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To The A. G. O. 13767

G.R.S. Form #114-B

OCT 9 - 1926

FULL NAME ... CROW, Lester

RANK ... Pvt. SERIAL 2969390

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION ... Co. H, 111th Inf. 28 Div.

DATE OF DEATH ... 10-9-18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME ... W. Va.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED. none

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION. 9-23-1921 19 35 H
Date Grave Row Block

Meuse Argonne American Cemetery # 1232
Cemetery

Robert O. Davis,
Major General
The Adjutant General
By OAB

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LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Crow-7969390 Lester
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Pvt Co H. 111 Inf
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: A. R. Hosp #114

CAUSE OF DEATH: G. S. R. D. 1/6

DATE OF BURIAL: 11 Oct 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: F. M. L. Camp, Camp - One
Mines

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

GRAVE NUMBER: 720

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? yes

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

Robert C. ...
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Low</i>	<i>low</i>	3	3 8 5-
BURIED	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	1
	GRAVE <i>19</i>	2	19
	ROW <i>35-</i>	2	35-
	BLOCK <i>H.</i>	1	8
STATE	<i>W. Va</i>	2	57
RANK	<i>Priv</i>	1	2
DIVISION	<i>28</i>	2	28
ORGANIZATION	<i>111</i>	3	111
ARM	<i>Inf.</i>	1	1
MARITAL	<i>No</i>	1	2
NAME <i>Crow</i>	<i>Cro</i>	3	3 8 5-
RESIDENCE	STATE <i>W. Va</i>	2	57
	COUNTY <i>Marshall</i>	2	26
	CITY <i>Glen Easton</i>	3	xxx
RELATION	<i>mother</i>	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Yes</i>	1	
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Bad</i>	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>no age</i>	1	2
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IMMEDIATE ACTION

IN REPLY
REFER TO

QM 293 A-M

Crow, Lester (MA)

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

Mrs. Sarah B. Crow,
Glen Easton, W. Va.

SPECIAL

October 13, 1932.

Dear Madam:

Your Government has provided an opportunity for all Mothers and Widows of deceased members of the American Forces who were lost, buried at sea, or whose remains are now interred in Europe, to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. This was done in the hope that all who may make the pilgrimage will derive a measure of comfort and solace from the visit.

You are numbered among those who are privileged to make this pilgrimage.

During July and September of this year, inquiries were addressed to you as to whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage to Europe. To these inquiries no reply has been received from you.

You probably do not realize how important it is that a reply be received from you. If we do not receive replies, it becomes very difficult to make the necessary and proper arrangements for those who are to make the trip, as everything must be arranged in advance. Consequently, it is just as important for the Government to know the names of those who do not desire to take advantage of its offer as it is to know the names of those who do.

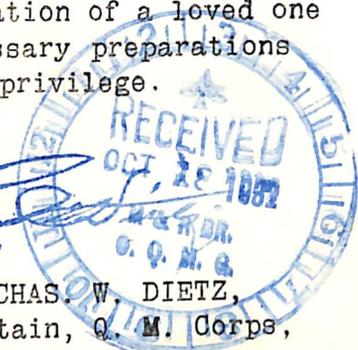
Will you please devote a few moments of your time to write either the word "YES" or "NO" in the following space no, thus indicating whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage during 1933 and sign your name here Mrs. Sarah B. Crow. Use the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage, and return this sheet.

This reply will assure your Government that no worthy Mother or Widow has failed to receive its offer in commemoration of a loved one departed, and will greatly assist in making the necessary preparations for those of them who wish to take advantage of the privilege.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



IMMEDIATE ACTION

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Crow, Lester (MA)

Sept. 7, 1932.

Mrs. Sarah B. Crow,
Glen Easton, W. Va.

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

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Crow Lester (MA)

July 9 1932

Mrs Sarah B Crow
Marshall County
Glen Easton W Virginia

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933? _____
(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

QM 293 A-M
Crow, Lester Pvt. (M-A) M

January 14, 1932.

Mrs. Sarah B. Crow,
Glen Easton,
West Virginia.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Lester Crow. In reply to a questionnaire you advised that you did not desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer of 1932.

It is noted you previously stated that your health was poor and in this connection you are advised that personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided, and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past two years many mothers who were 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.

In view of the foregoing, should you desire to make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son during the coming summer, it is requested that you notify this office. Should you make a pilgrimage you are assured that the journey will not only be made at the expense of the Government, but that everything possible for your comfort and welfare will be provided.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours, o

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-AM
Crow, Lester Pvt. (M-A) M

June 12, 1931.

Mrs. Sarah Crow,
Glen Easton, W. Va.

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.

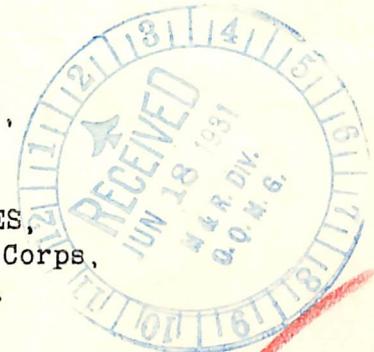
As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

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,

A. D. Hughes
Very truly yours,

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



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? No
Write answer here

Mrs Sarah B Crow

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 7, 1930.

Crow, Lester - 1232 M

Mrs. Sarah Crow,
Glen Easton, W. Va.

Dear Madam:

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

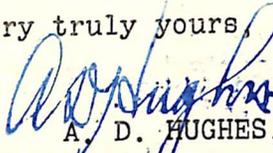
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank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

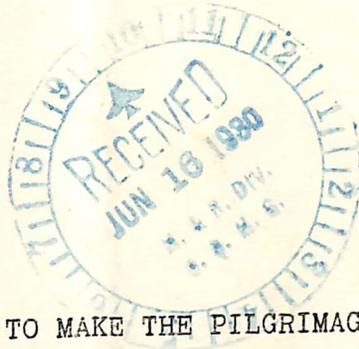
As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope, which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


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



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

No.
(Write answer here)


(Sign here)

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Crow, Lester 1232--M

February 27, 1930

Mrs. Sarah Crow,
Glen Easton, Marshall Co., W. Va.

Dear Madam:

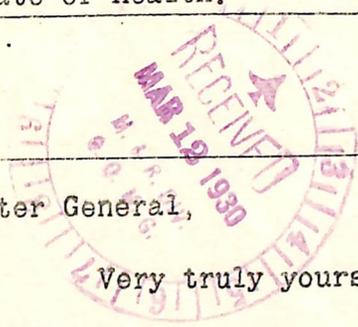
The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, 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. 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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age (Years) 64	Health (Good) (Poor) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (No)	Other language <u>none</u> (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Crow, Lester 1232

February 17, 1930

Mrs. Sarah Crow,
Glen Easton,
West Virginia.

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 Private Lester Crow, Co. H, 111th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried?
2. If so, give her complete address.
3. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

No

Mother

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

John T. Harris

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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DATE January 17, 1930

NAME RANK SERIAL ORGANIZATION DATE OF DEATH
Crow, Lester Pvt. 2969390 Co. H. 111th Inf. Sept. 23, 1921

STATE CTY. NO. GRAVE ROW BLOCK H
West Virginia 1232 19 35 H

Check relationship

Living - Deceased

MOTHER

: ✓ : :

STEPMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)

: : :

MOTHER THRU ADOPTION (For the year prior to commencement of service)

: : :

MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS (For the year prior to commencement of service)

: : : *m.*

WIDOW (Who has not remarried)

: : : Mrs Sarah Crow

: : : Glen Easton

: : : St. Va.

: : :

: : :

: : :

Single man

Veterans Bureau Claim Number _____

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Crow, Lester

June 20 1929.

Mr. W. M. Crow,
R. F. D. #2,
Glen Easton, W. Va.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Private Lester Crow, Co.H, 111th Inf. whose remains are now interred in the Meuse Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Sept. 7, 1932.

Crow, Lester (MA)

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

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QM 293 A-M
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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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Crow, Lester Pvt. (M-A) M

June 12, 1931.

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A. D. HUGHES,
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Assistant.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? _____
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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 7, 1930.

Crow, Lester - 1232 N

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? _____
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Crow, Lester 1232

February 15, 1930

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West Virginia.

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 Private Lester Crow, Co. H, 111th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried?
2. If so, give her complete address.
3. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Crow, Lester
1232.

Sept. 4, 1929

Mr. W. M. Crow,
R. F. D. #2,
Glen Easton, W. Va.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 29, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

Crow

Lester

2,969,390



(Surname.) *Lester* (Christian name full.) *Co H 111 Inf Crow* (Army serial number.) *112*
 (Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased *Father & Mother*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? *No*
 (Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery? } (Yes 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) *Mr William Crow*

R.R. 2 *Glen Easton West Va*
 (Number and street or rural route.) (City, town, or post office.) (State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn PM

1232 Sec 105-41

5-26-21

checked by C

5-26-21

In reply refer to:
293 C-R

June 6, 1923.

Mr. W.M. Crow,
R.D. #2,
Glen Easton, W.Va.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that
Private Lester Crow, Company H, 11th Infantry,
the permanent grave of
is Grave 19, Row 35, Block H, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-
sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

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

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

Very truly yours,

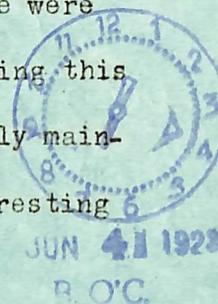
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H. J. Conner,
Assistant.

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U. S. Q. M. G.
Central Mail & Files Bldg.



May 16 1923.

Memo for Cards Br

re cases

EDWARD L. WILLIAMS

LESTER CROW

Investigation of the cases shows that the correct body of CROW was found between graves 62 and 63, section 105, plot 2 and that the correct body of WILLIAMS was found in grave 62 under the marker of Crow.

Scott

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #70296

(a) Name CROW, Lester Ser. No. 2969390
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. H, 111th Infantry
(c) Date of death 10/9/18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA

TYP. DMA
CKR. B.J.

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

(a) Grave No. 62 Row 63 Plot 2 Sec. 105 TYP. DMA
(b) Emerg. Address Mr. W. M. Crow (father) Moundville, W. Va.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases / CKR. B.J.

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt

(a) Name Mr. William Crow (b) Relationship Father + Mother
(c) Address RD #2, Glen Easton, W. Va
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? no
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at

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

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

Examiner's Initials Pm Date 5-26-21, 192

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

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

Examiner's Initials Date, 192

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

No request for disposition
Letter 1-11-19 Mrs. Sarah Bell Crow, Glen Easton, R.D. #2 W. Va

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes

Examiner's Initials Pm Date 5-26-21, 192

COUNTRY FRANCE

CEMETERY No. 1232-Sec. 105 SHEET No. 41

Handwritten notes and signatures at bottom right.

Handwritten initials and date 7-1-21 at bottom left.

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made _____, 192

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 192

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
letter on **JUN 8 1921**, 192

Sec. # 105
~~Par. 1 To be returned.~~ *AS* *Par. 2. Not to be returned.*
-ap. 7/1/21

IX.

REMARKS

WRITE NOTHING BELOW THIS LINE.

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

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
 letter of transmittal on JUN 8 1921, 192

Sec # 105
~~Par. 1 To be returned.~~ Par. 2. Not to be returned.
ap. 7-1-21

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

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

Date of and source.	Relationship and name.	Desires.	Action taken.
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VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J. _____, 192

COUNTRY _____ CEMETERY No. _____ SHEET No. _____

AP. 7/1/21

Place Romagne sous Fontfaucon

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date September 20th 1921.

1. REMAINS OF O. O. Lester SERIAL NUMBER 2969390.

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. H. 111th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : September 20th 1921 From (give complete location) : between Grave 62. See

Sect. 105, Plot 2, Cen. 1252.

By : Group 2 Unit P.S. 2.

*See
incl.
remarks
attached
8aB*

3. Reburied (date) : In (give complete location) :

Sept. 23, 1921. Meuse Argonne Cemetery # 1252. Gr. 19, Bl. H, Row 35.

By : Group Reburial S Unit Lined casket. Nature of reburial

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

Burlap and woodenbox. Body badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks : Body found between Graves 62 & 63. Williams from Grave 62 was identified by plaque on box. Hoffman from Grave 63 was identified by tag on peg and shipped to the U.S. Aug. 8th 1921.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items ? 14-19-H.B.D.

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine. 31-Broken Off. 2-5-8-9-13-18-

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

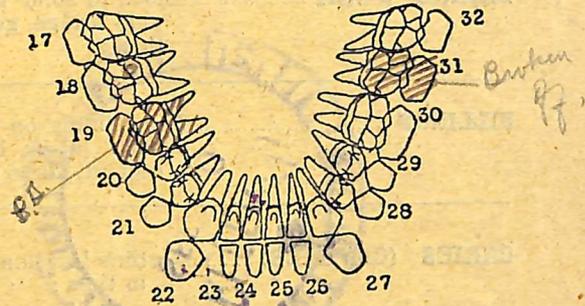
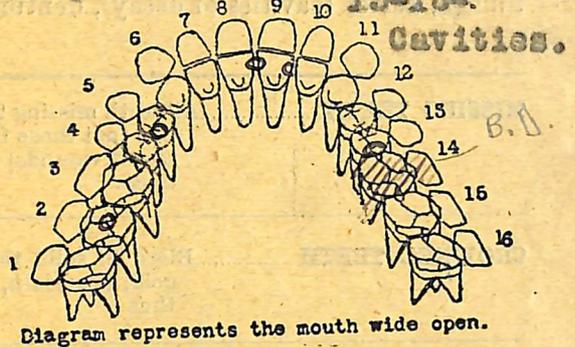
Location do

Quantity do

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

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) 11-12-32-irregularly cut.

left tibia and fibia broken.



11-12-32-irregularly cut.

D 31510

7. Disinterment supervised by E. J. Howell Approved : M. Dewey
D. Howell (Title) DEWEY 1st Lieut.

8. Reburial supervised by W. B. Shell Approved : I. H. Jeffers
W. B. Shell (Title) I. H. Jeffers 1st Lt. MC.

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

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

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

MISSING TEETH.....All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus:



CROWNED TEETH.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:



BRIDGE WORK.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus:



FILLINGS.....Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:



CARIES (CAVITIES).....Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:



DENTURES (PLATES).....Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate, block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp."



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

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

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE September 20th 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name CROW, Lester
 2. No. 2969390
 3. Rank Pvt.
 4. Org. Co.H., 111th Inf.
 5. D.D. 10-9
 6. C.D. Wounds.

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

7. Grave No. 62 Sec. 105
 8. Plot 2 Row _____
 9. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment
 Between : OK per ind.
 15. Grave No. 62 - 63 Sec. _____
 16. Plot _____ Row _____
 17. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

See remarks by ind.

OK per ind.

18. Cemetery Argonne American
 20. Dept. or County Meuse
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232.-Sec.105
 23. Disinterred (Date) Sept. 20th 1921 By E.G.HOWELL.

19. Commune or town ROMAGNE_sous-MONTFAUCON
 21. Country France.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Lester Crow.
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. 2969390
 Organization Co. H., 111 Inf.

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

J.C.ANNABEL.

Signature J.C. Annabel Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail). Williams from Grave 62 identified by plaque on box, Hoffman from Grave 63 was identified by stake tag and shipped to the U.S. Aug. 8th 1921.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Burlap and wooden box.

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Sept. 20th 21. By E.G.HOWELL

31. Casket sealed by E.G.HOWELL

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

E.G. Howell
E.G.HOWELL

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. **C-3659**

32. Designation of body:

Name **CROW, Lester** Serial No. **2969390**

Rank **Pvt.** Organization **Co.H., 111th Inf.**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **Argonne American # 1232 ROMAGNE sous-MONTFAUCON (Meuse)**

Sept. 20th 1921 By **E.G. HOWELL**

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector *A.E. Dewey*
A. E. DEWEY 1st Lieut. C.M.C.

36. Remarks

None.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) **September 20th 1921.**

To point of Concentration **Morgue Romagne sous Montfaucou.**

Convoyer **W.J. ROYED** (Name) *Albert M. Joffe*
Signature Shipping Officer **Capt. C.A.C. Joffe**

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery (Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date **20 SEP 1921**

G.R.S. Representative *Albert M. Joffe*

41. Reinterred **Meuse Argonne Cemetery # 1232. Sept. 23, 1921.**

42. Grave No. **19** (Date) Section

43. Plot **H** Row **35.**

G.R.S. Representative *I.H. Joffe*
I.H. JOFFE 1st Lt. MC.

AUDITED BY
7015543

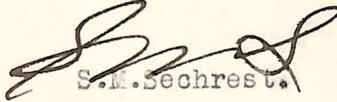
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Memorandum.

~~TO: Mrs. Besse.~~

Gavello, 3192857 Giovanni,
&
Crow, 2969390 Lester

On Body in Gr. # 180 Sec. 64 under marker of
Pvt. Gavello, was found a watch bearing the name of
Lester Crow. Dental Charts for both cases have been checked
and found to be correct in respective graves as reported.


S.M. Sechrest.

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

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

Date 5/8/23

File No. 70296 Registration.

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, Graves Registration Service.

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 *Crow*

f. Date of death *10-9-18*

b. Christian name *Lester*

g. Cause of death *15/a*

c. Serial Number *2969390*

h. Authority (C.O.#)

d. Organization *H. 111 Inf*

i. Emergency address

e. Rank *Pr &*

j. Relationship

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

Born July 30 - 1893

a. Age of enlistment

b. Color of eyes

c. Color of hair *Blk*

d. Height *178 #*

e. Weight *157 11"*

f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks) *See 9-22*

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

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

CEMETERY NO:

BY:

SHEET NO:

Charles J. Wynne,
Captain, Q.M.C., U.S.A.

TYPED BY:

S/3310/LML

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

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

Date 4-19-23

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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 *Crow* f. Date of death *10-9-18*
b. Christian name *Lester* g. Cause of death *D.W.-R. I.A.*
c. Serial Number *2969390* h. Authority (C.O.#) *407*
d. Organization *Co X, 111 Inf.* i. Emergency address
e. Rank *Priv.* j. Relationship

~~BODY DESCRIPTION~~

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- ~~a. Age of enlistment~~ *7-30-18*
~~b. Color of eyes~~
~~c. Color of hair~~ *lt. hair*
~~d. Height~~ *5'11"*
~~e. Weight~~ *178 lbs.*
~~f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)~~

~~DENTAL CHARTS~~

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

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

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

CEMETERY NO: *Inf.*

BY:

SHEET NO:
TYPED BY:

Charles J. Wynne,
Captain, C.M.C., U.S.A.

S/3310/LML

Date 27th June 1919

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Remains of :

NAME: CROW, Lester

NUMBER: 2969390

RANK: Unkn

ORGANIZATION: Co H 111th Inf

DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL MADE BY GROUP:

UNIT:

DISINTERRED: (Date)

FROM: (Give complete location)

20th June 1919

Fr Mil Cty Grave 19

FLEURY SUR AIRE MEUSE

51 NE E 309.8 N 250.25

REMOVED (Date)

IN: (Give complete location)

20th June 1919

Between 624 63
Grave No ~~62~~ Sec 105 Plot 2

ARGONNE AMER CEMETERY NO 1232

ROMAGNE MEUSE

1232

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

Burial good; buried in blanket; body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes

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

12173

Note:

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

CONFIRMED No. D

Supervised by: Lt Caswell

R. H. ROSENTHAL
and Lieut. O. M. C. U. S. A.
C. O. Group Unit

JMB

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Crow 7969390 Lester
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Art. Co H. 111 Inf
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: A.R.C. Hosp. # 114

CAUSE OF DEATH: G.S.M. R. Lib

DATE OF BURIAL: 11 Oct. 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: Ft. Mc. Cav. Camp - Ave
Mense
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department). Map references must specify clearly what map is used.

GRAVE NUMBER: 720

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? yes

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY: W. R. Tate Chap. A.R.C.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).



Soldier's No. 2969390 70296

Name Crow, Lester (None)

Rank Pvt Co. H (Corps) 111th Inf.
Regt.)

Oct 9th 1918 Unknown

Date of Death Oct 11th 1918 Cause French Military

Date of Burial _____ Cemetery _____

Floury-Sur-Aire Meuse

Town or Commune _____ Dept. Row 3

Grave No. 220 Plot Amer Sec. _____

Tag _____ buried with body

Tag _____ attached to _____ Cross

T. H. White A. I. C. 114
Chaplain - Burial Officer (which?)

E. W. Morrison 2nd Lt. G. M. C.

Signature _____ Rank _____

Group 6 Unit 310 G. R. S.



Sheet's No.

Name (Print)

Rank and Co.

Get the date

Date of birth

French Military

Category

Notes



U.S. C. O. S. A. S.

Detail with code

attached to

Chapter - Serial (which)

Author

Signature

Group & Post

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70291

1757-G-329. (Crow, Lester) 4th Ind. (S. 5-19-19) GDM/r.

G.H.Q., A.E.F. France, 19 March 1919 - To Central Records Office, directing that these papers be referred to Commanding Officer of hospital in which this soldier died for compliance with 2nd indorsement.

All papers to be returned to this office promptly.

(S.F.5.16.19) 5th Ind.
201. Crow, Lester.

Central Records Office, A.G.D., A.P.O. 902, May 3, 1919 - TO: Adjutant General, Enlisted Division, G.H.Q.

Pvt. Lester Crow died in American Red Cross Hospital #114. This Hospital has been discontinued.

H.M. Nelly, Adjutant General.

15574-G-329. 6th Ind. (S.6-16-19) MGF/r.
(Crow, Lester.)

G.H.Q., A.E.F. France. 16 May 1919. To Chief Surgeon, A.E.F. for any information the records of the A.R.C. Hospital #114 might show relative to the death of this soldier.

All papers to be returned to this office promptly.

By command of General Pershing:

A.H. Goepel, Adjutant General.

(Crow, Lester) 7th Ind.

C.S.O. A.E.F. France. 22 May 1919 - To The Adjutant General, GHQ, AEF, Returned.

1. The records of A.R.C. Mil. Hosp. No. 114 show that Pvt. Lester Crow, 2969390, Co. H., 111th Inf. was admitted from Field Hospital No. 112, October 9, 1918 with severe gunshot wound of left leg, causing compound, comminuted fracture of left tibia and fibula,- incurred in action Oct. 9, 1918. Died Oct. 9, 1918. No record of date and place of burial nor of disposition of effects.

J.R. Kean.

Walter D. McCaw,
Brig. Gen., Medical Department.



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Co. H., 111th Inf.

1-11-1919.

Glen Easton, West Va. R.D.2.

Sir Adj. Gen. Wash.D.C. War Dept.

Private Lester Crow, org. 32nd Prov. Co. July Auto Repl. Drft. arrived safe over seas Sept. 4, 1918 received telegram of being wounded in act. degree undetermined Oct. third and was notified of his death in month of Jan. that he died Nov. 4 in Hospital in France. Would like to know something more in regard to his death if possible, also something regarding his pay and insurance also the allowance if any as I never got any mail regarding the allowance.

Serial No. 3112.

Order. 1611. Name: Lester Crow, A.G.C.D.201.

412 D.R.C. 4 Oct. 12/18.

Yours respect.

Mrs. Sarah Bell Crow,
GlenEaston West Va. R.D.2.

A.G. 201. (Crow, Lester) CD. 1st Ind.

War Dept. A.G.O. January 23, 1919. To: The Commanding General, American Expeditionary Force, for report by Courier.

By order of the Secretary of War.

P.C.Harris,
The Adjutant General.

2nd Ind..

17574-G-329.
(Crow, Lester)

(S.4/4/19) GDM/mc.

G.H.Q. American E.F. France, 17 February 1919 - TO: Commanding Officer, 111th Inf. for such information as available regarding the death of this soldier.

All papers to be returned to this office promptly.

By Command of General Pershing:

D.L.RITCHIE, Adjutant General.

17574-G-329
(Crow, Lester)

3rd Ind.

Personnel Adjutant, 111th Infantry, American E.F. France. March 12, 1919 - TO: G.H.Q., A.E.F.

1. Returned with the information, that Private Lester Crow, Co.H, 111th Infantry, was wounded October 3, 1918, G.S.W. and omitted to hospital, but no record of number of hospital admitted to, received by this organization.

R.J.H.Spurr, Capt.111th Infantry.

Personnel Adjutant.

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

FILE NUMBER

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FROM:-

DATE:

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME Crow, Lester

NUMBER 2969990

RANK

Priv

ORGANIZATION

~~32 prov. Co.~~
Co H. 111 inf.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	① priv. yes.
2.	Date of Death.	① 10-9-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	③ W/9
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	① 407
5.	Date buried.	① 10-11-18
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.	① City #1356 Emily Ave. R. 3
7.	Who reported burial.	Fr. mil. City Terry - Sur-
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	Aire, man
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	①
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	① yes
11.	Who is nearest relative?	① cross
12.	Has M/R been notified? (Give Date)	① one with body one on error marker
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	① Mr. Wm. Crow (father)
14.	What is the Photograph No. ?	Moundville, W. Va.

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

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① yes 2-18-19



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

8 FÉV 1919

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.
TO : Mr. W. M. Crow, Moundville, W. Va.
SUBJECT : Place of Burial.
Pvt. Lester Crow, Co.H 111th., Infantry
Died October 9th., 1918
French Cemetery Fleury-sur-Aire Meuse, France.

I am sure that you will pardon the use of a form letter such as we are sending you to-day, when you try to realize under what great stress this office is working in order to give as prompt advice as possible concerning facts which are of such very vital importance to our sorrowing friends, whose brave men have suffered martyrdom on battle-fields within our sphere of European operation.

It is with great sorrow that I am writing you, and only the urgency of your desire to know, prompts me to push forward this notification when my note is required to be so formal because of the great number to which my name has to be signed.

You have probably already received official advice concerning the death of the one whom you gave to your country and the world for the saving of civilization.

You will be comforted in knowing that his body has been recovered that it lies buried in a spot which is under our care and control, and that there will be no danger of its loss or neglect.

We are sending you, herewith, a note which gives general answers to a number of questions which our bereaved friends are often asking, and it will probably give information concerning some of the things you are anxious to understand.

Please be sure of our earnest desire to guard your interests in every possible way, and our satisfaction in being able to care for the resting places of our dead.

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

CCP/KB

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HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY
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GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

G. R. S.
BULLETIN
No. 10-B.

INFORMATION FOR THE FRIENDS OF OUR DEAD

1. **THE GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE**, a branch of the Quartermaster Corps, is the official organization of the War Department, charged with the acquisition and control of cemeteries in every country embraced within the Field of Operations. It is also responsible for the marking and preservation of all graves. No other organization shares this authority, or has power to effect arrangements or make promises concerning this work. It must be remembered also that this Service does not bury the dead, but confines its operations to the location and control of graves. It is not prepared to give information on other subjects.
2. **CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH.** The Graves Registration Service does not receive information relative to the circumstances surrounding the death of soldiers, and inquiries under this heading should be addressed to the chaplain of the organization in which the soldier was serving at the time of his death.
3. **OUR FIELD FORCE** operates within all areas, and every effort is made to perfect identifications and to guard the resting places of our dead. The Government has undertaken to do everything which is humanly possible, in view of the extreme difficulties involved in the stress or consequence of the greatest war in the history of the world.
4. **THE EXACT LOCATION OF A GRAVE** is communicated, whenever possible, to the person whom the soldier had previously registered as the proper one to be addressed, in case of casualty. The great mass of information to be gathered, verified, and transmitted, will generally account for delays in notification.
5. **FLOWERS, FLAGS, ETC.** We are frequently asked to accept commissions to place flowers, flags and other gifts on separated graves, but such requests must necessarily be denied because of the wide extent of our territory, the exhausting nature of the work, and the impossibility of reaching a thousand or more burial places under the difficult conditions which obtain. Such requests are also discouraged for the reason that there should be no inequality in the treatment of our nation's dead.
6. **MONUMENTS.** For the same reason, in addition to the fact that the Government would eventually be obliged to transport monuments with bodies to designated places of final burial, it is not at present permitted to erect any permanent monument; all graves being temporarily marked with a cross or the regulation headboard, such as is used in National Cemeteries in the United States. No other markers can be authorized until the final disposition of the dead has been made.
7. **PERSONAL EFFECTS.** Personal effects are not handled by this Service. Inquiries concerning the same should be addressed to The Adjutant General of the Army, Washington, D. C.
8. **DISINTERMENTS.** The exhumation of bodies is at present prohibited by the laws of the countries in which we are operating. No exception can be made until the War Department shall have completed its plans for the shipment of bodies to the States. This applies also to disinterments for emplacement in metal caskets; such action, for military reasons, having been disapproved.
9. **RETURN OF BODIES** to the U. S. will be made in due time, except in cases where a specific request to the contrary is made; which request should be addressed to The Adjutant General of the Army, Washington, D. C., who will issue proper instructions. Due announcement of the return of bodies will be made, and the time cannot be hastened by appeals for priority, precedence, or favoritism in the listing of claims. The final disposition of bodies will be considered and executed as an entire project, at such time, probably after the conclusion of peace, as the vastness and difficulty of this almost inconceivable task may make possible.
10. While some of these restrictions may seem unreasonable to friends in the first outburst of their sorrow, experience has shown the same to be necessary, and our people are asked to accept the sacrifice which they impose, in the same spirit in which our men on the world's battle field have offered up themselves, viz., for the good of a great Cause.

By authority :

Charles C. PIERCE
Lieut. Colonel. Q. M. C., U. S. A.
Chief, G. R. S.

PHOTOGRAPHY OF GRAVES AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

1. **PHOTOGRAPHY OF GRAVES** is entirely controlled by the Chief of the Graves Registration Service, American Expeditionary Forces, France. No photographs of graves should be taken except by the special photographers of this Service, who, under the operation of military orders, are assigned to the Staff of its Chief, by the American Red Cross.

2. An officer of the American Red Cross, designated as Director of Photography, is assigned to the Staff of the Chief, Graves Registration Service, for this work, under his direction, and funds are provided through the War Chest contributed by the American people. No funds should be sent to the Graves Registration Service, the Red Cross, or individual officers for this purpose from any private source.

3. Operators are now photographing graves in France, Belgium, Italy, Great Britain and Ireland, and it is expected that within a very few months the finished photographs will be transmitted to the relatives of our dead.

4. Owing to the difficulties of obtaining the necessary technical staff, and the inadvisability of setting up a large photographic laboratory in France, it has been decided to distribute these photographs through the Bureau of Communication, American Red Cross National Headquarters, Washington, D. C., and all applications for pictures should be filed there, as soon as notification of the location of grave has been received by a relative from the Chief, Graves Registration Service.

5. The photographers work under route instructions issued by the Chief, Graves Registration Service, and in the interest of economy and labor-saving, it has been decided that these operators will not be able to make special trips to distant points to take individual photographs in response to urgent requests received from the United States or elsewhere. The time so consumed would prolong the period of waiting on the part of many others.

6. It is the desire to furnish the best possible service to sorrowing friends at home, and with this end in view, it is earnestly requested that relatives of our dead will be as patient as possible in awaiting these photographs. It will be appreciated that if requests are forwarded directly to the Graves Registration Service of the Army in France, it will only add to the burden of the work, without achieving the end in view; as, for reasons given above, appeals for priority, precedence or favoritism in the listing of claims cannot be considered, and photographs can only be forwarded from Washington.

By direction of Lieutenant Colonel CHARLES C. PIERCE
Chief, Graves Registration Service :

Maurice B. Dix.
*Captain, American Red Cross,
Director of Photography,
Graves Registration Service.*