

FULL NAME CROSSLand, Bert S. ✓

RANK Cook ✓ SERIAL 2274604 ✓

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION 316th Tr. Hdq. & M.P. Co B 91st Div.

DATE OF DEATH 11/1/18 ✓

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Calif.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

None shown

2/28

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 2 1 C
Date Grave Row Block

Flander's Field Cty. 1252.

Cemetery

REC'D WORLD WAR DIV.
8 JUL 11 1924

77. 12/10/18 GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

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Crossland 2274604 Bert S
Surname Number First Name

Cook B 316 Tr. & M. P.
Rank Company Organization

Nov. 2, 1918
Date of Burial

In a field across the creek, s.e. part
of Waremphen, Belgium
Place of Burial

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Scale 1:40,000
Map Location and References

11 cross
Grave No. Kind of Marker

yes yes
Identification Tags- Body---Marker

If unknown Give Remarks Here and Below

Reported by:
Chaplain Louis J. Egelson and
Alex. Lewis, 363 Inf.

Date June 3, 1919

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: CROSSLAND, Bert S.

Number: 2274604

Rank: Cook

Organization: Co. B, 316th T.H. & M.P.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group 3

Unit 302

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

6-3-19 Grave 4, A.E.F.Cem. #1 Waereghem, West Flanders, Belgium.

B.M. 1/40,000. Sht. 29-D-21-b-9-4

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

6-3-19 Grave 159, Plot D, American Mil. Cem., Waereghem, West Flanders, Belgium, B.M. 1/40,000. Sht/ 29-D-28-d-6-9.5

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

Body buried in Shelter Half. Very much decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? no

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

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CO. FIRMED N° D

Note:

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

Supervised by: Sgt. A. Caillaud

2nd Lt. QMCUSA

C.O. Group 3

Unit 302

Date June 3, 1919

REPORT OF DISTINCTION AND REBURIAL

Remains of:

Name: GROSSLAND, Bert S. Rank: Cook
Organization: Co. B, 316th T.H. & M.P. Unit 302
Distinction and Reburial made by Group 3

Disinterred (Date) From: (Give complete location)

Grave 4, A.E.F. Cem. # West Flanders, West Flanders, Belgium

B.M. 1/46,000, Snt. 29-D-21-b-9-4

Disinterred (Date) From: (Give complete location)

Grave 159, Plot B, American Mil. Cem., West Flanders, West

Flanders, Belgium. B.M. 1/46,000, Snt. 29-D-28-d-6-9-2

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

Body buried in shelter hole. Very much decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? no

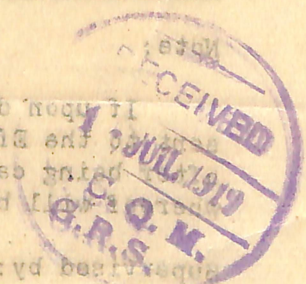
What other means of identification were found on the body? none

CO. 316TH T.H. & M.P.

It upon disinterment, all items are found upon bodies, they will be promptly
the Elsie's Report direct, as is required by G. O. 170, G.M. 2, 1918.
being carefully examined for clues to identify in doubtful cases, notation
will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

2nd Lt. MORSA
Unit 302

Reported by: Sgt. A. Callahan



CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE	
NAME	Crossland, Bert S.	CRO	3	3 8 5
BURIED	CEMETERY	1252	1	8
	GRAVE	2	2	02
	ROW	1	2	01
	BLOCK	C	1	3
STATE	Calif.		2	04
RANK	Cook		1	2
DIVISION	91		2	91
ORGANIZATION	316		3	316
ARM	6		1	6
MARITAL	yes (Des'd)		1	1
NAME	Mrs Nellie Crossland	CRO	3	3 8 5
RESIDENCE	STATE	Calif	2	04
	COUNTY	Los Angeles	2	19
	CITY	Torrance	3	XX4
RELATION	Mother		1	1
OTHER			1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes		1	
NATIVITY			1	
RACE			1	
ENGLISH	yes		1	
ATTENDANT			1	
HEALTH	Good		1	
NO. OF SONS			1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.		1	
	YR.		1	
ACCEPTANCE			1	
29/514/EAB	No Agr			2 75

AUDITED

MAR 8 1932

Declines Mrs Roosevelt
6/21/30 "physical"
disability
listed for
1931

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Crossland, Bert S.

FF

September 7, 1932

Mrs. Nellie Crossland
Torrance, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	<i>No</i>
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: <i>75</i> Health: <i>good</i>
3. Do you speak English?	<i>yes</i>
4. What other language do you speak?	<i>none</i>

Mrs Nellie Crossland
Sign here

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

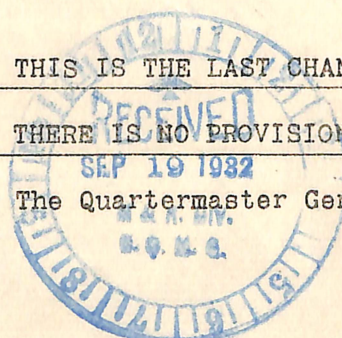
For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Chas. W. Dietz

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

Encl:
Env.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Crossland, Bert S. (PF)

July 12, 1932

Mrs. Hollie Crossland,

Torrance, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

QM 293 A-M
Crossland, Bert S. (FF)

March 23, 1932

Mrs. Nellie Crossland,
Torrance,
California.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Bert S. Crossland, Cook.

It is noted you were previously unable to make a pilgrimage because of poor health, and in this connection you are advised that personnel to care for the comfort and needs of the pilgrims will be provided and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past two years many mothers in poor health and of advanced age made the pilgrimage and appeared to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

Should you reconsider and desire to visit your son's grave this coming summer, it is requested that you so notify this office at the earliest practicable date. You are assured that not only will the pilgrimage be made at the expense of the Government, but everything possible will be provided for your comfort and welfare.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Crossland, Bert S. F.P. M

October 2, 1931

Mrs. Nellie Crossland
Torrance, Calif.

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Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

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

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

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Crossland, Bert S. Cook (F.F.) M

June 23, 1931

Mrs. Nellie Crossland,
Torrance, California.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Crossland, Bert S. 1252-M

June 19, 1930

Mrs. Nellie Crossland,
Torrance, California.

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.

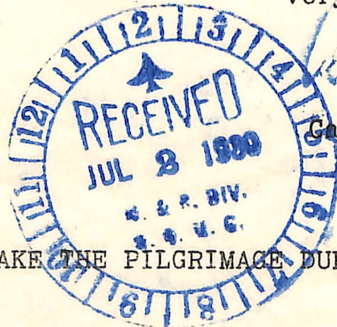
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? No

(Write answer here)

Nellie Crossland
(Sign here)

QM 293 A-C
Crossland, Bert S. 1252 M

April 28, 1930

Mrs. Nellie Crossland,
Terrance,
California.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date declining invitation to sail on the SS "Roosevelt" June 21 1930, to visit the grave of your son, the late Bert S. Crossland, under provision of the Act of March 2, 1929.

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

For The Quartermaster General

Very truly yours.

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

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Crossland, B. & S.
S. O. Co.

Dear Sir:-

Declines

In reply to your letter of 4/11.

I wrote you some time ago declining
your invitation to go on the pilgrimage.
I do not feel able to make the trip as
I can only be on my feet a little while
at a time. I am writing this in case you
did not receive my other letter.

Mrs Nellie Crossland

Mrs. Nellie Crossland
1330 Engle
Torrance, Calif.



War Dept.
Office of the Quartermaster General
Washington D. C.

Q.M. 293 A-C.

QM 293 A-C
Crossland, Bert S. 1252 M

April 18, 1930

Mrs. Nellie Crossland,
Torrance,
California.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 1 declining the invitation to sail on the SS "Roosevelt" on June 21, 1930 to visit the grave of your son, the late Bert S. Crossland, Cook, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

Sailings are scheduled weekly during the months of May, June, July and August during the year 1930. Should your health improve and you desire to make the pilgrimage, it is requested you notify this office immediately in order that arrangements may be made for you.

It may be stated in this connection that personnel to care for the comforts and needs of mothers and widows making the journey has been provided and medical attention will be available at all times.

In the absence of a reply from you, your name will be placed upon the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the journey in 1931 and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages are being arranged for that year.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Declined in
Roosevelt
Listed for April 1, 1930
6-21-30
1931

Q. M. 293A-C

War Dept.

Washington, D.C.

Torrance, Calif

Los Angeles Co

West S. Crossland

1252.

I am very sorry
that it is necessary
for me to decline your
kind invitation for the
pilgrimage. I do not
feel that it would be
advisable for me to
attempt this trip due
to my physical condition.

With sincere thanks,

Mrs Nellie Crossland

Veteran name

Delivered in 1931
1931

April, 1930

Thomas, Calif

400 Angeles St

West S. Cleveland

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Washington, D.C.

Washington, D.C.

I am very sorry
that it is necessary
for me to decline your
kind invitation for the
performance. I do not
feel that it would be
advisable for me to
attempt this step at
the moment.



Roosevelt
6-21-30
1252

Crossland - But S.

*on account of
physical disability*

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

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

Mrs. Nellie Crossland

(Name)

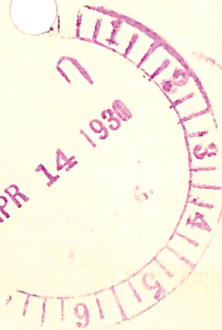
Torrance, Los Angeles County, Calif.

(Town or City)

(State)

1931

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WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General
WASHINGTON

In Reply Refer To QM 293 A-C

Crossland, Bert S. 1252-M

April 11, 1930

Mrs. Nellie Crossland,
Torrance,
California.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the "Roosevelt" on June 21, 1930.

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

In the event no reply is received from you before May 3, 1930, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

May 2, 1929
Tonawanda, Calif.

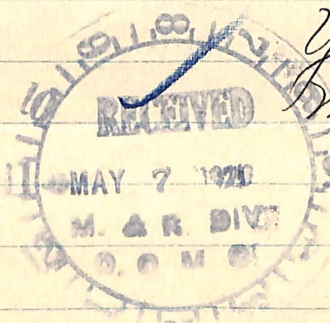
Quartermaster General
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter
of the 23rd - QM 293 A-C. My son
was survived by a widow but
she passed away in May 1919.

I appreciate the opportunity
of visiting my son's grave.

Yours very truly
Mrs Nellie Crossland
by M. Hardin, daughter.



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Crossland. Part

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Crossland, Bert S.

April 23, 1929.

Mrs. Nellie Crossland,
Torrance,
Calif.

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 Bert S. Crossland, Cook, Company B, 316th Train Headquarters and Military Police, whose remains are now interred in the Flanders Field American Cemetery, Waereghem, Belgium.

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,

J. McCLINTOCK,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Crossland, Bert S.

FF

September 7, 1932

Mrs. Nellie Crossland
Torrance, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Sign here

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Crossland, Bert S. (FF)

July 12, 1932

Mrs. Nollie Crossland,

Torrance, Calif.

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.

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

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

QM 293 A-M
Crossland, Bert S. (FF)

March 23, 1932

Mrs. Nellie Crossland,
Torrance,
California.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Bert S. Crossland, Cook.

It is noted you were previously unable to make a pilgrimage because of poor health, and in this connection you are advised that personnel to care for the comfort and needs of the pilgrims will be provided and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past two years many mothers in poor health and of advanced age made the pilgrimage and appeared to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

Should you reconsider and desire to visit your son's grave this coming summer, it is requested that you so notify this office at the earliest practicable date. You are assured that not only will the pilgrimage be made at the expense of the Government, but everything possible will be provided for your comfort and welfare.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Crossland, Bert S. F.F. M

October 2, 1931

Mrs. Nellie Crossland
Torrance, Calif.

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Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

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

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Crossland, Bert S. Cook (F.F.) M

June 23, 1931

Mrs. Nellie Crossland,
Torrance, California.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Crossland, Bert S. 1252-W

June 19, 1930

Mrs. Nellie Crossland,
Torrance, California.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

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

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

This letter is being sent to all mothers and widows who are not making the pilgrimage in 1930, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

QM 293 A-C
Crossland, Bert S. 1252 M

April 28, 1930

Mrs. Nellie Crossland,
Torrance,
California.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date declining invitation to sail on the SS "Roosevelt" June 21 1930, to visit the grave of your son, the late Bert S. Crossland, under provision of the Act of March 3, 1929.

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

For The Quartermaster General

Very truly yours.

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

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See Crossland list.

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QM 293 A-C
Crossland, Bert S. 1252 M

April 18, 1930

Mrs. Nellie Crossland,
Torrance,
California.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 1 declining the invitation to sail on the SS "Roosevelt" on June 21, 1930 to visit the grave of your son, the late Bert S. Crossland, Cook, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

Sailings are scheduled weekly during the months of May, June, July and August during the year 1930. Should your health improve and you desire to make the pilgrimage, it is requested you notify this office immediately in order that arrangements may be made for you.

It may be stated in this connection that personnel to care for the comforts and needs of mothers and widows making the journey has been provided and medical attention will be available at all times.

In the absence of a reply from you, your name will be placed upon the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the journey in 1931 and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages are being arranged for that year.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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See Crossland file

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WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General
WASHINGTON

In Reply Refer To QM 293 A-C

Crossland, Bert S. 1252-M

April 11, 1930

Mrs. Nellie Crossland,
Torrance,
California.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the "Roosevelt" on June 21, 1930.

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

In the event no reply is received from you before May 3, 1930, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

Crossland, Bert S. 1252--M

March 24, 1930

Mrs. Nellie Crossland,
Torrance, California.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.
Regulation.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Grossland, Bert S. 1252 M

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Nellie Crossland,
Torrance,
Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl.
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Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO ~~CM 203 A-C~~
Crossland, Bert S.

April 23, 1929.

Mrs. Nellie Crossland,
Terrance,
Calif.

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 Bert S. Crossland, Cook, Company B, 516th Train Headquarters and Military Police, whose remains are now interred in the Flanders Field American Cemetery, Wareghem, Belgium.

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,

J. McCLINTOCK,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

November 21, 1923.

Mr. Fuller W. Crossland,
Torrance,
Calif.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the permanent grave of Cook Bert S. Crossland, Company B, 316th Train, Headquarters and Military Police, is Grave 2, Row 1, Block C, Flanders Field American Cemetery, Waereghem, Belgium.

This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. 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.

You are assured in effecting removal of the remains, the utmost care and reverence were exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed 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,

R.L. FOSTER
Assistant.

RD



B. O. G.

COMPILATION N/R REQUESTS

I. DATA COMPILATION

A. Location Index Card:-

(1) Name Crossland, Bert S. Ser. No. 2274604) TYP. BSW
 (2) Rank Pvt. Cook 1/3 Organization Co. B, 316th Train Hdqrs. & Mil. Police) CKR. Mart
 (3) Date of death 11-1-18)

B. Registration Card:- (Check Reg. Card Inf. against Loc. Ind. Inf.)

(4) Cause of death Killed in Action) TYP. TW
 (5) Grave No. 159 Row -- Plot D Sect. --) CKR. MB

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 Wife
 (7) Name Mrs Margaret Crossland
 (8) Address 119 N. Olive, Los Angeles Calif
 (9) Desires remains brought to U. S.? No
 (10) Desires remains brought to U. S. and interred in National Cemetery at _____
 (11) If brought back, what shipping instructions? _____

SEE SUSPENSION REMARKS

Case 3/29/20

C. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE Date of communication 4-12-19

(12) Does correspondence Change or qualify request as made on A.G.O. card?
 If so, specify such information. 119 N. Olive St. Los Angeles, Cal. (wife)

(13) A. G. O. Files EXAMINED by _____ (Date) _____

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

(15) G. R. S. Files EXAMINED by _____ (Date) _____

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AP 12/21/20

check 1/21/20

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) 5/10/20

(19) Typed by LTW Checked by (Date) 5/10/20

C. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*1-25-21 let for Nellie Crossland, mother, Torrance, Calif.
Requesting the Remains to remain in France
7) also states that soldier was not
married - Father is Fuller W. Crossland
Asks for H-3-21 (66) location of grave.*

D. Dispatched (Date) (Let. Trans. No. 12-3-20)

*Memo undated (rec'd 8-19-21) from I & A. states
wife is dead. MMS 8-19-21*

Approved by

(Date)

*E/A - Mrs. Bert S. Crossland (wife)
119 No. Olive St.,
Los Angeles, Calif.*

*W.R. I gives beneficiary ^{10/4/20} (mother)
Mrs Nellie Crossland
Torrance Calif ^{10/6/20} can*

*11/27/20 letter to mother re re- widow child
father also for her mother as to disposition 11/27/20 P/L/S*

2-25-21 Affidavit, signed by Fuller W. Crossland,
father, and Nellie Crossland, mother, requests body
remain in France. H-3-9-21 PW

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OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE June 23, 1922.

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 Crossland, Bert S.
 2. No. 2274604
 3. Rank Cook
 4. Org. Co. B. 316th M.P. *In Hdqrs*
 5. D.D. Nov. 1st, 18
 6. C.D. KIA

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 159 Sec. _____
 8. Plot D Row _____
 9. _____

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

18. Cemetery American

19. Commune or town Waereghem

20. Dept. or County _____

21. Country Belgium

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1252

23. Disinterred (Date) June 23, 1922

By Edmo Maire.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Bert S. Crossland.

Serial No. 2274604

Rank Cook.

Organization Co. B. 316th M.P.

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

L. R. Knasin
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant

L. R. Knasin.

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 reads: Bert S. Crossland 2274604. U.S.A.

27. Condition of body badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial wooden box and uniform.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? none.

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date June 23, 1922 By E. Maire.

31. Casket sealed by _____

E. Maire.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

Edmo Maire.

C.R.#121

PR

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-899

32. Designation of body:

Name Crossland, Bert S Serial No. 2274604

Rank Cook Organization Co. B. 316th M.R.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Flanders Field American Cemetery #1252, Waereghem, Belgium.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) June 23, 1922 By H. Maire.

35. I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector

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

36. Remarks

none.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) June 23, 1922.

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 Flanders Field Amer. Ct. #. 1252. Waereghem, Belgium.

(Name)

Convoyer

Signature Shipping Officer

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

40. Received: Date

June 23, 1922.

G.R.S. Representative

W.D. Cleary

41. Reinterred June 23, 1922.

W.D. Cleary, Chaplain.

(Date)

42. Grave No. 2

Section

43. Plot BLOCK C

Row

1

G.R.S. Representative

W.D. Cleary
W.D. Cleary, Chaplain U.S. Army.

Crossland

Bert S

2,274,604



(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

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Co B,

316th ~~Inf & MP~~

Train Adjutant M.P.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

wife

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

no

(Yes or no.)

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

}

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Mrs Margaret Crossland

119 N Olive St

Los Angeles California

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

drawn by ~~MAH~~

125-2-121

checked by ~~CB~~ 10/15

10-28-20

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF CROSSLAND, Bert S. SERIAL NUMBER 2274604
RANK Cook. ORGANIZATION Co. B. 316th M.P.

2. Disinterred (date): June 23, 1922 From (give complete location): Gr 159, plot D. Cty. 1252

By: Group 4 Unit sec 2.

3. Reburied (date): June 23, 1922 In (give complete location): Gr. 2, Row 1, Block C. Flanders Field Amer. Cty. 1252. Waereghem, Belgium. In regulation metallic casket and shipping case. Bottle record placed with body.

By: Group Reburial Unit Section 2. Nature of reburial

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
wooden box and uniform, badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

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 reads: Bert S. Crossland 2274604 U.S.A.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) indiscernable due to

(b) Weight (estimated) decomposition.

(c) Hair—Color none visible.

Quantity none.

Characteristics none.

(d) Hair on face—Color none visible.

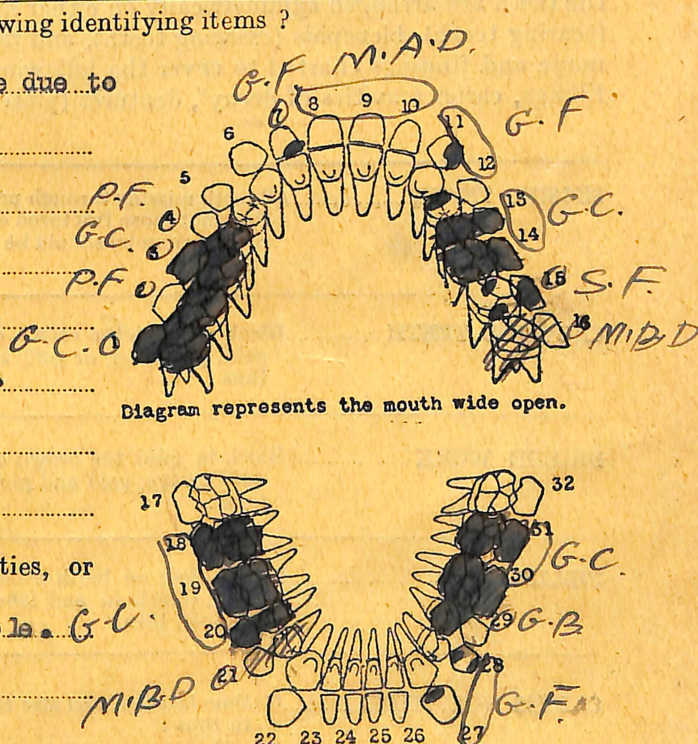
Location none

Quantity none.

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

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

none visible.



7. Disinterment supervised by Edmo Maire

Approved: O. E. Davis
(Title) 1st Lt. Q.M.G.

8. Reburial supervised by J. S. Pantelis






Approved: W. D. Cleary
(Title) Chaplain U.S. Army.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

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

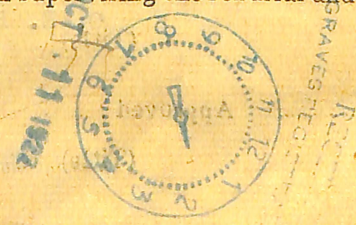
Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the corresponding numbered space. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Question 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

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.



8. Reburial
Approved by

Place Waareghem, Belgium.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date 3-7-21

1. REMAINS OF CROSSLAND, Bert S SERIAL NUMBER 2274604

RANK Cook ORGANIZATION Co. B. 316th M.P.

2. Disinterred (date): 3-7-21 From (give complete location): Gr. 159, Plot D, American Cemetery No. 1252, Waareghem, Belgium.

By: Group 4 Section No. 4.

3. Reburied (date): 3-7-21 In (give complete location): Gr. 159, Plot D, American Cemetery No. 1252, Waareghem, Belgium.

By: Group 4 Section No. 4. Nature of reburial Burlap; wooden box.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
Uniform, slicker, burlap. Body badly decomposed. Recognition impossible.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:
Cross reads: Cook Bert S. Crossland, Co. B. 316th M.P. g-159. Disc on cross reads: Bert S. Crossland, USA, 2274604. Metal strip reads Crossland, Bert S, 2274604, Cook, Co. B. 316th M.P. g- 159 Plot D Cem. 1252

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items? Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, gold crown and bridge work. No. 6, gold band.

(a) Height (actual measurement) 5 ft 8 in. Nos. ~~7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20, 29, 30~~ and No. 31, gold crowns.

(b) Weight (estimated) 160 lbs.

(c) Hair—Color Unable to determine

Quantity -

Characteristics -

(d) Hair on face—Color -

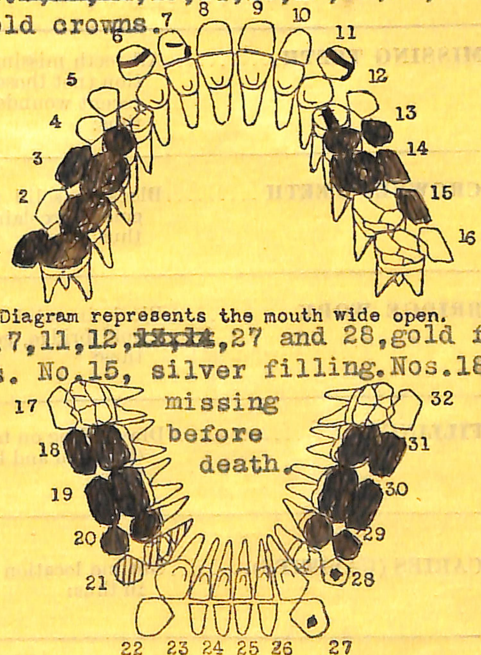
Location -

Quantity -

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

missing parts) -

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



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7. Disinterment supervised by W.C. RAPINE Approved: G.B. Kidwell
(Title) G. B. KIDWELL, tap

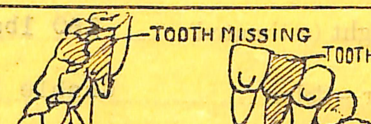




8. Reburial supervised by W.C. RAPINE Approved: G.B. Kidwell
(Title) G. B. KIDWELL, 2nd Lt. JMC

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>TOOTH MISSING TOOTH MISSING</p>
CROWNED TEETH	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:	 <p>GOLD CROWN PORCELAIN CROWN</p>
BRIDGE WORK	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus:	 <p>GOLD AND PORCELAIN BRIDGE GOLDBRIDGE</p>
FILLINGS	Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:	 <p>SILVER FILLING GOLD FILLING GOLD FILLING GOLD FILLING</p>
CARIES (CAVITIES)	Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:	 <p>CAVITY 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 OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File No. 69581.

(a) Name CROSSLAND, Bert S. Ser. No. 2274604 } TYP ESW
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. B. 316th Train Hdqrs. & Mil. Police. } MEH
 (c) Date of death 11/1/18 Cause of death K/A.

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

(a) Grave No. 159 Row --- Plot D. Sect. --- TYP TW
 (b) Emerg. Address ---

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases No card. CKR MB.

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

All card - wife (Mrs. Margaret Crossland, 119 N. Aliver St., Los Angeles, Cal) wishes body left in Europe
 (H) 12/20

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 192)
 (Letter of transmittal on 12/2 1920)

PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. DEC 23 1920 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken

VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. 3-23 192

COUNTRY Belgium CEMETERY NO. 1252 SHEET NO. 121
 G.R.S. FORM 115-A
 August 1920

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AP 12/21/20

FROM: O. V. M. G.
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
Munitions Building
Room 1129

PLEASE
EXPEDITE

at Aug.

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUBSECTION
Room 1128, Munitions Bldg.

Date Aug. 7, 1920

Cemetery No 1252 - 121

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

TO: The Adjutant General of the Army.

SUBJECT: Disposition of Remains - (Name: Crossland, Bert S.)

Rank: Private Organization Co. B. 316th Train Hdqrs. & Mil. Police.

The records of this office fail to show the serial number of the above-named soldier, and it is requested that your office enter this information hereon and return to this office (Cemeterial Division, Overseas Project Subsection).

The remains of soldier mentioned hereon are soon to arrive in the United States and it is requested that information be furnished at the earliest practicable date. In case the serial number is not available it is requested that the date and place of enlistment be indicated. An emergency address is requested.

Approved

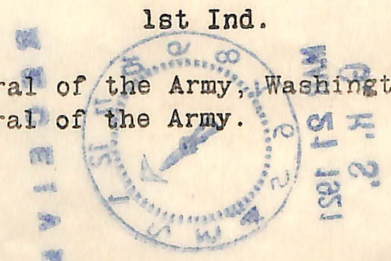
*E. A. McBERT, S. Crossland
(wife) 119, no. Olive St.
H. L. ROGERS, Los Angeles Calif.
Quartermaster General.*

BY: *H. J. Conner*
H. J. CONNER,
Captain, Q.M.C.

1st Ind.

Office of the Adjutant General of the Army, Washington, D. C. 1920.
TO: The Quartermaster General of the Army.

Returned:



Serial No. 2274604 Date of Enlistment Sept 20/17

Place of Enlistment Santa Monica, Calif.

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New Sect - 8/10/20. p. 29.*

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Adjutant General

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUBSECTION
Room 1128, Munitions Bldg.

Date APR. 7. 1920

Cemetery No. 1252 - 121

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

TO: The Adjutant General of the Army.

SUBJECT: Disposition of Remains - (Name: Grossland, Bert S.)

Rank: Private
Organization: Co. B. 31st Train Hqs. & Mt. Police.

The records of this office fail to show the serial number of the above-named soldier, and it is requested that your office enter this information here on and return to this office (Cemeterial Division, Overseas Project Subsection).

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H. L. ROGERS,
Quartermaster General.

BY: H. J. CONNER,
Captain, G.M.C.

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Office of the Adjutant General of the Army, Washington, D. C. 1920

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Place of Enlistment

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Adjutant General

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUBSECTION
Room 1100, Munitions Bldg.

Date Aug. 7, 1920

Cemetery No 1252 - 121

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

TO: The Adjutant General of the Army.

SUBJECT: Disposition of Remains - (Name: Crossland, Bert S.)

Rank: Private Organization Co. B, 316th Train Hdqrs. & Mil. Police.

The records of this office fail to show the serial number of the above-named soldier, and it is requested that your office enter this information hereon and return to this office (Cemeterial Division, Overseas Project Subsection).

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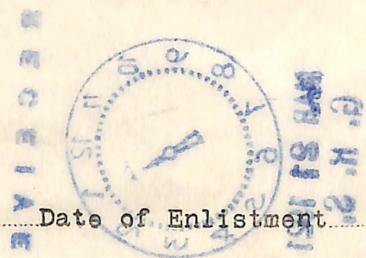
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Office of the Adjutant General of the Army, Washington, D. C. 1920.
TO: The Quartermaster General of the Army.

Returned:

Serial No. Date of Enlistment

Place of Enlistment



Adjutant General

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUBSECTION
Room 1100, Munitions Bldg.

Date: Apr. 7, 1950

Cemetery No. 1252 - 121

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

TO: The Adjutant General of the Army.

SUBJECT: Disposition of Remains - (Name: Crossland, Bert S.)

Rank: Private
Organization: Co. B, 81st Troop Bn, 4th Div.
Police.

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H. I. ROGERS,
Quartermaster General.

BY:

H. J. CONNER,
Captain, G.M.C.

lat Ind.

Office of the Adjutant General of the Army, Washington, D. C.
TO: The Quartermaster General of the Army.

Returned:

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G. H. S.



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Serial No. _____
Place of Enlistment _____

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

JUL 20 1920

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

TO: Mrs. Margaret Crossland, 119 N. Olive St. Los Angeles, Calif.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Bert S. Crossland.

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

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow			
Soldier's Children	1.		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
	3.		
Father			
Mother			
Brothers	1.		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
Sisters			
Date	Signature		

Address _____ Relationship _____

Note:- Instructions on the reverse side of this sheet should be carefully read before filling out this paper.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT

1. This paper MUST be signed by the person who is the NEXT of kin in the order shown in the square on other side of this sheet.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. If YOU are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
5. 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.
6. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
7. Use the enclosed envelope - pay no postage.

WAR DEPARTMENT
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The transfer of bodies will be made entirely at Government expense.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

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

TO: The relatives of our dead.

SUBJECT: Participation of patriotic societies in funerals.

1. The American Legion has expressed its desire to render any possible aid and comfort to relatives of our soldier dead returned from Europe for burial at their homes, and to honor their fallen comrades through participation in the funeral ceremonies. To this end the Legion requested this office to furnish the National Headquarters with the names and addresses of next of kin, approximate date of return and other data. This information cannot be furnished to others than relatives of the dead, since it is peculiarly their property and its dissemination to others would be a violation of our obligation to them and to the dead.

2. The desire of the American Legion is brought to your attention in order that, should you wish any aid from the organization or that it participate in the funeral of your soldier dead, you may bring the matter to the attention of the commander of the local post, or if there be no local post, to the attention of the National Adjutant, American Legion, National Headquarters, Meridian Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind.

3. It is understood to be the intention of the National Headquarters, American Legion, in case there is no local post in the immediate vicinity of the intended burial place of any returned soldier's remains, to direct the nearest post to take action on those cases where relatives so request.

4. The American Red Cross desires also to render comfort to the relatives of our dead, through their local chapters, which are in operation in almost every town. We are sure they will be glad to serve whenever they may be called upon.

5. The same is doubtless true concerning the other welfare organizations which were officially recognized during the World War and are still in operation, as well as other military associations which are locally established.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Colonel, U.S. Army,
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

Supplemental:-

The Jewish Welfare Board, whose National headquarters are at 149 Fifth Ave, New York City, will gladly render all necessary service to relatives of Jewish dead and will operate directly or through correspondents in each locality.

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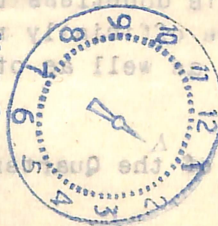
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By authority of the Quartermaster General



G. R. S.
MAR 21 1921

Chief, Cemeterial Division,
Colonel, U.S. Army,
CHARLES C. PIERCE

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January 14th, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div., Cor. Branch.
(CROSSLAND, Bert S.)

Mrs. Nellie Crossland,
Terrance, California.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete in the matter of final disposition of remains of the late Cook Bert S. Crossland, Serial Number 2274604, Company B, 316th Train Headquarters and Military Police, it is necessary that you advise whether the deceased is survived by a widow, children or father, giving their names and addresses.

The above information is necessary due to the fact that instructions for the disposition of remains can be issued by this office only upon properly executed authority of the legal next of kin.

If the deceased is not survived by the above mentioned persons, it is requested that you state definitely if you wish the body of the late soldier buried in a permanent National Cemetery in France, returned to the United States and shipped to you, or interred in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia.

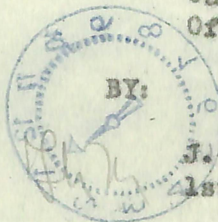
Your early attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

J. E. BUTLER,
1st Lieutenant, Infantry.

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January 14th, 1921

File No. 238.8 Com. Div., Cor. Branch
(CROSSLAND, Bert S.)

Mrs. Nellie Crossland,
Torrance, California

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete in the matter of final disposition of remains of the late Cook Bert S. Crossland, Serial Number 2274804, Company B, Sixth Train Headquarters and Military Police, it is necessary that you advise whether the deceased is survived by a widow, children or father, giving their names and addresses.

The above information is necessary due to the fact that instructions for the disposition of remains can be issued by this office only upon properly executed authority of the legal next of kin.

If the deceased is not survived by the above mentioned persons, it is requested that you state definitely if you wish the body of the late soldier buried in a permanent National Cemetery in France, returned to the United States and shipped to you, or interred in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia.

Your early attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. E. HANSON,
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,
Office in Charge.

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G. H. S.



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MAILED-O.T.M.
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February 16th, 1921.

File No. 293.6 Cem.Div., Cor.Branch.
(CROSSLAND, Bert S.)

Mrs. Nellie Crossland,
Tarrance, California.

Dear Madam:

Receipt of your communication dated January 25th, 1921, relative to the remains of the late Bert S. Crossland, Cook, Serial Number 2274604, Company B, 316th Train Headquarters & Military Police, is acknowledged.

In order that the records of this office may be complete in the matter of final disposition of remains of the late soldier it is requested that you secure a signed statement from the father of the deceased that he concurs in your request to have the remains left in France for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

Your early attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

BY:

J. C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

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February 15th, 1921.

File No. 2228. Gen. Div., U.S. Army.
(GROSSLAND, Bert S.)

Mrs. Nellie Grossland,
Turman, California.

Dear Madam:

Receipt of your communication dated January 22nd, 1921, relative to the remains of the late Bert S. Grossland, Cook, Serial Number 2274604, Company B, 15th Train Headquarters & Military Police, is acknowledged.

In order that the record of this office may be complete in the matter of final disposition of remains of the late soldier it is requested that you secure a signed statement from the father of the deceased that he consents in your request to have the remains left in France for burial in a permanent American cemetery.

Your early attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. E. WALKER,
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,
Office in Charge.

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FEB 21 1921
G. R. S.



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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION

Please Rush

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

Crossland, Bert S. Pvt.

1252 --- 121

9/17/20

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

2274604

Co. B. 316th Train Hdqrs. & ML Police

Date of Death 11/1/18

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE Oct. 4, 1920

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Mrs. Nellie Crossland

Mother

Address

Torrance, Calif.

*Copy to Ady.
A.P. 12/21/20*

*Noted on Form No. 118
Date*

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March 17, 1921.

FILE NO. 293.8 Com. Div. Cor. Branch.
(CROSSLAND, Bert S.)

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

SUBJECT: Return of Records - Cemetery #1252.
Transmittal Memorandum Number H - 2014.

1. The records pertaining to the following case are returned herewith, it having been definitely determined that the body is to remain in Europe. Attention is invited to parent's request for location of grave in France.

REFERENCE NO:

121

Crossland, Bert S., Cook, Serial Number
2274604, Company B, 316th Train Headquarters
and Military Police.

RECORDED
MAR 18 1921
G. H. S. 2. H. 1
R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,
Officer in Charge.

BY:

[Handwritten Signature]
F. C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

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March 17, 1921.

FILE NO. 88-8 Com. Div. - Branch
(GROESLAND, Bert S.)

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Criminal Division, D.C.M.G.,
Washington, D. C.

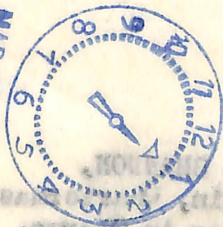
SUBJECT: Return of Records - Company #1882.
Transmittal Memorandum Number H - 2014.

The records pertaining to the following cases were returned herewith, it having been finally determined that the body is to remain in place. Attention is invited to parent's request for location of grave in France.

REFERENCE NO:

Groesland, Bert S., Cook, Serial Number
227404, Company B, 81st Train Headquarters
and Military Police.

MAR 21 1921
G. H. S.



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BY:

[Handwritten signature]

F. G. PALMER,
Executive Director

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March 28, 1921.

MEMORANDUM to Mr. Good:
Investigation & Adjustment Dept.

I am forwarding to you 5x8 card, G.R.S. correspondence, and A.G.O. disposition card on the case of Crossland, Bert S., Cook, Serial #2274604, Co. B, 316th Tr. Hqrs. & Mil. Pol.

You will note that the A.G.O. disposition card is signed by Mrs. Margaret Crossland, wife, 119th N. Olive St., Los Angeles, Calif. The 8-W-A gives Mrs. Bert S. Crossland, wife, of the same address. The Bureau of War Risk gives as beneficiary Mrs. Nellie Crossland, mother, Terrance, Calif.

We have a letter from the mother Jan. 25, 1921, stating that the soldier is not survived by widow or children. We have no communication from the wife other than the A.G.O. disposition card. Letters to her have been returned unclaimed.

In a case similiar to this, that was investigated by your department, a photostat of the A.G.O. card, signed by the wife, was forwarded to the mother, for this reason I am forwarding to you the A.G.O. disposition card.

In case you wish to refer to our Form #115 and papers attached they are in suspension on my desk.

B. E. Landman
B. E. Landman,
Compilation Dept.,
OSP: SS.

bel/rln.

MEMORANDUM TO Miss Swindler,
Compilation Dept.
OSP-SS.

Note change of E/A on White Card, per Mother's letter, in answer to inquiry. E/A now reads Mr. Fuller W. Crossland, Father, Terrance, Cal. as wife is dead.

Dora Bledsoe
Investigator

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

March 17, 1921.

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SUBJECT: Return of Records - Cemetery #1252.
Transmittal Memorandum Number H - 2014.

1. The records pertaining to the following case are returned herewith, it having been definitely determined that the body is to remain in Europe. Attention is invited to parent's request for location of grave in France.

REFERENCE NO:

121 Crossland, Bert S., Cook, Serial Number
2274604, Company B, 316th Train Headquarters
and Military Police.

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

BY:

F. C. Pallas
F. C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
HEADQUARTERS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 17, 1921

FILE NO. 2338 Gen. Inv. Branch
(ORSELAND, Part 2)

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

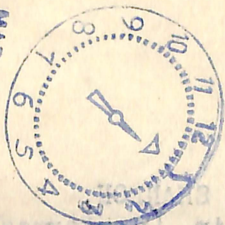
SUBJECT: Return of Records - Cemetery #1232.
Transmitted Memorandum Number H - 2014.

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REFERENCE NO:

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Orseland, Part 2, Cook, Serial Number
233804, Company H, 51st Tank Headquarters
and Military Police.

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Overseas Project Sub-Section

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BUREAU OF
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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

September 8, 1920.

IN REPLY REFER TO: C-97,802

From: Compensation & Insurance Claims Div.
Bureau of War Risk Insurance, Washington, D.C.

To: Lieut. Annis, c/o Office of Quartermaster General,
Cemeterial Division, Overseas Project Subsection.

Subject: Bert Sidney Crossland, Pvt., Co.B, 316th Tr. Hdqrs & Mil. Police
C-97,802

Receipt is acknowledged of form NS-3438 in the case of the
above named deceased soldier.

You are hereby informed that the name of the beneficiary,
address, and all other information on the face of this form is correct.

R. H. Hallett

R. H. HALLETT
Assistant Director
In Charge of Compensation
and Insurance Claims Division.

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CEMETERIAL DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SECTION



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March 28, 1921.

MEMORANDUM to Mr. Good:
Investigation & Adjustment Dept.

I am forwarding to you 5x8 card, G.R.S. correspondence, and A.G.O. disposition card on the case of Crossland, Bert S., Cook, Serial #2274604, Co. B, 316th Tr. Hqrs. & Mil. Pol.

You will note that the A.G.O. disposition card is signed by Mrs. Margaret Crossland, wife, 119th N. Olive St., Los Angeles, Calif. The 8-W-A gives Mrs. Bert S. Crossland, wife, of the same address. The Bureau of War Risk gives as beneficiary Mrs. Nellie Crossland, mother, Terrance, Calif.

We have a letter from the mother Jan. 25, 1921, stating that the soldier is not survived by widow or children. We have no communication from the wife other than the A.G.O. disposition card. Letters to her have been returned unclaimed.

In a case similiar to this, that was investigated by your department, a photostat of the A.G.O. card, signed by the wife, was forwarded to the mother, for this reason I am forwarding to you the A.G.O. disposition card.

In case you wish to refer to our Form #115 and papers attached they are in suspension on my desk.

B. E. Landman
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Compilation Dept.,
OSP: SS.

bel/rln.

Suspension of 1-21

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B. E. Landman,
Compilation Dept.,
BSP:SS.

bel/rln.

March 16, 1921.

File No. 295.8 Gen. Div., Cor. Br.
(Crossland, Bert S.)

Mr. Fuller W. Crossland,
Torrance, California.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of Affidavit furnished by you indicating that you are the nearest of kin of the late Bert S. Crossland, Cook, Serial Number 2274604, Co. B, 316th Train Hdqrs. & Mil. Police.

In accordance with your desire the remains will be left in France for burial in a permanent American Cemetery. You are assured that the grave site will always be maintained as a fitting memorial of the late soldier's sacrifice.

The Department wishes to convey to you renewed assurance of its sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

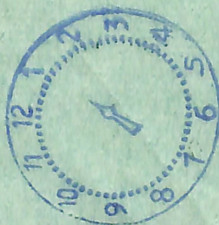
By:

Am F.C. BELLER, *mc*
Executive Assistant.

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AFFIDAVIT.

This is to certify that we, Fuller W. Crossland, and
Nellie Crossland of Torrance California, are the father
and mother of the late Bert S. Crossland Serial No. 2274604
Company B. 316th, Train Headquarters & Military Police .

It is our desire that the remains of our Son
Bert S. Crossland be left in France for burial in a
permanent American Cemetery.

Signed Sealed and Delivered
in my presence this 25th,
day of February 1921.

Fuller W. Crossland
Father of Bert S. Crossland

Nellie Crossland
Mother of Bert S. Crossland.

A. G. Bennett
Notary Public.

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This is to certify that we, Miller W. Crossland, and
Bellie Crossland of Torrance California, are the father
and mother of the late Bert E. Crossland Serial No. 222424
Government File, Brain Researcher & Military Police

It is our desire that the remains of our son
Bert E. Crossland be left in France for burial in a
permanent American Cemetery.

[Signature]
Father of Bert E. Crossland
Mother of Bert E. Crossland

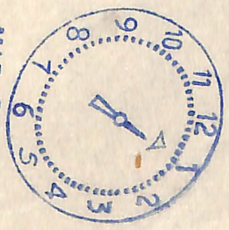
Witnessed and attested
this 25th
day of February 1921.
[Signature]
Secretary



MAR 3 1921

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293.8 Cem. Div., #69581, CROSSLAND, Bert S.

Tarrance, Cal
Jan. 25, 1921

Graves Registration Service,
Hoboken, N. J.

Dear Sirs:-

Your's of January 14th at hand, in reply would say that Bert S. Crossland, is not survived by widow or children. His father's name is Fuller W. Crossland, and his mother, Nellie Crossland.

In regard's to the body, his father and I wish it interred in the National Cemetery in France.

We would greatly appreciate it if, you would then send us location of his grave.

Your's Respectfully

Mrs Nellie Crossland

WAR DEPARTMENT
CEMETERIAL DIVISION, GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE,
PIER 2, HOBOKEN, N. J.

January 14th, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div., Cor.Branch.
(CROSSLAND, Bert S.)

Mrs. Nellie Crossland,
Terrance, California.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete in the matter of final disposition of remains of the late Cook Bert S. Crossland, Serial Number 2274604, Company B, 316th Train Headquarters and Military Police, it is necessary that you advise whether the deceased is survived by a widow, children or father, giving their names and addresses.

The above information is necessary due to the fact that instructions for the disposition of remains can be issued by this office only upon properly executed authority of the legal next of kin.

If the deceased is not survived by the above mentioned persons, it is requested that you state definitely if you wish the body of the late soldier buried in a permanent National Cemetery in France, returned to the United States and shipped to you, or interred in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia.

Your early attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

BY:

J. F. Butler
J. F. BUTLER,
1st Lieutenant, Infantry.

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
CORRESPONDENCE BRANCH



JAN 31 1921

November 27, 1920.

293.8 Reg. Sec. Cem. Div.
 . (CROSSLAND, Bert S.)

Mrs. Nellie Crossland,
 Terrance,
 Calif.

Dear Madam:-

The American Government is undertaking to remove the bodies of its soldiers who died in the late war to such places as the relatives may desire, such action being governed solely by the request of the legal next of kin.

To complete the records in the matter of final disposition of the remains of your son, the late Bert S. Crossland, Cook, Co. B., 316th Train Hqrs. and Mil. Police, Serial No. 2274604, this office forwarded a communication to the widow Mrs. Mary Crossland, 119 N. Olive St., Los Angeles, Calif., but same was returned by the postal authorities stamped "Deceased."

It is requested that you forward statement to this office confirming her death and also advise if soldier is survived by children and father giving name and address of each. If the soldier is not survived by the above named relatives it is requested that you state that fact and advise whether you desire the body to remain in Europe in one of the permanent American Fields of Honor or returned to the United States, shipped to you at Government expense or buried in the National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

The Department wishes to convey to you its assurance of sympathy in your bereavement.

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 CEMETERY DIVISION.

Noted on file No. 113
 Date 12/3 11/27/20

An immediate reply is requested. Return envelope, requiring no postage is enclosed herewith.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Major, U.S. Army,
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

BY:

G.B.D.

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F.B. DANIEL,
1st Lieut., C.M. Corps.

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C.&C. Dept.

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Jan - 25 - 1921

Graves Registration Service
Hoboken, N. J.

Dear Sirs:-

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Yours of January
14th at hand, in reply would
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is not survived by widow
or children. His father's name
is Fuller W. Crossland, and
his mother, Nellie Crossland.
In regards to the

Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. O. M. G.
File # 101287
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Overseas Project Sub-Section

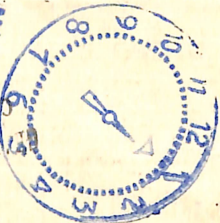
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Cemetery in France.

We would greatly
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then send us location
of his grave.

Yours Respectfully.

Mrs Nellie Crossland

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

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Crossland 2274604 Bert S.
Surname Number First Name

Cook B 3161r. & M. P
Rank Company Organization

Nov. 2, 1918

Date of Burial

In a field across the creek, s. e. part of Waerenghem, Belgium

Place of Burial

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Map Location and References

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Grave No. Kind of Marker

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Identification Tags - Body --- Marker

If unknown Give Remarks Here and Below

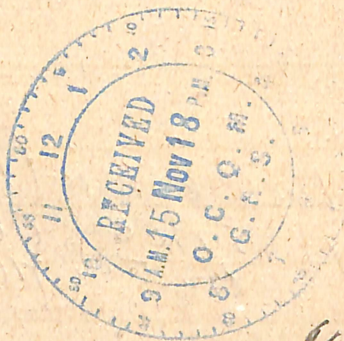
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Chaplain Louis J. Egelson and Alex. Lewis, 363 Inf.

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Daily Report No.

69581

REGISTRATION CARD #55921

69581

3-1-19

MEMO FOR : G.R.S. representative, C.R.O.

SUBJECT : Information required for G.R.S.

I. Items checked are to be completed :

- () Surname : GROSSLAND (CROSSLAND)
- () Number : 2274604
- () First name : Bert S.
- () Rank : Cook (Pvt)
- () Company : Co. B
- () Organization : 316th Train Hq. & MP
- () Date of death : 11-1-18
- () Cause : k/a
- () Place :

Location of hospital :

Number " "

Class " Mrs Bert S. Crossland

(✓) Relative :

(✓) Relationship : Wife

(✓) Address : 119 N. Olive St.

() Authority : Los Angeles.

Cablegram No :

Telegram from : Calif.

dated :

(✓) Reported to Washington 377

C.C. Nos : 322

() (Underscore the "official" C.C.)

() Remarks :

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

Initials of reporter :

[Handwritten initials]

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FILE
August 20th, 1921

293.8 - Com. #69581 - (Crossland, Bert S. Cook)

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

Mrs. Nellie Crossland, Terrance, California

Location of Grave.

1. Referring to the case of your son, the late Cook Bert S. Crossland, Company B, 316th Training Headquarters and Military Police, you are advised that the records of this office show that the remains of this soldier are interred in grave 159, plot D, American Military Cemetery Waereghem, West Flanders, Belgium.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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


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AUG 23 1921

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File #69581.

Aug. 16, 1921.

CROSSLAND, 2274604, Bert S,
Cook, Co. B, 316th Tr. Hdq. & Mil. Police.

It is requested that Mr. Fuller W. Crossland, Terrance, Calif. father of the above soldier be advised of the grave location of his son. Notification was sent to widow, who is now deceased, and in letter of Jan.25, 1921, Mrs. Nellie Crossland, Mother states that they would appreciate knowing the grave location of their son. They desire that body remain in France.

Dora Bledsøe
Dora Bledsøe,
Investigator.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY,
WASHINGTON.

June 8, 1921.

Recorded, Cemeterial Div. 90 M. A.
File # 293.8 - 69581

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div. - #69581 - Registration.
From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Cemeterial Division.)
To: Mrs. Nellie Crossland, Terrance, California.
Subject: Case of Bert S. CROSSLAND, #2274604, Co. B, 316th Tr. Hdqrs.
& Mil. Police.

1. The records of this office do not indicate that reply has been received to our communication dated April 5th, 1921, copy of which is attached hereto.

2. Your prompt attention to this important matter will be greatly appreciated by this office. Please use the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage, for your reply.

By authority of the Quartermaster General :

Thos. G. Hanson, Jr.
THOS. G. HANSON, Jr.,
Captain, Q. M. Corps.

2 incls.
1 penalty envelope.
1 copy letter

Bert S. Crossland was married
wife is deceased - death certificate
mailed to your office some
time ago. You may get another
copy if desired from Los Ang. County
Hall of Records Mrs. Nellie Crossland

Crossland, Bert S.

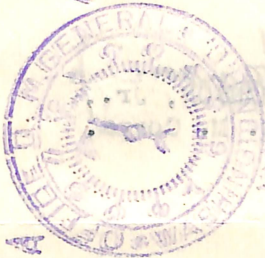
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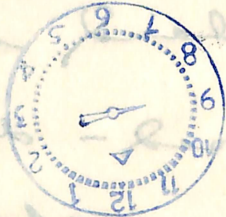
File No. 293.8 Gen. Div. - 482821 - Registration.
From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (General Division).
To: Mrs. Nellie Grosland, Torrance, California.
Subject: Case of Bert S. Grosland, Co. H, 815th Tr. Bn.,
& M.I. Police.

1. The records of this office do not indicate that reply has been received to our communication dated April 28th, 1921, copy of which is attached hereto.
2. Your prompt attention to this important matter will be greatly appreciated by this office. Please use the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage, for your reply.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:



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April 5, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div. - #69581 - (CROSSLAND, Bert S.)
From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Cemeterial Division.)
To: Mrs. Nellie Crossland, Terrance, California.
Subject: Case of Cook Bert S. Crossland, #2274604, Co.B, 316th Tr.HdQRS.,
& Mil. Police.

1. With reference to your letter of January 25th, 1921, wherein you state that your son, Bert S. Crossland, is not survived by a widow or children, you are advised that there is on file in this office a disposition card signed by Mrs. Margaret Crossland, 119 No. Olive Street, Los Angeles, California., which states that she is the wife of Cook Bert S. Crossland. However, letters addressed to Mrs. Margaret Crossland have been returned to this office unclaimed.

2. It is requested that you advise this office whether or not your son, Bert Crossland, was ever married and if so, whether or not his wife is deceased.

3. The information requested is to be used in matters of identification and will be greatly appreciated by this office. Please use the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage, for your reply.

By authority of the Quartermaster General :

THOS. G. HANSON, Jr.,
Captain, Q. M. Corps.

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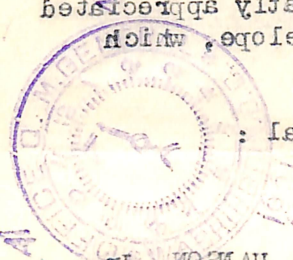
File No. 293.8 Cem. Div. - #69581 - (GROSSLAND, Bert S.)
 From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Cometrical Division.)
 To: Mrs. Nellie Grossland, Terrace, California.
 Subject: Case of Cook Bert S. Grossland, #2274604, Co. B., 316th Tr. Hdqrs., & Mil. Police.

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By authority of the Quartermaster General:



THOS. G. HANSON, Jr.,
 Captain, G. M. Corps.



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July 21, 1921.

FILE

293.6 Com. Div. - #69581 - Registrations.

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

Mrs. Nellie Crossland, Torrance, California.

Case of Bert S. CROSSLAND, #2274604, Co. B, 316th Tr. Hdqrs.,
& Mil. Police.

1. The records of this office do not indicate that reply has been received to our communication dated April 5, 1921, copy of which is attached hereto.

2. Our records further show that your attention was invited to this matter June 8, 1921 and that reply had not been received.

3. Your immediate attention to this important matter will be greatly appreciated by this office. Please use the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage, for your reply.

By authority of the Quartermaster General :

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DRS

CHARLES J. WYNNIE,
Captain, Q. M. Corps.

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2 Incls.
1 Copy of letter dated April 5, 1921
1 Penalty envelope.

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Crossland

Bert

2,274,604

(Surname)

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(Christian name in full.)

Co B,

316th

Inf & HP

(Army serial number.)

Train Hdqrs & M^o

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

wife

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

no

(Yes or no.)

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

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Mrs Margaret Crossland

119. N. Olive St

Los Angeles, California

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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FILE

June 8, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Com. Div. - #69561 - Registration.

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

To: Mrs. Nellie Crossland, Terrance, California.

Subject: Case of Bert S. CROSSLAND, #2274604, Co. B, 316th Tr. Hdqrs. & Mil. Police.

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By authority of the Quartermaster General :

Inv & Adj.

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THOS. G. HANSON, Jr.,
Captain, Q. M. Corps.

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JUN 10 1921

SUBMITTED FOR 7/19/21

G.R.S.

April 5, 1921.

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File No. 293.8 Cem. Div. - #69581 -(CROSSLAND, Bert S.)
From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Cemeterial Division.)
To: Mrs. Nellie Crossland, Terrance, California.
Subject: Case of Cook Bert S. Crossland, #2274604, Co. B, 316th Tr. Hdqrs. & Mil. Police.

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3. The information requested is to be used in matters of identification and will be greatly appreciated by this office. Please use the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage, for your reply.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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Inv & Adj

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THOS. G. HANSON, Jr.,
Captain, Q.M.C.

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G.R.S.

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5/5/21

File # 69581

Memo to Mr. Good

April 1, 1921.

CROSSLAND, #2274604, Bert S,
Cook, Co. B, 316th Tr. Hdqrs. & Mil. Police.

It is requested that a letter be sent to Mrs. Nellie Crossland, Terrance, Calif. asking her for an explanation of the attached photostat copy of Disposition Card signed by Mrs. Margaret Crossland, wife of the above soldier.

Mrs. Nellie Crossland, mother of the above soldier states that he is not survived by a widow. Letters to the wife, Mrs. Nellie Crossland have been returned to this office unclaimed.

This office should be advised if widow is deceased or remarried, or whether or not this soldier was ever married.

Dora Bledsoe
Dora Bledsoe,
Investigator.

HJS
f.

C O P Y

293.8 Com. Div., #69581, CROSSLAND, Bert S.

Torrance, Cal
Jan. 25, 1921

Graves Registration Service,
Hoboken, N. J.

Dear Sirs:-

Your's of January 14th at hand, in reply would say that Bert S. Crossland, is not survived by widow or children. His father's name is Fuller W. Crossland, and his mother, Nellie Crossland.

In regard's to the body, his father and I wish it interred in the National Cemetery in France.

We would greatly appreciate it if, you would then send us location of his grave.

Your's Respectfully

Mrs Nellie Crossland

FROM: O. Q. M. G.
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
Municipal Building
Room 1128

PLEASE
EXPEDITE

OCT 30 1918

WAR DEPARTMENT

Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington.

Adjustment Made
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File No. 69581

Specimen

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

Date 10/29/20.

File No. Registration.

From: 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 **Crossland**

f. Date of death **11/1/18**

b. Christian name **Bert S.**

g. Cause of death **K/A.**

c. Serial Number **2274604**

h. Authority (C.C.#) **377**

d. Organization **Co. B. 316 Tr. Hdq. & Mil. Police or (Co. B. 316 Inf. & MP.**

i. Emergency address

e. Rank **Pvt. (Cook)**

j. Relationship

DENTAL CHARTS

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

a. Strike out teeth missing

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
upper right upper left

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
lower right lower left

FILE

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

BY: *H. J. Conner*

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

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

a. Age of enlistment

b. Color of eyes

c. Color of hair

d. Height

e. Weight

f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)

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CEMETERY NO: 1252

SHEET NO: 121
TYPED BY: ZS

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Nov. 19, 1918

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CEMETERIAL DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

Crossland, Bert S. Pvt.

1252 --- 121

9/17/20

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

2274604

Adjustment Made

Co. B. 316th Train Hdqrs. & ML Police

JAN 4 1921 Date of Death 11/1/18

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

File No.....

DATE Oct. 4, 1920.

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Mother.

Address

Mrs Nellie Crossland

Torrance, Calif.

FILE

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Original attached to 115.
ap 12/21/20

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION.

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

Crossland, Bert S. Pvt.

1252 - 121

Aug. 28, 1920

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

2274604

Co. B. 316th Train Hdqrs. & Mil. Police

Date of death - 11/1/18

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE _____

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Address:

Mrs Nellie Crossland

Mother

Lerrance, Calif.

Address Reply to
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE & STORAGE
Munitions Building

WAR DEPARTMENT
~~OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE~~
WASHINGTON

FILE

Cemeterial

June 11, 1920.

69581-Inquiry, (Crossland, Bert S., Cook,)

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

Mrs. F. W. Crossland, Torrance, California.

Request for Photograph.

1. Request has been received from our Paris office to the effect that it is your wish to receive a photograph of the grave of Cook Bert S. Crossland. The records of this office show that a photograph was sent to Mrs. Bert S. Crossland, 119 N. Olive Street, Los Angeles, California, wife of the deceased.

2. Mrs. Bert S. Crossland, who is the legal next of kin of the deceased, is the only person entitled to a photograph of the grave of this soldier and, therefore, we are unable to comply with your request.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Colonel, U. S. Army,
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

By:

CHARLES J. WYNN,
Captain, G. M. C.

C. J. W.

BC

BMG

G. R. S. MAILED

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G.R.S. #106
DISPOSITION OF BODY

War Department
Office of the Quartermaster General.
Graves Registration Service
Washington, D.C.
June 8, 1920

For information of:

- (a) The Adjutant General of the Army
- (b) G.R.S., Paris, France.
- ~~(c) Office Files.~~
- ~~(d) Photographic Section.~~

Case of:

Cook Bert S. Crossland
Co. B. 316th M.P

Grave Location:

Buried in American ~~City~~ Mil. Cty.
Waereghem West Flanders Belgium
Grave #159- Plot D.

Request for action checked below:

- (a) Return of Body to the U.S.
- (b) Permanent Burial in France.
- (c) Cancellation of former requests.
- (d) Change of address.
- ~~(e) Photograph of grave.~~

has been made by:

Mrs Bert S. Crossland (Wife)
119 N Olive St.
Los Angeles Calif.

sent
add. same

By authority of the Quartermaster General
RS

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.
Chief, Graves Registration Service.
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Cook Bert S. Crossland
Co. B. 315th M.P

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Los Angeles Calif.

By authority of the Quartermaster General

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CHARLES C. PIERCE,
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Chief, Graves Registration Service.
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TO:- REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S.

Date 6-3-20

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME Crossland, Bert S. Serial Number 2274604RANK Cook ORGANIZATION Co. B, 316 MP

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	(1) Yes, 316th Train Hdqrs. & Mil. Police
2.	Date of Death.	(2) 11-1-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	(3) K-A
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	(4) #377
5.	Date buried.	(5) no record
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	(6) Grave #4, Plot #1, Amer. City #1352, Haereghem, West Flanders, Belgium
7.	Who reported burial?	Reburied 6-3-19.
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	Grave #159, Plot D, Amer Mil City. 1852, Haereghem, West Flanders, Belgium.
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	(10a) yes b no.
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	(11) Mrs. Bert S. Crossland (wife) 119 N. Olive St., Los Angeles, Calif.
12.	Has been notified? (Give date)	(12) 3-20-19. & 11-11-19-107
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	(13) 4-4-19 & 11-11-19-107 B-10670.
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	
15.	Inquiry made by?	

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HEADQUARTERS
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE Q.M.C. IN EUROPE.
8 Avenue d'Iena Paris.

May 18th 1920.

From: Chief Graves Registration Service - Q.M.C. in Europe.
To: Quartermaster General - U.S. Army Washington D.C.
Subject: Requests for Photographs.

1. Forwarded herewith is a list of names of the nearest of kin of soldiers who are buried in the various cemeteries in France and they have requested - thru Mrs. Jeffras of Los Angeles California - that they be furnished photographs of these graves.

2. The names and grave location of each soldier - as well as the name and address of the nearest of kin is shown on this list.

H.F. BETHERS.
Lieut. Col. Q.M.C.
Chief.

JD/ET.
1 Incl.

Bert g. Crossland 2274604 Cook Co. B. 316th M.P. - Cemetery 1252
Waereghem American Cemetery Belgium - Grave 159 - plot p.
Write to Mrs. F.W. Crossland - Torrance Calif.

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Adjutant General's Office
Washington - D.C.

69581

a.g. 298.8
Crossland, Bert S.

Dear Sir;

In reply to your card regarding the burial of my husband Cook, Bert S. Crossland, Co. B. 916, Military Police, A. E. F. As not knowing whether it will remain here or not. Have decided to have the body remain where it now lies. Which I deeply regret

Very Truly
Mrs. Margaret Crossland
119 N. Olive St.
Los Angeles
Calif.

April 12, 1919.

FILE
Date 4-19-19
Sig. [Signature]

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