

SYNOPSIS OF COMMUNICATION RECEIVED AND INDORSED OUT.

DATED: Apr. 19, 1918

DATE RECEIVED IN Apr. 24, 1918.

FROM: Mr. & Mrs. David Crowder, Appleton City, Route No. 2, Missouri

TO: The War Dept.

Apply for the remains of their son, Ernest Crowder, Private,
Co. C, 323d Field Signal Battalion, who died March 24, 1918, in France.

Also request to be advised as to what became of his Liberty
Bond.

293.7 Crowder, Ernest
Dec 24 11
" "
" "

Crowder,

(Surname.)

Ernest ^C

(Christian name in full.)

2308639
~~506~~

(Army serial number.)

Pvt

Co C 323d Field Signal Bn

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Mother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

Yes

(Yes or no.)

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

Yes

(Yes or no.)

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

in cemetery Appleton City Mo

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

J. W. Miller

Appleton

MO

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Mrs David Crowder

Appleton City Mo. St Clair Co R 2

Number and street or rural route.

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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REVIEWED
OUT SS.

78. 12-4-20

Albion by
12/12/20
25-13-22

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G.R.S. Form #114-B

FULL NAME CROWDER, Ernest C. ✓

RANK Pvt. ✓ SERIAL 2308639 ✓

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION Co. C, 323rd F.S. Bn. ✓ *not Dir.*

DATE OF DEATH. *Mch. 24/18*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME. *Mo*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED. ✓

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION.....	11	18	A
Date	Grave	Row	Block
	Suresnes, #34		
	Cemetery		

REC'D DIV. SEP 20 24

France

Crowder, Ernest.

Pvt., Co. C, 323d Field Signal Batn.

Died March 24, 1918, Amexforce, of pneumonia.

Emergency address: A. O. Crowder,
908 Tracey Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

A.G.O. 5/2/18

TBS-26

April 19/18, Mr. David Crowder,
father, Route No. 2, Appleton City,
Mo., applies for remains. (293.3)

Apr. 25/18, DQM. N.Y. City, directed
to ship when received. (293.3)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON Aug. 4, 1922.

FILE
-DS

FILE: 293.8 C-R - #1290
SUBJECT: Permanent Grave Location of Ernest C. Crowder, Private,
Co. C. 323rd Sig. Bn.
TO: Mr. David Crowder, R.F.D. #2, Appleton City, Mo.

1. The permanent grave of this soldier is No. 11 Row 18
Block A, The American Cemetery of Suresnes, Department of Seine, France.

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

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

For the Quartermaster General:

MAILED

AUG 4 1922

G.R.S.

GEORGE H. PENROSE,
Assistant.

DATE 10/18/21

1. NAME CROWDER, Ernest C. SERIAL No. 2308639

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. C. 323rd Fld Sig. Bn.

GRAVE LOCATION French Cty. Talence (Gironde) # 25 -B

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

86

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 86 Talence Gironde

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES

CONCENTRATED TO March 25, 1918 86

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

Talence

25-B

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR W. R. NICHOLS Major G. A. C.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 10/18/21 11 18 A

DATE

GRAVE

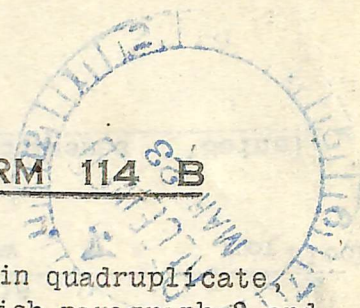
ROW

PLOT Block

Suresnes American Cemetery #34, Suresnes (Seine). CEMETERY

4/7/22
AUDITED BY
H.O.G.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114-B



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

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

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

4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form I6, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.

COPIES OF THIS FORM TO BE FORWARDED TO THE AREA SUPERVISOR AND TO THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, Q.M.C., IN EUROPE.

CONCERNED TO	DATE	BY	FORM	NO.
	1918			
COORDINATES				
ORIGINATOR'S NAME				
ORIGINATOR'S ADDRESS				
ORIGINATOR'S PHONE				
ORIGINATOR'S TELEGRAM				
ORIGINATOR'S CABLE				
ORIGINATOR'S RADIO				

247-Cemeterial

1st Ind.

Office, Q.M.Gen'l, Cem. Branch, Apr. 24, 1918 -- To the F & A Division.

1. For continuance of action in regard to the liberty bond, etc., purchased by the late Ernest Crowder, Private, Co. C, 323 Field Signal Battalion, who died March 24, 1918, in France. The writer has been advised in regard to the return of the remains of this soldier to the United States. By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General.

H. R. LEMLY,

Major, Q.M. Corps, N.A.

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MAILED *P*

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247 Crowder, Ernest
See 2933 "

Place Talanna, Cem. 25-B.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Sept. 13th, 1921

1. REMAINS OF CROWDER, Ernes C. SERIAL NUMBER 2508639

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. C. 323rd Fld. Sig. Bn.

2. Disinterred (date): Sept. 13th, 1921 From (give complete location): Gr. 86, Cem. 25-B.

By: Group 2 Unit Sec. 7

3. Reburied (date): October 18th, 1921. In (give complete location): Suresnes Cemetery. - Block A - Row 18 - Grave 11.

By: Group Field Operations Branch Unit Nature of reburial Metal Casket and Blanket.

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

Wooden box and uniform. Badly decomposed, features not recognizable.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:

Body tag checks.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to estimate

(c) Hair—Color Apparently light brown
None

Quantity Medium

Characteristics Long and wavy

(d) Hair on face—Color None

Location

Quantity

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

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) Indiscernable due to decomposition.

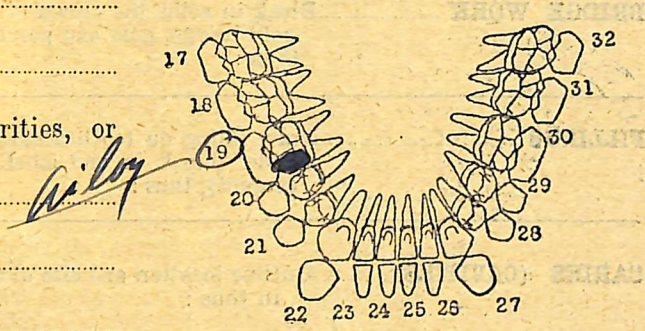
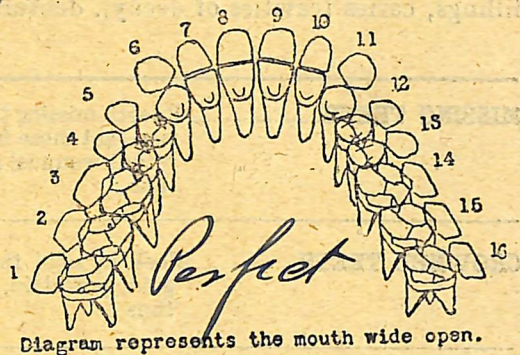
Geo. S. Parker, checker.

7. Disinterment supervised by A. J. Harvey Approved: R. P. Harbold

A. J. Harvey, Sup. Emb. C. (Title) 1st Lt., Q.M.C.

8. Reburial supervised by R. G. Richards Approved: R. P. Harbold

R. G. RICHARDS, 1st Lieut., Q.M.C. (Title) R. P. HARBOLD, Major, Q.M.C.



20-60292

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".

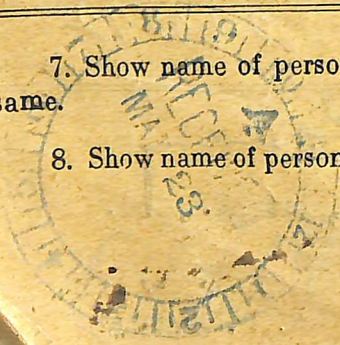
(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying 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.

<p>MISSING TEETH.....All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :</p>	
<p>CROWNED TEETH.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :</p>	
<p>BRIDGE WORK.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :</p>	
<p>FILLINGS.....Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :</p>	
<p>CARIES (CAVITIES).....Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :</p>	
<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."</p>	

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 Sept. 13th, 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 CROWDER, Ernest C.

10. Name

2. No. 2308639

11. No.

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank

4. Org. Co. C. 323rd Fld. Sig. Bn.

13. Org.

5. D.D. March 24th

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. D.O.D.

(b) D.B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 86 Sec.

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. No discrep.

18. Cemetery French Cty.

19. Commune or town Talence

20. Dept. or County Gironde

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 25-B

23. Disinterred (Date) Sept. 13th, 1921

By A. J. Harvey

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Ernest C. Crowder

Serial No. 2308639

Rank Pvt.

Organization Co. C. 323rd Fld. Sig. Bn.

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

[Handwritten signature]

Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

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

Body tag checks.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features not recognizable.

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? No discrep.

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Sept. 13th, 1921 By A. J. Harvey

31. Casket sealed by A. J. Harvey

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

[Handwritten signature]

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. **C-2090**

32. Designation of body:

Name **CROWDER, Ernest C.** Serial No. **2308639**

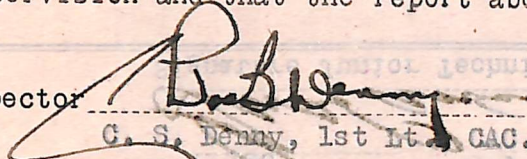
Rank **Pvt.** Organization **Co. C. 323rd Fld. Sig. Bn.**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **SURESNES AMERICAN CEMETERY #34**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **Sept. 13th, 1921** By **A. J. Harvey**

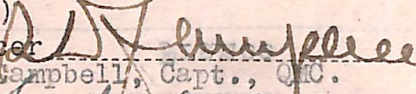
35. I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector 
C. S. Denny, 1st Lt., G.A.C.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) **Sept. 13th, 1921**


To point of Concentration **22-B Bassens (Gironde)**


Convoyer **Charles F. Schiller** (Name) 
Signature Shipping Officer **S. D. Campbell, Capt., Q.M.C.**

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date **Sept. 14, 1921**


By G.R.S. Representative **W. R. NICHOLS**
Major C. A. C.

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date **Oct 14 1921**

39 (a) Received ^{at} from Paris Morgue, October 17, 1921. 
H. L. WARD,
Major, Q.M.C.

39 (b) Shipped from Paris Morgue, **Oct. 17th** 1921. To Permanent Cemetery No. 34, American, Suresnes (Seine) by Shipping Officer, Convoyed by: 
H. L. WARD,
Major, Q.M.C.

43. ~~Plot~~ Block **A.** Row **18.**

G.R.S. Representative 
R. G. RICHARDS,
1st Lieut. Q.M.C.

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. **C-2090**

32. Designation of body:

Name **CROWDER, Ernest C.** Serial No. **2308639**

Rank **Pvt.** Organization **Co. C. 323rd Fld. Sig. Bn.**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **SURESNE'S AMERICAN CEMETERY #34**

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To Permanent Cemetery **Paris Morgue**

Convoyer **Jack Roberts** (Name) **W. R. Nichols** Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date **October 18th, 1921.**

G.R.S. Representative **R. G. RICHARDS, 1st Lieut. Q.M.C.**

41. Reinterred **Suresnes Cemetery.** **October 18th, 1921.** (Date)

42. Grave No. **11.** Section

43. Plot Block **A.** Row **18.**

G.R.S. Representative **R. G. RICHARDS, 1st Lieut. Q.M.C.**

COMPILATION N/R REQUESTS

I. DATA COMPILATION

A. Location Index Card:-

(1) Name CROWDER, Ernest Ser. No. 2308639

(2) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. C. 323rd F. Sign. Bn.

(3) Date of death 3-24-18

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

(4) Cause of death Pneumonia

(5) Grave No. 86 Row --- Plot Amer. Sect. ---

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 Mother

(7) Name Mrs David Crowder

(8) Address RR#2 Appleton City, (St-Clair Co.) Mo.

(9) Desires remains brought to U. S.? Yes

(10) Desires remains brought to U. S. and interred in National Cemetery at No

(11) If brought back, what shipping instructions? J. W. Miller

Appleton City, Mo. (Exp to Seleg)

Appleton, Mo at 4-29-20

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

(12) Does correspondence Change or qualify request as made on A.G.O. card? If so, specify such information.

No Correspondence

(13) A. G. O. Files EXAMINED by HW (Date) 4/29/20

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

Parents, Mr + Mrs David Crowder Appleton City Mo. 1/23/20. Ask that remains be left abroad.

(15) G. R. S. Files EXAMINED by HW (Date) 4/30/20

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

ACP 12-28-20

Concentrated into P. A. C. 34 (over)

2523. - 22

Rechecked by HW 12-11-20

10-4-21 See Transit for Concentration Series nos 34 10-25-21

(over)

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) April 30, 1920.

(19) Typed by rem Checked by JRS (Date) April 30, 1920.

C. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

Form 120 5/7/20, David and Emma Crowder, (parents) ^{m. 7 h.}
Appleton City, Mo., request body remain in Europe.
12-28-20. JRS
12-28-20.

MAY 5

D. Dispatched (Date) _____ (Let. Trans. no.) _____

Par. # 2 Not to be returned. ACP
12-11-20
WB12-4-20

Approved by _____

(Date) _____

Letter Jan 27/21 from mother, above address
requests cois body returned and sent
to Appleton City, St. Clair Co., for burial
WB12-2-21

B. A. W. R. Mrs. Emma M. Crowder (mother)
Em address

Appleton City, Mo., 3/16/21 m.e.b.

Let 2/8/21 to mother (above add.) requesting concurrence
of father in her request for return of body. 3/18/21 JS

Let. 3/24/21 from Miss Ida M. Banker, A. R. C. Kingfisher, Okla. written
in behalf of relatives to inquire return of deceased body. States the
father address is David Crowder, Appleton City, St. Clair Co., Mo.

Let. 4-6-22 to Miss Banker advising since no reply was rec'd to letter
of 3/21 addressed to mother in which it was req. that the father, confirm her
req. the body was conserved, further advised request rec'd too late for
compliance, also notation will be made of father's new address.
(A25-4-6-22)

Shipping Inquiry.

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

25-B-22

Des

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.
TO: Mrs. David Crowder, RR#2, Appleton, Mo., St. Clair County.
SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Ernest Crowder.

MAY 8 1920

Rush answer.

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body be left in France.

*yes it has been so long
we will not disturb it no
changes*

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.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

*Noted on 4/11/20
12-28-20*

NAME OF NO. & STREET TOWN STATE

~~Soldier's Widow~~

Appleton City, Mo

Soldier's Children 1.
(Name oldest first) 2.
3.

Father

David Crowder

Mother

Emma Ann Crowder

Brothers 1.
(Name oldest first) 2.

OK Crowder A.C. & D. RA. MS. Ernest C Crowder

Sisters

Jina, Maude & Fern Crowder

Date *May 12, 1920*

Signature *David & Emma Crowder*

Address *Father and Mother* Relationship

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

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

should be cared...

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

NO. & STREET

CITY & STATE

POST OFFICE

NAME OF NEAREST RELATIVE

NO. & STREET

CITY & STATE

POST OFFICE

NAME OF NEAREST RELATIVE

NO. & STREET

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NAME OF NEAREST RELATIVE

NO. & STREET

CITY & STATE

POST OFFICE



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.

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

Pass
11792

Harlow.

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER
CROWDER, Ernest C.

CEMETERY NO.
25-B - 22.

DATE
2/8/21.

SERIAL NUMBER
2308639.

ORGANIZATION
Co. C, 323rd F. Sign. Bn.

D/D. 3/24/18.

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

Copy forwarded to
Adjustment Department

DATE _____

Date *(3/16/21 WEB)*

NAME OF BENEFICIARY
Mrs. Emma Crowder.

RELATIONSHIP
Mother

Address
Appleton City, Mo. - Em. Address

S/709/LML

G.R.S. #106
DISPOSITION OF BODY

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

For information of:

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

Case of: Pvt. Ernest Crowder,
Co. C, 323nd. F. Sig. Bn.

Grave Location: Grave #86, American Plot,
St. Genes French Cemetery,
Talence, Dept. of Gironde.

Request for action checked below:

- (a) Return of Body to the U.S.
- ✓ (b) Permanent Burial in France, 1/4/40
- (c) Cancellation of former requests.
- (d) Change of address.
- (e) Photograph of grave,

has been made by:

Mr. David Crowder,
Appleton City,
Missouri.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.,
Chief, Graves Registration Service

NS-2992/L

LMD

REVIEWED
OSP SS.

April 6, 1922.

293.8 C-R #1290-(Crowder, Ernest C. Pvt.)Cty.25-B, Sht.32.

The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army, (Graves Registration Service)

Miss Ida M. Banker, Sec'y. Civ. Relief, American Red Cross,
Kingfisher, Oklahoma.

Pvt. Ernest C. Crowder.

File ^{4/6/22}
/O.R.S.

1. In reply to your letter of March 24th 1922, you are advised that since no reply was received to letter dated February 8th 1921 addressed to Mrs. David Crowder, in which it was requested that the father of the late Private Ernest C. Crowder, Company C, 323rd Signal Battalion, confirm her request that the body of the deceased be returned to this country for final burial, in a letter addressed to this office over his signature; the body of this late soldier was concentrated into the permanent American Cemetery of Suresnes, in Grave 11, Row 18, Block A, in accordance with the father's request, as he is the legal next of kin and the proper one to direct the final disposition of these remains.

2. For the information of the parents, it will be stated that the progress of the work in France has rendered it necessary to establish a definite policy governing requests relative to the disposition of the remains of our soldier dead; therefore, the Secretary of War has directed that no change of requests relative to the return of a body will be considered after August 15th 1921.

3. Notation will be made on the records of this office that the correct address of the father is, Appleton City, St. Clair, County, Missouri.

4. This office regrets that it is now too late to return the remains of this late soldier; however, it is desired that you assure the relatives that the grave will be marked by a suitable headstone and will be tenderly and fittingly cared for by this Government for all time.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

MAILED

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

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Number om 115
Date 4-6-22-^{all}
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KINGFISHER, OKLAHOMA

March 24, 1922

Chief of the Cemeterial Division
War Department
Washington, D.C.

In Re: Pvt. Ernest C. Crowder
#2308639
Co. "C", 323rd
Field Signal Battalion

Dear Sir:

We have been asked by the relatives of the above deceased soldier to inquire regarding the return of this soldier to the U.S.

A letter received from the family dated December 11, 1920 states that the place of Burial is: American Plot. St. Genes French Cemetery #25-B Talence, Gironde.

We also note that the address of the father of the above is Ohio, this is not correct and should be : "David Crowder, Appleton City St. Clair County, Missouri." The sister of the deceased has appealed to us to assist in haveing the body brought to the States.

We will appreciate if if you will write us just what procedure must be taken regarding this.

Yours very truly,
(Miss) *Ida M. Banker*
Sec'y Civ. Relief.

F.L. Patten Chairman Civ Relief.

Noted on Form 115
Date 4-6-22-als.

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Washington, D.C.
War Department
Chief of the Cemeterial Division

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February 8, 1921.

293.8-Cem.# 1290-(Crowder, Ernest C. Pvt.)

From: The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)
To: Mrs. David Crowder, Appleton City, St. Clair Co., Mo., R.2.
Subject: Disposition of remains.

1. In reply to your letter of January 27, 1921, you are advised that the records of this office contain a request from Mr. David Crowder, that the remains of the late Private Ernest C. Crowder, Company C, 323rd Field Signal Battalion, be permanently interred in France and in the event it is desired to cancel these instructions it will be necessary for Mr. Crowder, to advise this office to that effect. Upon receipt of this advice from him, instructions will be issued that his wishes be complied with, provided there is no relative whose legal right to direct disposition has priority over his.

2. The remains of the deceased are now interred in Grave 86, American Plot, St. Gene's Cemetery, Talence, Department of Gironde. It is the policy of the Government to concentrate the remains of our soldier dead which are to be permanently interred in France, in permanent American Cemeteries and your attention in this connection is invited to paragraph 9, of the inclosed Cemeterial Division Bulletin No. 10-F-W.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

LN CHARLES J. WYNNE,
2nd Lieut. Q.M.C.

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3/18/21 J.S.

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February 8, 1921

292-8-Gen. 4 1290-(Crowder, Ernest C. Pvt.)

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By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES J. WYNN,
Snd Lieut. U.S. A.

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attached to file

File Number 1290

TO: REGISTRATION BRANCH, G. R. S.

Date 2-4-21

FROM: INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME: *Bowder, Ernest C.*

Serial Number

RANK:

ORGANIZATION:

No.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with records?	10 - <i>Bowder, Ernest C., Pvt. # 2908699, C.C. - 323rd. S. Sig. Bn.</i>
2.	Date of death.	11 - <i>8-24-18</i>
3.	Cause and place of death.	12 - <i>Pneumonia</i>
4.	Number of casualty cablegram.	13 - <i>87 - 4/2/18.</i>
5.	Date buried.	14 - <i>8-25-18</i>
6.	Grave location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of cemetery or commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	15 - <i>Grave 86, Amer. Plot, St. Genev. Cty. # 25 - B, Talence, France.</i>
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G. R. S.?	
9.	Report as to grave marker.	
10.	Identification tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	16 - <i>a - yes b - yes</i>
11.	Complete emergency address?	17 - <i>Mr. David Bowder (father) R.F.D. # 1, Ohio, Missouri.</i>
12.	Has been notified? (Give date.)	18 - <i>5-19-19 12-11-20-107</i>
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record.)	
14.	What is the photograph number?	19 - <i>K-1712</i>
15.	Inquiry made by.	

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Confirmed.

Unconfirmed. *RIK*

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To: Inquiry Section.

From: Overseas Project Sub-Section

I. GENERAL INFORMATION on Cemetery No. (furnished by: SPM (date 2-2-21)

Data sent Overseas Body not to be returned since Jan 5-5-20

Operations to commence (approx.) Some bodies returned, date next exhumation unknown

Operations to be completed (approx.) _____

Bodies shipped from European Port _____

Bodies arrived at Hoboken # 2308639

II. CASE OF Broader Ernest B. Pvt. Co. 6.323rd F. Sig. Bn.

The following information was abstracted (Date) 2-2-21 from: Form 115

SOURCE	CLK.	in OFFICE		Clk.	in OFFICE
A. G. O. Cards	<u>at</u>	<u>yes</u>	Shppg. Inquiry (sent <u>3/8/20</u>)		
A.G.O. Corresp.	<u>ADB</u>	<u>no</u>	To <u>mother</u>	<u>SPM</u>	<u>yes</u>
G.R.S. Corresp. relative to disp.	<u>from</u>	<u>yes</u>	OSP S-S Corresp. (see Remarks.)		

also card DESIRES as to Disposition.

Name of Relative	RETURN			REMAIN	SPECIAL
	N. C.	Pvt.	Int.		
Widow					
Children (Name oldest first)					
Father					
Mother <u>Mrs. David Broader</u>					
Brothers <u>RR # 2 Appleton City</u>					
Sisters <u>St Clair Co. Mo.</u>					

Body to be shipped to JW Miller, Appleton City, Mo.
was shipped (Date) _____

REMARKS City 25-B. Displ - 5-19-20 Some bodies returned date of next Exhumation not known.
Letter Jan 27/21 rec'd on Form 115 BBB 2/2-21
Form 120, may 17/20, req'd by parents requests
body remain in France, SPM 2-2-21 O.K. - HCH
(over)

Europe will be advised. 2-3-21 J.C.

REMARKS

and attached (date)

copy to be attached to

STREETS				
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STREETS (NAME OF STREETS)				
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NAME OF REGISTER	M. C.	BAC	IMP	BENVIN
	BELGIAN			SECRET

DESIGNS as to DISPOSITION

REGISTER TO DISB.					
G. B. S. COLLEGE					
V. C. O. COLLEGE					
V. C. O. COLLEGE					
SOURCE	OFF	IN OFFICE		OFF	IN OFFICE

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED (DATE)

- II. CASE OF [illegible]
- III. [illegible]
- IV. [illegible]
- V. [illegible]
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- XXIX. [illegible]
- XXX. [illegible]

Jan 27, 1921

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File # 1290

Quarter Master General

Sir I understand the
Bodies of our Brave boys
are being brought back to
our own land. if my son
E. C. Crowder is I want the
remains sent to Appleton
City St Clair Co Mo for Bural
I canceled my order at one time
thinking the deposit was made in
an American Cemetery.

Respt. a Broken
Hearted Mother.

Mrs David Crowder
Appleton City Mo
St Clair Co

noted on Jan 11 1921
FAM 2-2-21

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Crowder

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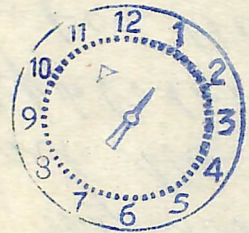


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Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

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

Date 12/6/20.

File No. Registration.

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)
To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.
Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

- a. Surname Crowder, ✓
- b. Christian name Ernest. C. ✓
- c. Serial Number - 2308639
- d. Organization Co. C, 323rd F.Sig.Bni.
- e. Rank Pvt. ✓
- f. Date of death 3-24-18. ✓
- g. Cause of death Pneumonia.
- h. Authority (C.O.#) 87-4-2-18
David Crowder (father)
- i. Emergency address RPO #, Ohio, Mrs.
- j. Relationship

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

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

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

a. Strike out teeth missing

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

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

Date of enlistment. 10-3-17
Place of enlistment. Ascalo Mont

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B.P.S. - Wg 7-12-7-20

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

BY: *H. J. Conner*
H. J. CONNER,
1st. Lieut. Q.M.C.

CEMETERY NO: 25-B.

SHEET NO: 22.
TYPED BY: rln.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

ADJUTANT GENERAL
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FILE NO.

U.S. Form 8-4-0
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 12/10/20

This is a request for information.

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 5th E B Bldg., W.W. Building, Washington, D.C.

Subject: Information requested for G.W.S.

1. It is requested that the files checked below be completed. Request continuation of all information shown.

- a. Surname
- b. Christian name
- c. Serial number
- d. Organization
- e. Rank
- f. Relationship
- g. Date of birth
- h. Cause of death
- i. Authority (A.G.O.)
- j. Expiry address

- PHYSICAL 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)
 - g. Date of enlistment
 - h. Place of enlistment

F. L. MOIR
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.

DATE: 12/10/20

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

Date Aug. 26, 1920.

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME CROWDER, Ernest.

Serial Number

RANK Private

ORGANIZATION Co. C. 323rd. Field Sig. Bn.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	1. Yes.
2.	Date of Death.	2. 3-24-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	3. Pneumonia.
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	4. 87
5.	Date buried.	5. 3-25-18
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	6. Grave #86, American Plot St. Genes Cemetery #25-B Amer. Plot. <i>Talence, Giroude</i>
7.	Who reported burial?	7.
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	8.
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	9. Headboard.
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	10. Yes. Yes.
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	11. A. O. Crowder, 908 Tracey Ave., Kansas City, Mo.
12.	Has been notified? (Give date)	12. 5-19-19
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	13.
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	14. K-1712 Released by Information Control
15.	Inquiry made by?	15. Dept. Directory X..... Cards 5x8 Cards 4x6

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NO.	QUESTION	ANSWER
19	judicially made	
14	answer in the photograph no. 3	
12	Information on record (copy in VII case is no longer judicial on this case) before the exact location of	
13	(Date of case) has been notified	2-13-18
17	Compare evidence of	100 100
10	(a) referred to file marked (b) called with regard identification file	100
8	before as to file marked	100
8	continued on C.B.S.	
3	are referred with	
2	(c) more requirements will only referred (d) name of cemetery of com- (e) compare record referred file location	
2	Date referred	2-12-18
4	number of cemetery certificates	61
2	same and date of death	100
3	Date of death	2-14-18
1	are able with records to be referred to with file	100

ERVIN BROOK GREENE

REGISTRATION CO. C. B. S. NEW YORK

NAME GEORGE GREENE

DATE 1918

Please refer information to Section (A) before referring the following records:

FROM: - INDIVIDUAL NUMBER

TO: - REGISTRATION SECTION C.B.S.

C.B.S. FORM 1-1-18

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

Date 2-2-20

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME Crowder Ernest.

Serial Number

RANK ORGANIZATION

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	① Yes Pvt Col, 323rd F. Sig. Bn Serial # not given.
2.	Date of Death.	② 3-24-18
3.	Cause and place of death	③ Pneumonia
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	④ 87
5.	Date buried	⑤ 3-25-18
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	⑥ Grave 86 Amer. Plot, St. James Cly. 25-13 Amer. Plot ✓
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8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	⑩ a yes b yes
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14.	What is the Photograph No.?	
15.	Inquiry made by?	

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AGOSD-201.... Crowder, Ernest.

Appleton City, Mo.
Jan. 23, - 1920.

War Department, -
The Adjutant General's Office.
Washington, D. C.

Sir; - Being cautious and
considerate in all matters
concerning the death and
burial of our son, Ernest
Crowder, We desire to leave
the remains abroad.

Government Reports that he
died at sea; - interred at
Bordeaux, France, April 12, 1918

Therefore we care not to
disturb the body as it
is beyond recognition.

Hoping that "Fields of Honor"
abroad will insure future care
of his resting place, We are

Mr. & Mrs. David Crowder (Parents)

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To Graves Registration Service, A.E.F.

Q. M. Form No. C. B.

**BURIALS IN PERMANENT
CEMETERIES**

Report No. 89

Sheet No.

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No. of Cemetery Date 12, April, 1918

Place of Cemetery (Talence) Base Section No. 2, Bordeaux

Place of death U. S. S. Mercury, at sea,

Disposal of Tags 1-buried with remains, 1, nailed to headstone

Name Ernest Crowder Rank Private

Regiment and Company 63rd Casuals

Nature of marking Headstone (wood)

Disposal of Personal Effects In the hands of his commanding officer

Signed : Henry K. Sherrill

Chaplain.

Boyd Hubst
Captain Quartermaster, U.S.A.
Officer in charge.

Grave No. 86, Row 3.

American Div. 20.

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

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Crowder, Ernest

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No. 1290
Division of Investigation
U.S. Dept. of Justice
Washington, D.C.

BURIALS IN PERMANENT
CEMETERIES

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Date: Nov 27, 1930

Name: Ernest Crowder

Regiment and Company:

Volume of marking:

Volume of marking:

Ernest Crowder
Captain

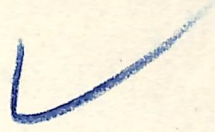
Rank: Captain



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CAPTAIN DIVISION

NOV 27 1930
U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Crowder		
	Ernest C		
	CRO	3	380-
BURIED	CEMETERY	1	6
	GRAVE	2	11
	ROW	2	18
	BLOCK	1	1
STATE	mo	2	29
RANK	Pvt	1	2
DIVISION	S.C.	2	59
ORGANIZATION	323	3	323
ARM		1	X
MARITAL	no	1	2
NAME	Crowder		
	Male and		
	CRO	3	385-
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	29
	COUNTY	2	93
	CITY	3	X+X
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Poor	1	RS 2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	
29/514/EAB	Age 72		275

AUDITED
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Crowder, Ernest C. (Sur)

July 12, 1932

Mrs. David Crowder,
Appleton City, Mo.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

(Sign here) _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Crowder, Ernest C. (Sur)

Sept. 7, 1932

Mrs. David Crowder
Appleton City, Mo.

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>no health</i>
3. Do you speak English?	<i>yes</i>
4. What other language do you speak?	<i>no other</i>

Mrs S Crowder
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. *there should be no money allowance but don't expect it*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Chas. W. Dietz
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

August 17, 1931

Crowder, Ernest C. Pvt. (Sur) M

Mrs. David Crowder,
Appleton City, Mo.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter forwarded you under recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, wherein you advise that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

Competent personnel will be provided to care for the mothers and widows from the time of their arrival in New York until their return thereto. Medical attendants and all other necessities will be arranged for and in the event you decide to make a pilgrimage, you are assured everything possible will be done for your care and welfare. During the summers of 1930 and 1931 many mothers of advanced age and in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited therefrom.

Your name is being placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make a pilgrimage in 1933. However, should you change your mind in view of the above, and desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, it is requested you advise this office in order that arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

My Health will not
Permit.

Mrs David Crowder

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Crowder, Ernest C. Pvt. (Sur) M

June 18, 1931

Mrs. David Crowder,
Appleton City, Mo.

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.

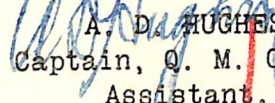
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or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

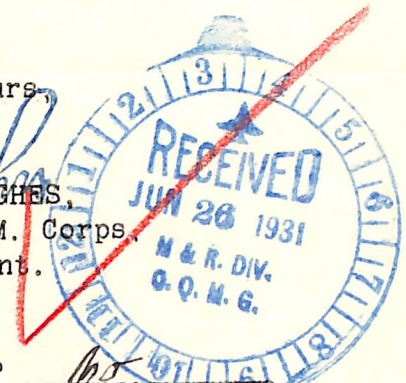
As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

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? Yes

Write answer here

Mrs David Crowder

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Crowder, Ernest C. - 34 M

June 19, 1930

Mrs. David Crowder
Appleton City, Mo.

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.

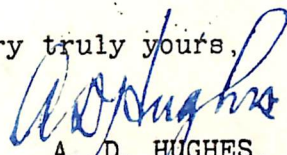
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank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

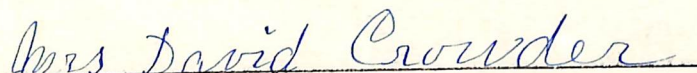
For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


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



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? Not
(Write answer here)


(Sign here)

Washington

8-19-30

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Crowder, Ernest C.

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. David Crowder.

(Name)

Appleton City, St. Clair County, Missouri.

(Town or City)

(State)



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Crowder, Ernest C. 34 M

October 8, 1929.

Mrs. David Crowder,
Appleton City,
Missouri.

Dear Madam:

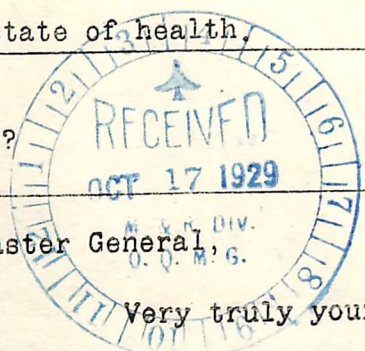
The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, 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 Health (Years) 72 (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No) Other language (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,
Q. M. G.

Very truly yours,



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

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Ans 11 1889

Office of
Quarter Master
General

Sir Very Sad to think
I have delayed my writing
an ans to your official
Paper sent in May. Will
fill out Paper and send back
on return Mail do wish
I could go, age will not
Permit: Pardon for neglect,
The Mother of E. C. Crowder

Mrs David Crowder
Appleton City Mo



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Crowder, Ernest C.
34

August 9, 1929.

Mr. David Crowder,
R. R. #2,
Appleton City,
St. Clair County, Mo.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 6, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

No

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.

by a Mother

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

*Mrs David Crowder
Appleton City Mo
age will not Permit,
the Voyage.*

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Act of Congress
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

May 6, 1929.

IN REPLY REFER TO ~~QM 295 A-C~~
Crowder, Ernest C.

Mr. David Crowder,
R. P. #2,
Appleton City,
St. Clair County, Mo.

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 Ernest C. Crowder, Company C, 325th Signal Battalion, whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Sept. 7, 1932

Crowder, Ernest C. (Sur)

Mrs. David Crowder
Appleton City, Mo.

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,

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

Encl:
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 12, 1932

Crowder, Ernest C. (Sur)

Mrs. David Crowder,
Appleton City, Mo.

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) _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

August 17, 1931

Crowder, Ernest C. Pvt. (Sur) M

Mrs. David Crowder,
Appleton City, Mo.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter forwarded you under recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, wherein you advise that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

Competent personnel will be provided to care for the mothers and widows from the time of their arrival in New York until their return thereto. Medical attendants and all other necessities will be arranged for and in the event you decide to make a pilgrimage, you are assured everything possible will be done for your care and welfare. During the summers of 1930 and 1931 many mothers of advanced age and in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited therefrom.

Your name is being placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make a pilgrimage in 1933. However, should you change your mind in view of the above, and desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, it is requested you advise this office in order that arrangements may be made for you.

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-AM

Crowder, Ernest C. Pvt. (Sur) M

June 18, 1931

Mrs. David Crowder,
Appleton City, Mo.

Dear Madam:

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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

Crowder, Ernest C. 34-M

April 30, 1930

Mrs. David Crowder,
Appleton City, Mo.
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

to a first class hotel where reservations have been made. Duration of your stay in New York will be from 24 to 48 hours. At a certain time, you will be escorted to the steamer upon which passage is 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

al hospitals. Aboard ship, medical care will be provided by the
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 appre-
ciated 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

Crowder, Ernest C. - 34 M

June 19, 1930

Mrs. David Crowder
Appleton City, Mo.

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)

CM 295 A-C
Crowder, Ernest C.

March 5, 1930.

Mrs. David Crowder,
Appleton City, Mo.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 24, 1930, advising this office that you are not able to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Ernest C. Crowder, in the Suresnes American Cemetery in France.

In reply to your request that you be furnished a cash payment in lieu of the pilgrimage, I regret to advise there is no authority of law which would permit the Government to make a money allowance to any mother or widow in lieu of the pilgrimage.

For the Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Q. M. G. M. C. DIV.

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Feb 24, 1930

Ernest C. G.
Crowder
Surrender

Quarter Master General

Sir

it being a matter of
impossibility for me
to make the voyage as
a Gold Star Mother.
My age will not
Permit. if no money
is coming to us in
which it surely is. why
not give them that cost
to make the money it would take
to make the voyage. then the
Gov would be in Debt to
us. it is nice this has been
Planned. for us. so late for
most of us.
Mrs David Crowder
Appleton City Mo



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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 8, 1929.

Crowder, Ernest C. 34 M

Mrs. David Crowder,
Appleton City,
Missouri.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Crowder, Ernest C.
34

August 9, 1929.

Mr. David Crowder,
R. R. #2,
Appleton City,
St. Clair County, Mo.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 6, 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,
Assistant.

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DEPARTMENT
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

May 6, 1929.

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IN REPLY REFER TO
~~Crowder, Ernest C.~~

Mr. David Crowder,
R. R. #2,
Appleton City,
St. Clair County, Mo.

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".

late Private Ernest C. Crowder, Company C, 325th Signal Battalion, whose father of the remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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No. 293.3-C **ematerial.**

April 23, 1918.

From: The Quartermaster General of the Army.

To: **Mr. and Mrs. David Crowder, Appleton City, Route No.2, Missouri.**

Subject: Shipment home of remains of **Ernest Crowder, Pvt., Co.C, 323 Field Signal Battalion.**

1. This office is in receipt of your letter of the 19th instant requesting shipment to you at Appleton City, Mo., - - - - - of the remains of your son, Ernest Crowder, Private, Co.C, 323 F.S. Battalion, who died March 24, 1918, in France.

2. In reply I regret to inform you that it will be impracticable to comply with your request as the Secretary of War has decided, on the recommendation of the Commanding General of the American Expeditionary Forces, that bodies of deceased officers and soldiers will not be shipped from France to the United States during the continuance of the War. This policy has been adopted in view of the difficulties in shipping the remains home, and the Department is unable to deviate from the policy which has been adopted.

3. You are advised, however, that if in the future it is found to be practicable to ship the remains home in accordance with your request, it will be done. If your address as indicated above is not correct, or you should desire that your request for shipment home of the remains be canceled, this office should be advised accordingly.

4. Under existing regulations the necessary steps will be taken by the military authorities in France to mark the grave of each soldier who dies or is killed in battle, and to register the number and location of the grave and to establish beyond a doubt their identity should it become desirable subsequently to disinter the remains for removal to the United States. Application should be made to the Director, Bureau of War Risk Insurance, Treas. Dept., for information regarding insurance.

COPY to the
Depot Q.M., Army Bldg.,
N.Y. City.

G.W. Goethals,
Acting Quartermaster General.

By:

H. B. Lemly,
Major, Q.M. Corps, N.A.

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Stamped envelope.

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