. Form #120
Shipping Inquiry.
(Revised)

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

Push Answer

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.

TO: Mr. John Crossen, ^(172 No. Dover St.) 1610 N. 27th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Joseph A. Crossen

Change in address

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body
NOT returned to U.S.

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.

Noted on Form No. 115
Date 8-23-20

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow	(No. Widow)		
Soldier's Children	1. (No Children)		
(Name oldest first)	2. (No Children)		
	3. (No Children)		
Father	John Crossen		
Mother	Mother Dead		
	1.		
	2.		
Brothers	3. (No Brothers)		
(Name oldest first)	1. May C. Crossen		
	2.		
Sisters	3.		
(Name oldest first)			

Date 7/29/20 Signature John Crossen

Address 1721 No. Dover St. Phila. Pa. Relationship Father

IMPORTANT: CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper. (OVER)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT THIS FORM

Date 7/29/20 1920.

I, the undersigned, am the Father and nearest living relative of the within
(Relationship)

named soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:
(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired).

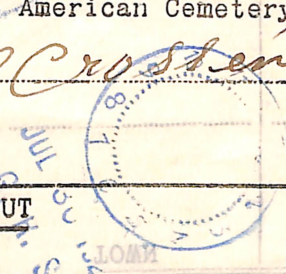
- ~~1. As stated on first page of this sheet.~~
- 2. To be returned to the U.S. and shipped to _____
(Name) _____
(R.R. Station) _____ (State) _____
- 3. To be returned to the U.S. and buried in _____ National Cemetery.

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

Signature John Crossen

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT

- 1. If definite instruction as to the disposition of a body are not received from the nearest relative within 2 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 CUARDIAN 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 enclosed envelope - pay no postage.



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

APR 30 1920

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.
TO: Mr. John Crossen, 1610 N. 27th St., Philadelphia, Pa.
SUBJECT: Disposition of remains of Pvt. Joseph A. Crossen

Records of this office show your request to be as follows:

Remains to be Returned to United States ~~interment~~

Shipped to Mr. John Crossen, (Ex. & Teleg.) Philadelphia, Pa.

1610 N. 27th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

If any modifications of the foregoing are desired please write same fully on the other side of this sheet.

The nearest living relative may choose between, (1) return of remains to homes for burial; (2) interment in Arlington, Va., National Cemetery; or (3) remain in France.

You are requested to fill out the following without delay and return in enclosed penalty envelope, which does not require postage.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Widow			
Children (Name oldest first)			
Father			
Mother			
Brothers			
Sisters			

Date

Signature

Address

Relationship

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

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

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM



NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

CLASS OF SERVICE	SYMBOL
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Day Letter	Blue
Night Message	Nite
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B Philadelphia, Pa., May 1, 1920.

Graves Registration Service

Washington, DC.

I wish to have the body of Private Jos A Crossen remain in

France

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John Crossen,

Father

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Noted on Form No. 115
Date.....

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ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION



TELEGRAPH SECTION
ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION



MAY 3 1917
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REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION AND SHIPMENT OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records Office Chief G.R.S.

Discrepancy found upon examination of body

- 1. Name CROSSEN, Joseph A.
- 2. No. 1895910
- 3. Rank Pvt.
- 4. Org. Co. D, 321st M.G. Bn.
- 5. D.D. 11/10/18
- 6. C.D. Broncho Pneumonia & Influenza

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

- 7. Grave No. 259 Sect. ---
- 8. Plot --- Row ---
- 9. -----

- 15. Grave No.....Sect.....
- 16. Plot.....Row.....
- 17.

- 18. Cemetery American
- 19. (Commune or Town) Angers
- 20. (Dept. or County) M-et-L
- 21. (Country) France
- 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 297
- 23. Disinterred (Date)..... By.....
- 24. Inscription (Name)..... SERIAL NO.....
on
Grave Marker (RANK)..... ORGANIZATION.....
- 25. Was Identification Disc found on Grave Marker?..... On Body?.....

Signature of Junior Technical Assistant

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

PREPARATION

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

27. Condition of body.....

28. Nature of burial.....

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

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

31. Casket sealed by.....

Signature of Embalmer Supervisor).....

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

32. DESIGNATION (Name CROSSEN, Joseph A. Serial No. 1895910)
OF ()
BODY (Rank Pvt. Organization Co. D., 321st M.G. Bn.)

33. CONSIGNEE - Name John Crossen, (Ex. & Teleg.) Phila., Pa.
Address 1610 N. 27th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date)..... By.....

35. I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.
Signature of G.R.S. Inspector.....

36. Remarks.....

37. Shipped from Cemetery (Date)..... To.....
(Point of Concentration)

Convoyer..... Sign. Shpg. Officer.....

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

Sign. Receiving Officer.....

39. Shipped from Point of Concentration (Date).....

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

Sign. Shipping Officer.....

40. Received European Port (Date).....

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

41. Shipped to (U.S. Port)..... On (Boat).....
Date..... Convoyer..... (Sign. Shpg. Officer)

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

43. Shipped to Destination (Date).....)B/L or Express Order No.
Convoyer.....)Shpg. Officer.....

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE

Grossen 1895910 Joseph
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Pvt. D 321MG Bn.
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Base Hospital 27

CAUSE OF DEATH: Broncho-Pneumonia

DATE OF BURIAL: 11 Nov. 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL: American Cemetery

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

Angers, France

Maine et Loire

GRAVE NUMBER: 259

HOW MARKED: Name Peg ^{yes} Cross ^{no}

Headboard? ^{no} Bottle ^{no}

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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NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

James H. [Signature]
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).



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Grossen Joseph

#1895910

Pvt. Co. D. 321st M.G.Bn.

DD 11/10/18

BURIED AMERICAN CEMETERY AT ANGERS

GRAVE 259

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AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A. E. F.
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
FRANCE

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April 2nd, 1919.

Burial information for the American Red Cross.

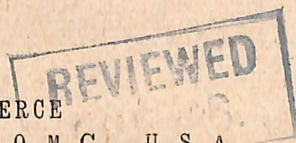
Soldier's name : CROSSEN, Joseph A.
Rank : Private.
Organization : Co. D, 321st M.G. Bn.
Date of Death : November 10th, 1918.
Place of Burial : Grave #259, New American Cemetery
 L'Ouest, at ANGERS, Department of
 MAINE ET LOIRE.

Reference number : 55441.

(All communications regarding this Grave location should
quote the above reference number and be addressed to: -
Chief, Graves Registration Service
Headquarters Service of Supply
Office of the Chief Quartermaster
American E. F.
France.)

(Copy sent to Washington & Paris.)

CHARLES C. PIERCE
Lieut. Colonel. Q.M.C., U.S.A.



TO:- REGISTRATION BRANCH G.R.S.

FILE NUMBER 55441

FROM:- A. R. R.

DATE: 3/6/19

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME CROSSEN, JOSEPH A. NUMBER 1895910

RANK PVT. ORGANIZATION C. I. 32nd M.G. BN.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	1) Yes
2.	Date of Death.	2) 11-10-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	3) Broncho Pneumonia, Influenza
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	4) C. I. 320
5.	Date buried.	5) Nov. 11-18
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.	6) Grave 259 - Amer. Cem. "L'Anest", ANGERS (Maine) (Ext. Loire)
7.	Who reported burial.	7) CTY #297
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	8) No Yes
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	9) Name Peg
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	10) One with Body One with Marker
11.	Who is nearest relative? :	11) John Crossen (Father)
12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	12) 1610 N. 27 th St. Philadelphia Pa
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the Photograph No. ?	

12-9-18

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

REVISED
OSP SS.

Captain C. B. Dix

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~~3/6/19~~
AMERICAN RED CROSS.

Paris, ... Feb. 18, 1919

Name of Soldier:

Rank: Joseph Crossen, #1895910

Company: Private

Regiment: Co. D

321st M. G. Bn.

Forward Burial Report to

"Bureau of Communication" for

John Crossen, 1610 N. 27th St
Philadelphia, Pa.

Burial report required for Paris.

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