

To The A. G. O.

G.R.S. Form #114-B

JAN 7 - 1926

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FULL NAME... **CROWDER, John W.**

RANK... **Private, First Class** SERIAL... **573341**

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION... **Company D, 39th Infantry**

DATE OF DEATH... **Aug 7, 1918**

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME... **K.C.**

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED... **none**

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION.....	12	37-42	B
	Date	Grave	Row Block

608

Cemetery

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

By *RVD*

24/292/EYS

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A. G. O.
JAN 7 1926

Res'd Home
4 MAR 12 1926

JAN 8 1926

U.S. Form 114-8

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 M. & R. BRANCH
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W.P. 141018 Blom
A. J. D. 21918 C. 253
GRAVE LOCATION BLANK
LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF
John
Crowder 593341 (Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Priv. (Rank.) *C. D. 39 Inf.* (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL... *Sept. 7, 1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL... *Bachoses*
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

*Dns. field opposite town and
and five rods from South
track*

GRAVE NUMBER.....

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: *None found*

Was one buried with body?.....

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

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

Body beyond recognition

REPORTED BY:
A. Larson Chap. 306 Inf.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Date May 19/19

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: John W. ~~XXX~~ Crowder

Number: 573341

Rank: Pvt. 1cl

Organization: 39th. Inf.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group 1 Unit 304

Disinterred (Date) May 19/19 From: (Give complete location)

From Grave #16 Cemetery #19-Forsberg.

#33 SE 201.45-E 286.82-N.

Reburied (Date) May 19/19 in: (Give complete location)

Grave # 49 Section F. Plot #5 Cemetery #18 Fismes (Marne)

Map #34 Reims. SW. 286.25N-205.75E

617

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

Buried 5 feet deep-- Body in fair condition

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes and one on cross.

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

NON RETURNED No. 20626

Note:

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

Supervised by: Pvt. N.W. McKay

1st. Lt. Oscar W. Forsberg,
C.O. Group 1 Unit 304

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File No. (Reverse side)

Date May 19 1919

REPORT OF DISTINGUISHMENT AND REBURIAL

Remains of:

Name: John W. WEX Growler

Number: 673241

Rank: Pvt. 1st

Organization: 38th Inf.

Distinguishment and Reburial made by Group

Unit: 304

Disturbed (Date) May 19/19 From: (Give complete location)

From Grave #16 Cemetery #12 Fortsgary.

#33 SE

SOI. 45-R. 100. 52-11.

Reburied (Date) May 19/19 in: (Give complete location)

Grave # 49 Section T. Plot #5 Cemetery #12 Fortsgary (Marre)

Map #34 Reims. SW. 286. 28N-286. 75X

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

Buried 5 feet deep-- body in fair condition

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes and one on cross.

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

Note:

If upon disturbance, effects are found upon bodies, they will be sent to the District Surgeon General as in paragraph 10, G. R. S. Manual after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, in which case, whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Pvt. H. W. Kelley

1st Lt. Oscar W. ... C.O. Group



Handwritten: N/304

*Crowder, J. W.
P.F.C.*

CENTRAL PASSENGER ASSOCIATION

TRANSPORTATION BUILDING
HARRISON AND DEARBORN STREETS

CHICAGO, ILL.

C. A. FOX, CHAIRMAN
R. E. PEPPER, SECRETARY

FILE NO.

SAILING FROM NEW YORK AUGUST 27, 1930

S. S. AMERICA

No. 617

Name Mrs Clara Crowder (S-11)
Address 4115 Sarpy Ave.,
From St. Louis, Mo. To New York City and return

Going Route

B&O to New York City

Return same route

Train Schedule to New York

Lv. St. Louis 9:10 AM No. 4 Aug. 25
Ar. Jersey City 2:08 PM No. 6 Aug. 26

Sleeping car from St. Louis to Jersey City

Elapsed time 28 Hrs 58 Min *1/4*

H. B. T.

MM

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Crowder</i>	<i>C R O</i>	3	<i>3 8 5</i>
<i>John W.</i>	CEMETERY <i>608</i>	1	<i>2</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>12</i>	2	<i>12</i>
	ROW <i>37</i>	2	<i>37</i>
	BLOCK <i>B</i>	1	<i>2</i>
STATE	<i>Mo</i>	2	<i>38</i>
RANK	<i>Port 1/cl</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>4</i>	2	<i>04</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>39</i>	3	<i>039</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARITAL	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Crowder</i>	<i>C R O</i>	3	<i>3 8 5</i>
<i>Mrs C Eara</i>	STATE <i>mo</i>	2	<i>29</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>St Louis City</i>	2	<i>97</i>
	CITY <i>St Louis</i>	3	<i>052</i>
RELATION	<i>mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER	<i>3</i>	1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Good</i>	1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO. <i>1930</i>	1	
	YR. <i>1930</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ACCEPTANCE	<i>yes</i>	1	
29/514/22B			<i>77</i>

Added 2/19/30

Audited OCT 9 1931 A.S.

Party "S" - Itinerary - Oise-Aisne Group

Sailed August 27, 1930 on AMERICA. Capt. R. E. Shannon in charge. Capt. Merrill Ross assistant. Arrived Cherbourg September 5th. Met by 11 officers, 8 nurses and 3 civilian employees. Train left 3.50 pm. Arrived Gare des Invalides in Paris at 10.15pm. Met by Officer in charge and members of his staff, interpreters and nurses.

- Sept. 6th. Morning devoted to transaction of personal business. Exchange of money, preparation of laundry, etc. Wreath placed on tomb of Unknown Soldier at 5.30pm by Mrs. Mary Damon for party. Tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent. Dinner at hotel.
- Sept. 7th. Morning free. Lunch at hotel. Left 1.30pm for Soissons via Porte de Pantin, La Porte s/s Jouarre (rest stop Hotel de la Terrasse), Chateau Thierry. Arrived 6.15pm. Quarters Hotel du Lion Rouge, Hotel Nouvelle.
- Sept. 8th, and 9th. Visited Oise-Aisne Cemetery, Battle Monument Hill 204, Quentin Roosevelt's Grave, Belleau Woods, Pierrefonds.
- Sept. 10th. Visited Cemetery. Lunch at hotel. Left Soissons 2pm for Reims via Vaurains Ferme, Chemin des Dames, Craonne, Corbeny Berry-au-Bac. Arrived 5pm. Quarters Hotel Crystal.
- Sep. 11th. Visited Reims and Cathedral. Lunch at hotel. Left Reims 2pm for Compeigne via Fismes, Soissons. Arrived 4.25pm. Quarters Hotel Rond Royal.
- Sep. 12th. Carrefour de l'Armistice. Lunch Hotel Rond Royal. Left Compeigne 2pm for Paris via La Croix St. Ouen Senlis, Chantilly (rest stop Hotel du Parc.) Arrived Paris 5.45pm. Dinner at hotel.
- Sep. 13th. Morning free or shopping. Lunch at hotel. Sacre Coeur. Dinner at hotel.
- Sep. 14th. Morning free or Church. Lunch at hotel. Sightseeing trip of Paris. Louvre. Dinner at hotel. Nite sightseeing.
- Sep. 15th. Sacre Coeur. Lunch at hotel. Napoleon's Tomb. Dinner at hotel.
- Sep. 16th. Free or shopping. Lunch at hotel. Sacre Coeur. Dinner at hotel.
- Sep. 17th. Free or shopping. Versailles. Refreshment at Belle Cycliste. Suresnes. Dinner at hotel.
- Sep. 18th. Train left Gare des Invalides at 2.12pm for Cherbourg. Arrived 8.50pm. PRESIDENT HARDING sailed 11pm. Arrived New York September 23, 1930.

Mrs. Clara Crowder

3500

NAME CROWDER, MRS. CLARA

S.S. HARDING SEP 26 1930

HOME ST. LOUIS, ST. LOUIS CITY CO.
MISSOURI

R.R. *B&O to dest*

STATION

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE

Oct 24-30

Name..... CROWDER, Mrs. Clara
HOTEL DE PARIS
Paris Hôtel.....
BOULEVARD DE LA MADELEINE
Home address..... 4115 Sany Ave., St. Louis, St. Louis City Co., Missouri.
Party..... S..... Group..... 2..... Unit ~~SS~~ AMERICA
Date of arrival..... SEPT. 5, 1930..... Date of departure S/S HARDING - Sept. 18, 1930
Relationship..... Mother
Name of deceased..... CROWDER, John W.
Rank..... Pvt Irl..... Organization..... Co. D. 39th Inf.
Cemetery..... Oise-Aisne

REMARKS



August 12th, 1930.

Mrs. Clara Crowder,
4115 Sarpy Avenue,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Please attach the enclosed tags to each piece of baggage, thus to protect the safe arrival of same in New York.

Upon your arrival in this City, you will be met at the Railroad Station by a United States Army Officer, in uniform, who will wear on the left sleeve of his coat a blue cloth band, showing a Gold Star and the word "Pilgrimage". This officer will escort you and your baggage to your Hotel in New York City.

For The Officer in Charge:

George F.R. Taylor,
1st. Lieut., Q.M. Corps,
Assistant.

Enclosures:
2 tags.

2 pages

Sept. 23, 1930

Col. A. Williams, Q.M.C.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Colonel Williams:

My mother Mrs. Clara Crowder, 4115 Sarpy
Ave., St. Louis, Mo., sailed for France on August 27th with the Gold
Star Mothers.

Can you tell us about when she will reach St. Louis?
I am enclosing a stamped addressed envelope for your convenience.

Thanking you in advance for this courtesy,

I am, gratefully,

Magdeline Crowder

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September 23rd.

Col. A. Williams, S. M. C.

New York, N. Y.

Dear Colonel Williams:

My mother
Mrs Clara Crowder, 4115 Jay
Ave St. Louis, Mo. sailed for
Frank on August 27th with
the Good Star Mother.

Can you tell us
about when she will reach
St. Louis. I am enclosing a
stamped addressed envelope for
your convenience.

Thanking you in advance
for this courtesy I am
Gratefully
Maddeline Crowder.

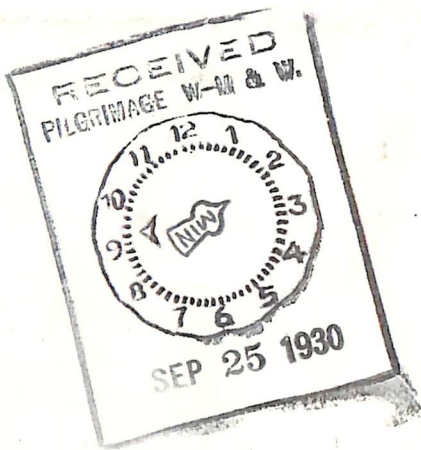
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Crowder Mrs Clara

L.V. New York - #1 - BPO 1:30 P.M. 9/27

Mr. St. Louis,

3:55 P.M. 9/28

Lower 4 - car A-1.



File 201.
(Mrs. Clara Crowder)

--- 1211

September 26, 1930

Miss Magdeline Crowder,
H. S. Collins Printing Co.,
1531 Washington Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

My dear Miss Crowder:

In reply to your letter of September 23d, I am glad to be able to inform you that your mother, Mrs. Clara Crowder, is due to arrive on the S/S "President Harding" at Pier 4, Hoboken, about One P.M. today and will spend the night at the Hotel Pennsylvania, New York City. She is at present scheduled to leave New York on Baltimore & Ohio Train No. 1 at 1:30 P.M. on September 27th and is expected to arrive in St. Louis on the same train at 3:55 P.M. on September 28th. We have reserved Lower Berth No. 4 in Car A-1 on this train for her use.

With the hope that this will give you the information that you desire, I am

Very truly yours,

Jos. F. Cottrell,
Major, C.A.C. (D.O.L.),
Officer in Charge.

WAR DEPARTMENT
 "PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"
 ROOM 901
 225 WEST 34TH ST., NEW YORK, N. Y.

CROWDER, JOHN W.

QA

Party "S"

Number 3500

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

Crowder, Mrs. Clara Actual cost of through Pullman.
 Name of Traveler

St. Louis, St. Louis City County New York, to *St. Louis, Mo.*
 Home Address

Missouri \$ *10.88*

New York, to *St. Louis, Mo.*
 Destination

Via *B & O to dest.*

Ticket expires: *Sept. 27, 1930*
Oct. 24, 1930 Date of Departure

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	Car	U. S. G. Order No.	Actual Cost
LV	<i>Jersey City</i>	<i>B&O</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>9/27</i>	<i>1:30P</i>			
AR	<i>St. Louis, Mo.</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>9/28</i>	<i>3:55P</i>	<i>To 4</i>	<i>A-1</i>	<i>Wg-1024624</i>
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TOTAL *10.88*

Remarks:

Capt Harrell

NAME CROWDER, Mrs. Clara S
ADDRESS 4115 Sarpy Ave. St. Louis, Missouri

DATE Sept 28th 1930

TO: Officer-In-Charge,
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

I beg to inform you that I have returned to my
home safely and in good health.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Mrs. Clara Crowder
over

WAR DEPARTMENT

Penalty for private use to avoid
payment of postage, \$300.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

*Cannot find words expressive enough to
convey my thanks and appreciation*

PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

*for the wonderful thoughtfulness
accorded me by officers, nurses,
etc on this pilgrimage to France*
Mrs. Clara Crowder

STATE

MISSOURI

Crowder, John W.^s

M
 NAME Crowder, Mrs. Clara HOME ADDRESS 4115 Sarpy Ave. St. Louis
 St. Louis County...
 NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN A. Crowder, same

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE Aug 26 HOTEL Pennsylvania ROOM NO. 1674
 quarters Mrs M. Steel

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE August 27, 1930 VESSEL SS AMERICA CABIN NO. 134A
 DESTINATION CHERBOURG CEMETERY O.A.

RETURN NEW YORK

SEP 28 1930

DATE

4115 Sarpy Ave.,
St. Louis, Missouri
St. Louis County

NAME CROWDER, MRS. CLARE HOME ADDRESS

RETURN ON S. S. S/S HARDING HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA ROOM NO. 1360

S/S HARDING
S/S HARDING

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE 9/27

ROAD B&O TRAIN 1 CAR A-1 BERTH or SEAT L4

REMARKS
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RETURN RECEIPT

608

Annica 8-27-30

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

Mr. Edwin Gerhardt

(Signature or name of addressee)

[Signature]

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery

8-6-1930

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U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1929

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Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 9257

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____

Return to Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,
or Post Office Box, MUNITIONS BUILDING

WASHINGTON,

D. C.



PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE
TO AVOID PAYMENT OF
POSTAGE \$300

ADDRESS YOUR MAIL TO STREET AND NUMBER	POSTMARK OF DELIVERING
	OFFICE
AND DATE OF DELIVERY	

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RETURN RECEIPT

608

Annica 8-27-30

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

Mr. Clara Timmer

(Signature or name of addressee)

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery

8-4, 19*30*

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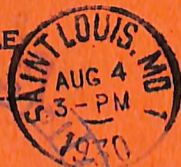
PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. _____

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____



REGISTER
OR
INSURE
VALUABLE MAIL

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING

OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to _____

M. GENERAL

Street and Number,
or Post Office Box, _____

(NAME OF SENDER)

MUNITIONS BUILDING

Post Office at _____

State _____

Washington, D. C.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Crowder J. W. PFC 608 M

August 4, 1930

Mrs. Clara Crowder
4115 Sarpy Avenue,
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. ~~784295~~ in the amount of \$ ~~12.50~~, to pay for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST THIS CHECK BE CASHED AND USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT SPECIFIED.

If for any reason, you are not able to sail on the date mentioned in your invitation, the check must be returned to this office immediately.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

1 Incl.
Check No.

XXXX A-21

Crowder, J. W. 608 H

August 1, 1950

Mrs. Clara Crowder
4115 Sargy Ave.
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements have been completed for your transportation to New York City on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe. One week before your departure the railroad ticket agent, of the first road shown below, will deliver your railroad and pullman ticket to you. Your route to New York will be as follows:

Lv. St. Louis	R&O	No. 4	9.10 AM	August 25	
Ar. Jersey City	"	"	8 2.08 PM		26

Capt Custer

All railroad employees have been instructed by their officials to see that you are shown every courtesy and given assistance, particularly at points where it is necessary to change cars.

Should you not receive your ticket six days before the date shown for your departure please take up at once with the ticket agent and if he does not have your ticket, telegraph this office, collect, to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Crowder, John W. 608
America 8-27

May 17, 1930

Mrs. Clara Crowder,
4115 Sarpy Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not furnished the name of your Emergency Addressee as requested in letter of instructions from this office.

It is requested that in the blank space below you write the name and address of the person in the United States whom you desire to be notified in case you become seriously ill or other emergency arises while you are making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

A. F. Crowder or M. Crowder

Name

4115 Sarpy ave St Louis, Mo

Address

Please fill in the above and mail it TODAY in the self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes

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



Encl.
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Crowder, John W. q 608 M

May 16, 1930.

Mrs. Clara Crowder,
4116 Sarpy Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

The following instructions prepared by the Secretary of State contain the necessary instructions to be followed by you in obtaining the passport or travel document to be utilized in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. Please read the directions carefully and call in person upon the nearest Passport Agent or clerk of a Federal or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens. Passport Agencies are located in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle. In large cities there are usually two or more courts and at each county-seat a state court authorized to accept these passport applications.

When you make this call be sure to take with you the four photographs called for in the instructions together with your invitation as a means of identification. You should take with you to the passport office at this time a friend who is an American citizen and who has known you for several years. The passport Agent or clerk of the court will mail your application to the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C., who will issue the passports and travel documents and will deliver them to The Quartermaster General to be held by him until your arrival in New York.

The instructions prepared by the Secretary of State are as follows:

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than 2½x2½ inches in size and such documentary

evidence of her American citizenship as she may have in her possession. In the absence of evidence of citizenship, her application should be witnessed by a credible person residing in the same community who is an American citizen, has known her for a long period of time and is able to swear to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that she is a citizen of the United States.

"A mother or widow who does not owe allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Pilgrimage Travel Document through a clerk of a Federal court or a State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens or through a Passport Agent upon the form of application prescribed for that purpose, entitled APPLICATION FOR A PILGRIMAGE TRAVEL DOCUMENT, issued under the Act of March 2, 1929, submitting therewith four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3 x 3 inches in size and not less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size. When making application she should be accompanied by a credible witness who has known her for a period of two years or more.

"The Act of March 2, 1929, provides that no fee shall be charged for the execution of an application for a passport or travel document or for the issue of a passport or travel document to a mother or widow making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces are now interred.

"Special Pilgrimage Passports and Pilgrimage Travel Documents when issued by the Department of State will be forwarded to the War Department.

"Applicants resident in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle should execute applications at the Passport Agencies in those cities."

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

America
8/27/30
608

Crowder John W

I accept 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. Clara Crowder

(Name)

4115 Sarpy Ave., St. Louis, St. Louis City Co.,

(Town or City)

(State)



RECEIVED

MAY 9 1980

R. & K. DIV.
O. P. M. C.

H.S. COLLINS PRINTING COMPANY



TELEPHONE
CENTRAL 7540

SAINT LOUIS
1531 WASHINGTON AVE.

March 11th, 1930.

Captain A. D. Hughes,
Quartermaster Corps,
Washington, D. C.

QM293 A-C,
Crowder, John W. 608.

Dear Sir:

Please accept my sincere thanks for your prompt reply to me letter of February 25th.

I have filled out the blank as suggested and beg to advise that Mother filled out a blank similar to this one in October, but no doubt it went astray.

The reason I wrote asking if Mother could take the trip this year was on account of her age. While she is physically fit now she may not be next year.

Anything you can do for us we will certainly appreciate and again thank you for your kindness.

Sincerely,

Magdeline C..Crowder, (Miss).
4115 Sarpy Avenue,
Saint Louis.



QM 295 A-C
Crowder, John W.

March 13, 1930.

Mrs. Clara Crowder,
4115 Sarpy Avenue,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of February 26th, addressed to The Veterans Bureau, relative to your desire to make a pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929, has been forwarded to this office for consideration and reply.

Your attention is invited to office letter of March 4, 1930 requesting that questionnaire inclosed therewith be returned to this office, in order that your eligibility to make a pilgrimage under provisions of the Act may be determined.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

bb/a

March 6, 1930.

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Mrs. Clara Crowder,
4115 Sarpy Ave.,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 26, 1930, relative to the legislation providing pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces who are now interred in such cemeteries.

The administration of the legislation in which you are interested is under the jurisdiction of the War Department, to which department your letter is being referred for attention.

For the director,

ASSISTANT & CHIEF CLERK
MAR - 8 1930
WAR DEPT.



J. O'C. ROBERTS,
Assistant General Counsel.

Notes name
~~John W. Crowder~~
39370
John Connolly

St Louis Mo Feb 26th 1930

Dear Sir Officer of the ^{D.C.} Veteran
Bureau. I dont just know whom
to Address but I hope some one
will find some one who will
Help me. I seen In the Sunday
Paper. about the Gold Star
Mothers that are going to make
Trip Over Sea this Summer
and my name was In the
Second List. the reason I am writing
this the Troop that is to from
St Louis this year are all my
Friends and I and they would
to have me go with them and
my Family would be satisfied
maly I would not be able
to go next year I am 77 now

So want you help me so that
I can go this with my Friend

and will Thank you so
much Reserpectfully yours

Mrs Clara Crowder

4115 Sarpy ave

St Louis Mo

Excuse bad writing I thank you

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Crowder, John W. 608

March 4, 1930.

Mrs. Clara Crowder,
4115 Sarpy Avenue,
St. Louis, Mo.

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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? <u>Yes</u>	(Yes) (No) Yes
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	Yes (Yes) (No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the mili- tary or naval forces in whom you are interested?	No (Yes) (No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age 77 Health Good (Years) (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No) Other language German (Specify language spoken)

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C
Crowder, John W. 608

March 4, 1930.

Mrs. Clara Crowder,
4115 Sarpy Avenue,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 25, 1930, addressed to the Secretary of War relative to the desire of your mother to make a pilgrimage to the grave of her son, the late Private John W. Crowder, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

The records of this office indicate that no reply has been received to a questionnaire which was forwarded your mother under date of October 7, 1929. It is requested that the enclosed duplicate copy be completed by your mother specifying yes or no to the questions listed thereon, particular attention being paid to the third question. Upon receipt in this office of the questionnaire duly completed, Mrs. Crowder will be further advised relative to the pilgrimage.

For the Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:
Questionnaire.
Envelope.

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February 25th, 1930.

Secretary of War,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

We read in the St. Louis Post Dispatch on Sunday February 9th that Mother's name was not in the first group to go to Europe.

I suppose you arrange these groups as you think best, but I wonder if you could possibly make an exception in this case.

Mother is 78 years old, and while we are a little hesitant in letting her make this trip, it wouldn't be so bad if she could go with the first group as she is acquainted with several ladies in this group, (being a member of the Gold Star Mothers and World War Registrars) and they have assured us they would look after her.

She is also appreciative of this opportunity and so anxious to make the trip, we are wondering if she will be physically able to go next year or later on, on account of her age.

I hope you will see my reason for writing you in regard to this, and will not think me too presumptuous, but it is only because Mother is so enthused over this trip and I would like to see her go.

I am enclosing a stamped return envelope for your reply, and would appreciate greatly anything you can do for us.

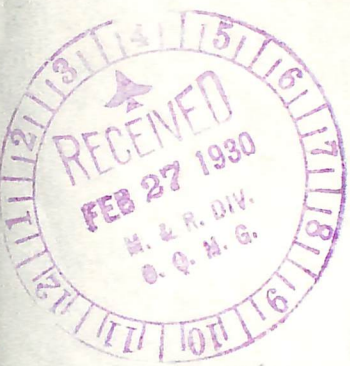
Respectfully,

Magdeline Crowder,
Daughter of Mrs. Clara Crowder,
4115 Sarpy Avenue,
St. Louis, Mo. 43
Brother buried in France, John Crowder.

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FEB 27 1930

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St Louis Mo August 1-1929

War Dept Dear Sir In regard
to your letter of June 24
my son John W. Crowder
was not married he was living
at home here with me
when he enlisted. I would
like to make the trip if my
health will allow.

I remain yours Truly
Mrs Clara Crowder

4115 Sarpy ave
St Louis Mo



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Crowder, John W.

June 24, 1929.

Mrs. Clara Crowder,
4115 Sarpy Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

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 John W. Crowder, Co. D., 39th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress.
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JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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Crowder, J. W. 608 H

August 1, 1930

Mrs. Clara Crowder
4115 Sarpy Ave.
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements have been completed for your transportation to New York City on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe. One week before your departure the railroad ticket agent, of the first road shown below, will deliver your railroad and pullman ticket to you. Your route to New York will be as follows:

Lv. St. Louis B&O No. 4 9.10 AM August 25
Ar. Jersey City " " 8 2.08 PM 26

All railroad employees have been instructed by their officials to see that you are shown every courtesy and given assistance, particularly at points where it is necessary to change cars.

Should you not receive your ticket six days before the date shown for your departure please take up at once with the ticket agent and if he does not have your ticket, telegraph this office, collect, to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Crowder, J. W. - 608

June 12, 1930

Mrs. Clara Crowder,
4115 Sarpy Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

Somewhat heavier clothing is required to be worn in Europe than is necessary in the United States, in order to be comfortable. During the summer in Europe it is cool during the day and the nights are frequently chilly. Considerable rain is usually encountered during this time.

In order that you may be comfortable at all times, regardless of the condition of the weather, and may avoid missing any of the sights or any part of the itinerary which has been planned for you, the following suggestions are made.

The clothing which you will take with you should be slightly heavier and warmer than you would normally wear in the United States during the summer and should be strong and durable. It is essential that you take with you the necessary equipment to afford protection from the cold and dampness. Be sure to take at least two pairs of comfortable shoes to provide a change in the event your feet become wet, a pair of rubbers, an umbrella, and a sweater or some warm wrap to be used should the weather become uncomfortably cool. It is very desirable that, in addition to the sweater, you have with you a full length coat of medium weight for general wear.

The shortages of suitable facilities for laundry and the frequency of the moves you will make while in Europe will make it impracticable to secure as frequent service of this nature as may be desired. You should therefore provide yourself with sufficient underwear, nightgowns, stockings and handkerchiefs to meet your requirements should it be impossible to have your washing done more frequently than once in two weeks.

If you will read carefully the suggestions made above, and comply with them, it will add greatly to your comfort throughout the trip and will assist the Government in carrying out successfully its plans for conducting the pilgrimage. This letter is being sent to every mother and widow who has accepted the invitation sent to her by the Government to visit the grave of her son or husband.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Crowder, John W. 608
America 8-27

May 17, 1930

Mrs. Clara Crowder,
4115 Sarpy Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not furnished the name of your Emergency Addressee as requested in letter of instructions from this office.

It is requested that in the blank space below you write the name and address of the person in the United States whom you desire to be notified in case you become seriously ill or other emergency arises while you are making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Name

Address

Please fill in the above and mail it TODAY in the self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May 16, 1930.

Crowder, John W. q 608 M

Mrs. Clara Crowder,
4115 Sarpy Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

The following instructions prepared by the Secretary of State contain the necessary instructions to be followed by you in obtaining the passport or travel document to be utilized in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. Please read the directions carefully and call in person upon the nearest Passport Agent or clerk of a Federal or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens. Passport Agencies are located in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle. In large cities there are usually two or more courts and at each county-seat a state court authorized to accept these passport applications.

When you make this call be sure to take with you the four photographs called for in the instructions together with your invitation as a means of identification. You should take with you to the passport office at this time a friend who is an American citizen and who has known you for several years. The passport Agent or clerk of the court will mail your application to the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C., who will issue the passports and travel documents and will deliver them to The Quartermaster General to be held by him until your arrival in New York.

The instructions prepared by the Secretary of State are as follows:

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than 2½x2½ inches in size and such documentary

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evidence of her American citizenship as she may have in her possession. In the absence of evidence of citizenship, her application should be witnessed by a credible person residing in the same community who is an American citizen, has known her for a long period of time and is able to swear to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that she is a citizen of the United States.

"A mother or widow who does not owe allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Pilgrimage Travel Document through a clerk of a Federal court or a State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens or through a Passport Agent upon the form of application prescribed for that purpose, entitled APPLICATION FOR A PILGRIMAGE TRAVEL DOCUMENT, issued under the Act of March 2, 1929, submitting therewith four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3 x 3 inches in size and not less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size. When making application she should be accompanied by a credible witness who has known her for a period of two years or more.

"The Act of March 2, 1929, provides that no fee shall be charged for the execution of an application for a passport or travel document or for the issue of a passport or travel document to a mother or widow making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces are now interred.

"Special Pilgrimage Passports and Pilgrimage Travel Documents when issued by the Department of State will be forwarded to the War Department.

"Applicants resident in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle should execute applications at the Passport Agencies in those cities."

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Crowder, John W. 608 M
America 8-27

May 15, 1930

Mrs. Clara Crowder,
4115 Sarpy Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

Requests for stop-overs on return from the pilgrimage to the American cemeteries in Europe are being received by this office, in some cases, too late to take action.

Transportation arrangements for the round-trip are made a month before departure and requests for stop-overs on return must be in this office at that time.

Stop-overs can not be allowed on the trip to New York or in Europe, but may be allowed at any point on return from New York provided there is no additional cost or, if there is, that it is paid in advance by the pilgrim.

If you desire stop-overs at any point on return, please advise this office AT ONCE as to the cities where you desire to stop and we will be glad to arrange accordingly, or advise you if there is any additional cost to be paid by you. Send your request direct to this office and do NOT include it with your passport application.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

April 30, 1930.

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

Crowder, John W. -608 M

Mrs. Clara Crowder,
4115 Sarpy Avenue,
Near Madam,
St. Louis, Mo.

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

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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 steamship upon which passage has been engaged for Europe. All of the women making this trip will be provided with cabin class accommodations aboard steamers which means that two to four will be quartered in the same stateroom. If you have a 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

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.

QM 293 A-C
Crowder, John W.

March 13, 1930.

Mrs. Clara Crowder,
4115 Sarpy Avenue,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

→ Mrs. Crowder
Your letter of February 26th, addressed to The Veterans Bureau, relative to your desire to make a pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929, has been forwarded to this office for consideration and reply.

Your attention is invited to office letter of March 4, 1930 requesting that questionnaire inclosed therewith be returned to this office, in order that your eligibility to make a pilgrimage under provisions of the Act may be determined.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C
Crowder, John W. 608

March 4, 1930.

Mrs. Clara Crowder,
4115 Sarpy Avenue,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 25, 1930, addressed to the Secretary of War relative to the desire of your mother to make a pilgrimage to the grave of her son, the late Private John W. Crowder, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

The records of this office indicate that no reply has been received to a questionnaire which was forwarded your mother under date of October 7, 1929. It is requested that the enclosed duplicate copy be completed by your mother specifying yes or no to the questions listed thereon, particular attention being paid to the third question. Upon receipt in this office of the questionnaire duly completed, Mrs. Crowder will be further advised relative to the pilgrimage.

For the Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

March 4, 1930.

Crowder, John W. 608

Mrs. Clara Crowder,
4115 Sarpy Avenue,
St. Louis, Mo.

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)
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, John W. 608 M

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Clara Crowder,
4115 Sarpy Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

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, John W.

June 24, 1929.

Mrs. Clara Crowder,
4115 Sarpy Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

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 John W. Crowder, Co. B., 39th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C
CROWDER, John W. - Pvt. 1/c

August 13, 1924

Mrs. Clara Crowder,
4115 Sarry Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires to invite your attention to the inclosed card which gives the permanent cemetery location of the soldier's grave in which you are interested.

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

Please be assured that in effecting removal of the dead, the utmost reverential care was exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed this sacred duty. For the future, these graves will be perpetually maintained by the Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

1-Incl.
Record card.



Dup

Crowder

(Surname)

John W.

(Christian name in full.)

573,347

(Army serial number.)

Pvt 1st

Co D 39th Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Mother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

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(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)

from letter Mrs Clara Crowder

4115 Sany Ave;

St Louis

Mo

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

From letter of Sept. 9, 1919 - Reference 293.8

"I think I will be satisfied to leave my boy rest where he fell. Would like to have a photo of the grave and the name of the place where he is buried."

Mrs. Clara Crowder

Ack. 9-20-19 EJ

Drawn by mrs
617-261

12-2-30

REVIEWED
OSP SS.

checked
2/6/20

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #17053

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name CROWDER, John W. Ser. No. 573341
(b) Rank Pvt. 1/cl. Organization Co. D, 39th Inf.
(c) Date of death 8/7/18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. HB
CKR. I

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

(a) Grave No. 49 Row - Plot 5 Sec. F TYP. HB
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Clara Crowder (mother) 4115 Sarpy Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

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

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt -

(a) Name Mrs. Clara Crowder (b) Relationship mother
(c) Address 4115 Sarpy Ave. - St. Louis, Mo
(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 MKS Date 12-2, 1920.

V. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from Mrs. Clara Crowder

St. Louis - Mo, dated 9-9-19
confirming request in Par. IV., item d, above, or requesting that plot of grave
and name of place where buried.

Examiner's Initials MKS Date 12-3, 1920.

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

4115 Sarpy Ave., St. Louis, Mo. 9/9/19, confirms
request on card.

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes MKS

Examiner's Initials MKS Date 12-3, 1920.

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 617 SHEET No. 261

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

89-17-21

checked 12/12/20

CARDED

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Jan. 13, 1922

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT *Jo.*

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name CROWDER, John W.

10. Name

2. No. 523341

11. No.

3. Rank PFC

12. Rank

4. Org. Co. D. 39th Inf.

13. Org.

5. D.D. Aug. 7th 1918

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. KIA.

(b) D.B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 49 Sec. F

15. Grave No.

Sec.

8. Plot 5 Row

16. Plot

Row

9.

17.

No discp

18. Cemetery American Cty.

19. Commune or town

FISMES20. Dept. or County Marne

21. Country

France22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 61723. Disinterred (Date) 1-13-22

By

E. J. Frank

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name John W. Crowder

Serial No.

523341Rank PFC

Organization

Co. D. 39th Inf.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker?

yes

On body?

yes

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 partly corroded legible "John W. Crowder, Pvt. 1/cl Co D. 39th Inf. U.S.A. Serial ----341" which checks.27. Condition of body Badly decomposed featured unrecognizable28. Nature of burial Burlap and uniform29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date 1-13-22 By E. J. Frank31. Casket sealed by E. J. Frank

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

AUDITED BY

Row 4/21/24

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-22837

32. Designation of body:

Name John W. CROWDER Serial No. 523341

Rank PFC. Organization Co.D.39th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne Amer.Cty.608 SERINGES-et-NESLES (Aisne)

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) 1-13-22 By E.J. Frank

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector R.F. O'Leary, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date)

To point of Concentration (Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery Oise Aisne, Am.Cty 608 Seringes et Nesles, Aisne.

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer R.F. O'Leary, 1st Lt. QMC

40. Received: Date Sept 1 1922

G.R.S. Representative Raymond H. ... dent Oise-Aisne Morgue.

41. Reinterred Sept. 2, 1922, Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes et Nesles (Aisne)

(Date)

42. Grave No. 12 Section

43. ~~PRO~~BLOCK B Row 42

G.R.S. Representative C.J. Blake, Capt., QMC.

tab

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place Fismes, Cem. 617

Date Jan. 13th, 1922

1. REMAINS OF CROWDER, John W. SERIAL NUMBER 523341

RANK P. F. C. ORGANIZATION Co. D. 39th In.

2. Disinterred (date): _____ From (give complete location): _____

Jan. 13th, 1922 Gr. 49, Sec. F, Plot 5, Cem. 617

By: Group 2 Unit sec. 7

3. Reburied (date): Sept. 2, 1922 In (give complete location): Gr. 12, Block B,

Row 42, Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes et Nesles (Aisne)

By: Group re-burial group Unit ----- Nature of reburial Lined casket

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

Burlap 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 partly corroded, legible: "John W. Crowder, Pvt. 1/cl, Co. D. 39th

Inf. U. S. A. serial, ---541" which checks.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Indiscernable due

(b) Weight (estimated) decomposition.

(c) Hair—Color None

Quantity _____

Characteristics _____

(d) Hair on face—Color None

Location _____

Quantity _____

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

or missing parts) None

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

Skull crushed.

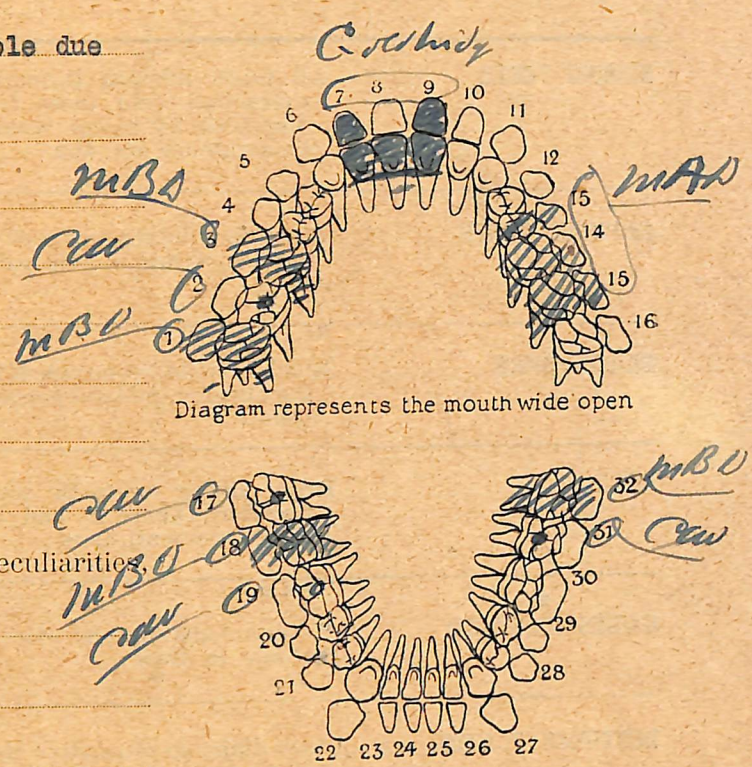
Geo. S. Parker, checker.

7. Disinterment supervised by E. J. Frank, Sup. Emb.

Approved: R. F. O'Leary, 1st Lt., QMC.
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by W. D. Wall Jr.

Approved: C. J. Blake, Capt., QMC.
(Title)



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.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #17053

(a) Name CROWDER, John W. Ser. No. 573341
 (b) Rank Pvt. 1/cl. Organization Co. D, 39th Inf.
 (c) Date of death 8/7/18 Cause of death K/A

TYP. HB 7

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

(a) Grave No. 49 Row - Plot 5 Sect. F TYP. HB
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Clara Crowder (mother) 4115 Sarpy Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases. CKR 1

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

*MO - mother, Mrs. Clara Crowder
 4115 Sarpy Ave - St. Louis Mo. Does not
 desire return of remains 1-8-21*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 192
 (Letter of transmittal on 192)
*Paragraphs
 Not to be returned*

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. JAN 18 1921 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken

VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. 5-16 192 11

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WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

CEMETERIAL DIVISION

WASHINGTON

Hoboken, N. J.

JAN 27 1921

FROM: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O. Q. M. G.

To: Mrs. Clara Crowder, 4115 Sarpy Ave., St. Louis, Mo

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. 1/cl John W. Crowder, Ser. No. 573341,

Co. D, 39th Inf.

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above-named
remain in Europe.

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

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

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

Was soldier married? _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow			
Soldier's children (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Father			
Mother			
Brothers (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Sisters (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		

Date _____

Signature _____

Address _____

Relationship _____

Address _____
Date _____, 192
Signature _____

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

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.
2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to _____
(Name.)
_____ (R. R. station.) _____ (State.)
3. To be returned to the U. S. and buried in _____ National Cemetery.
4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

Signature _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

1. If definite instructions for the disposition of a body are not received from the next of kin within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.
2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.
3. This paper **MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT OF KIN IN THE ORDER** shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.
4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest next of kin in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the **LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN** of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.
6. If **YOU** are not the nearest next of kin, please ask the nearest next of kin, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
7. If **YOU** are not the nearest living next of kin and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper **AT ONCE** and mail to this office.
8. You are requested to return this paper **AT ONCE** in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

NOTE.—INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DISPOSITION OF REMAINS will be issued by this office upon the properly executed authority of the legal next of kin in each case. The widow is the first person having disposition of the remains of her husband. Should there be no widow or children, the father and, in turn (upon his decease), the mother, is the proper authority. The brothers, in order of seniority, and then the sisters in order of seniority, if there are no brothers, rank next in authority to decide. Under an opinion rendered by the Judge Advocate General of the Army, if a widow has remarried she forfeits her right, and the next of kin as given above will make decision.

March 26th, 1921.

File No. 295.8 Cem. Div., Corr. Br.
(CROWDER, John W.)

Mrs. Clara Crowder,
6115 Sarpy Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:-

Kindly inform this office at your earliest convenience whether or not the late John W. Crowder, Private First Class, Serial Number 573341, Company D, 39th Infantry, is survived by widow, children or father, and if so, furnish the name and address of each.

This information is desired in order that the Department may be assured that the proper person to determine the disposition of remains of the late soldier is given an opportunity of expressing his or her wishes.

If the late soldier is not survived by any of the above mentioned relatives, please state whether you desire the body left in France in a permanent American Cemetery, returned to the United States and shipped to you at Government expense, or interred in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia.

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

Your early reply will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

BY:

J. F. BUTLER,
Captain, Infantry.

MAILED
MAR 29 1921
COR. BR. G. R. S.

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Office Project

Cancellation Division

MAR 18 1921

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FILE

Co. D. 39th. Infantry
4th. Division

Crowder John W. - Pvt. 1; C1; 57334I

No eye witness at present in Co. Killed in action
Aug. 6-1918 in the battle at Vesle River. He was firing effectively on
enemy machine gun.nest with auto Rifle, when hit by M.G. bullet.

No Informant:

Signed: L.G. Towson; Capt.
39th. Infantry

MB.

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 8-19-20

File No. 17053 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 John W. ✓
- c. Serial number 523341 - 573,341 ✓
- d. Organization Co. D, 39th Inf. ✓
- e. Rank Pvt. 1/c ✓
- f. Date of death 8-7-18 ✓
- g. Cause of death K/A ✓
- h. Authority (C.C.#) 253 ✓
- i. Emergency address Mrs. Clara Crowder ✓
- j. Relationship 4115 Sarpy Ave. St. Louis Mo. mother ✓

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

- a. Age at 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)

FILE

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 | | | | | | | |

Rec'd World War Div
Date 8-23-20

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

FILE

BY:

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

MRB

Donnelly
Q.P.S.

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 3-12-20

File No: 17053 Registration

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

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

a. Surname	CROWDER
b. Christian name	John W.
c. Serial number	52341-2734
d. Organization	Co. D, 38th Inf.
e. Rank	Pvt. 1/c
f. Date of death	3-7-18
g. Cause of death	W/A
h. Authority (C.C.#) 253	
i. Emergency address	
j. Relationship	

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION (See page #2 of the Service Record)
DENTAL CHARTS (See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

a. Age at enlistment	
b. Color of eyes	
c. Color of hair	
d. Height	
e. Weight	

Serial given has no record, 673 341
Height given 5'03", 341 to 341
upper right 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
upper left 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
lower right 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
lower left 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

8/7/18 -
Physical defects at
enlistment (or breaks)
of teeth in file - CC 253 given
Aug. 1-10, 18 - no W. O. Determination
Date of death is unknown in S/R -
O. M. 673 341 - Death Rec. give 523,341 -
John W. Crowder, Rec. show
H. J. CONNER
Quartermaster General, U. S. A.

Address of recipient

17053

From

85646

Postmark of origin

Postmark of return

Postmark of second copy

Address of

No. return due

Export

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Crowder 573341. W.
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Privat. Co D. 39 Inf.
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL. Sept 7 1918

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

Set in field opposite town and five yards from south track

GRAVE NUMBER. ~~RAIND~~

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: none found

Was one buried with body? Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker? If name unknown and tags missing, description and marks should be given here:

Body beyond recognition. Bazoches (Aisne)

(92) SHIT. 3356 COORD (E. 20 / 2287)

REPORTED BY: R. Lawson Chap. 306
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

RAIND

approved
S. B. B. Co

92-693

Communal List No. _____

Daily Report No. _____

(12)

The Burial - Center

Wm. J. Burgeson,
Deno.

(unc) 8-92

10/1/88

8-29-88

~~Wm. J. Burgeson, John M. Burgeson~~
5-13-81

FILE 17053

Name appears on



For further data see Casualty Files

J

photo
marshes body of
3 burials in
France
 1 705
 24/19

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

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

NAME *Crowder, John W.*

Serial Number *573, 341*

RANK *Private 1st*

ORGANIZATION

39th Inf - Co 10

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier: given above agree with Records?	<i># 523, 341</i>
2.	Date of Death.	<i>K/A 8-7-18</i>
3.	Cause and place of death.	<i>Reburied 12-3/18 (location not given)</i>
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	<i>Disinterred fr. Cem. # 847-5-19-19</i>
5.	Date buried.	<i>Amer. Cty.,</i>
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	<i>Bazoches, Aisne,</i>
7.	Who reported burial?	<i>(6)</i>
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	<i>Grave # 49 - Sec. F - Plot 5 - city, #617</i>
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	<i>Fismes, Amer. B/A Cem.,</i>
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	<i>Marne</i>
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	<i>(11) Not given</i>
12.	Has above been notified? (Give date)	
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	<i>(12) No</i>
15.	Inquiry made by? <i>(Mother)</i> <i>Mrs. Clara Crowder,</i> <i># 4115 - Sarpy Ave.,</i> <i>St. Louis, Mo</i>	

Thru Ago

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

Released by Information Control *J.B.*
 Dept. Directory
 Cards 5 x 8
 Cards 4 x 6

Address reply to
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE & STORAGE
Munitions Building

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE
WASHINGTON

CJW/tyh.

Sept. 26, 1919.

293.3(Crowder, John W., Pvt.) GRS.

Graves Registration Service.

Mrs. Clara Crowder, 4115 Sarpy Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

Grave Location-- Request for Photograph of Grave.

1. In reply to your letter of Sept. 9, 1919, which has been referred to us by the Adjutant General's Office, the records of this office show the following grave location of your son, Private, 1st cl., John W. Crowder, Serial #573341, Co. D, 39th Infantry; Formerly buried in the American Cemetery at Bazoches, Department of Aisne, disinterred and reburied in the American Battle Area Cemetery, at Fismes, Department of the Marne, Grave #49, Section F, Plot #5, Cemetery #617.

2. Your request for the body of your son to remain permanently interred in his present burial place in France has been noted, and notification has been sent the Graves Registration Service, France, and the Adjutant General's Office, Washington, D. C.

3. We have advised the Photographic Section of the American Red Cross, attached to this office, of your desire to have a photograph of your son's grave.

By authority of the Quartermaster General,
The Director of Purchase & Storage:

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

By
CHARLES J. WYNNE
Capt., Q. M. C.
Graves Registration Service.

encl.
card.

1st Ind.

293.8 (Crowder, John W.) DR

War Department, A.G.O., September 20, 1919. To - Graves Registration Service,
Quartermaster General's Office.

EJ - 1-217 - 6th & B Sts.

1. For direct reply to writer as to the location of the burial place
of Pvt. 1cl. John W. Crowder, #573,341, Co. D, 39th Inf.

2. The writer has been advised of this reference.

By order of the Secretary of War.

A. Erwin,

Adjutant General



IN ORDER OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE ACT

APPROVED: _____

FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

1918

COPY

17053
St. Louis, Mo.,

Sept. 9, 1919.

Mr. P. C. Harris

Dear Sir:-

I think I will be satisfied to leave my boy rest where he fell. Would like to have a photo of his grave and the name of the place where he is buried.

Yours respectfully,

Mrs. Clara Crowder

4115 Sarpy Ave.

Pvt. 1cl. John W. Crowder, #573,341,
Co. D, 39th Inf.



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FROM THE RECORDS

PLEASE SEE THE NAME OF THE PERSON WHOSE NAME IS ON THE
LIST AND SEE IF YOU CAN CONTACT HIM OR HER AT THE
I THINK I WILL BE RECALLED TO SERVICE IN NOV

VERY TRULY

Yours truly,
W. H. C. [Name]

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G.R.S. #106
DISPOSITION OF BODY

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

Sept. 26, 1919.

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- (e) Photograph of grave.

has been made by:

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4115 Sarpy Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F.
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE June 24, 1919.

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.
TO: Pvt. A. F. Crowder, Co. B. 12th Engrs. (L.B.) Am. E.F.
SUBJECT: Pvt. 1/cl. John W. Crowder, Co. D. 39th Inf. Am. E.F.

In reply to your letter of enquiry with reference to the regretted death of this soldier, according to the records at these Headquarters is he buried in Grave #16, Row A, American Battle Area and American Cemetery, at BAZOCHES, in the Department of AISNE. His grave is marked with a Cross with an Identification Tag attached.

It is probable by this time the body of Pvt. Crowder has been exhumed and removed to the American Concentration Cemetery at FISMES, although official notice of the transfer of this body has not as yet been received at this office.

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

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

Reference - 17053.

April 21st, 1919.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.
TO : Pvt. Albert F. Crowder, Co. B, 12th Engineers (Rly.), American E.F.,
France.
SUBJECT : Pvt. John W. Crowder, Co. D, 39th Infantry, American E.F.

1. In reply to your letter of inquiry, I am very sorry to have to inform you that my field force has not as yet succeeded in obtaining any definite burial information regarding this soldier. You may rest assured that every possible effort will be made to locate the grave, and, if necessary, a special search will be made of the area where he died and is, no doubt, buried.

2. Careful note is being made of your name and address, and immediately the burial information is received, you will be informed.

By direction

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

(Enclosures - G.R.S.:)
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Per

MAURICE B. DIX,
Captain, American Red Cross
Representative assigned to
Graves Registration Service.

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CONDUCTIVE SERVICE
WITH THE
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

March 20 1919

Graves Registration Bureau
A. C. F.

Can you give me the exact location of the grave of Private John W. Crowder of Co. H. 39th Infantry who was reported to have been killed on August 11th - 1918 in the Champagne sector near the village of Fismes Any information you can give me will be greatly appreciated

Private A. F. Crowder
Co. B. 12th Engineers (L. B.)
A. C. F.

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

FROM:- *A.A.C.*

FILE NUMBER 17053.

DATE *3/28/19.*

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME *CROWDER JOHN W.* NUMBER

RANK *PVT.* ORGANIZATION *Co. D, 39th INF.*

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	1. CROWDER. 523341. John W. Pvt.lcl. Co. D, 39th Inf.
2.	Date of Death.	2. 8-7-18.
3.	Cause and place of death.	3. K/A.
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	4. 253.
5.	Date buried.	5. Reburied 12-3-18.
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.	6. Grave #16, Amer. Plot, Row A, Amer. Cty. #847, Bazoches, Aisne.
7.	Who reported burial.	
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	9. Cross.
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	10. One attached to grave marker.
11.	Who is nearest relative?	11. Not given.
12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	

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

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TO:- REGISTRATION FILE NO., G.R.S.

FILE NUMBER

17053,

FROM:- A. R. E.

DATE:

3/6/19,

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME CROWDEN, JOHN, W. NUMBER

RANK PVT, ORGANIZATION Co, 2, 39th INF.

NO	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	① - yes
2.	Date of Death.	② - 8/7/18
3.	Cause and place of death.	③ - 12/A
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	④ - 253
5.	Date buried.	⑤ - 12/A
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.	⑥ -
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S?	⑧ - NO,
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	⑨ -
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	
11.	Who is nearest relative?	
12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	⑩ -
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	⑪ - NO address.
14.	What is the Photograph No?	

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

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France

Feb 19. 1919

Graves Registration Bureau
A. E. F.

Can you give me the location of Private John W. Crowder, Co. H. 39th Infantry grave I think he was killed on the Vesle River. He was my brother any information that you can give me will be greatly appreciated

Pvt. Albert J. Crowder
 Co. B. 12th Engineers
 A. E. F. (Ory)



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FILE

St Louis Mo. Sep 9th 1919

Mr. P. C. Harris

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card had to wait on Election
Party. I think I will be satis-
fied to leave my boy rest
where he fell. Would like
to have a photo of the grave
and the name of the place
where he is buried

I guess Respectfully

Mrs Clara Crawford

Not on card

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J. W.

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293.8 (Crowder, John W.) DR

September 20, 1919.

From: The Adjutant General of the Army
To: Mrs. Clara Crowder, 4115 Sarpy Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
Subject: Pvt. 1cl. John W. Crowder, #573,341, Co. D, 39th
Infantry.

1. Referring to your letter of September 9th relative to the final disposition of the remains of your son, John W. Crowder, I beg leave to advise that your wishes have been noted on the card and same placed on file in this office for such reference as may be found necessary.

2. The War Department has no pictures of the graves of our deceased soldiers, but it is suggested as a possibility that the American National Red Cross, Washington, D.C., may be able to furnish the desired picture.

3. Your letter is this day being referred to the Graves Registration Service, Quartermaster General's Office for direct reply to you as to the location of the burial place of your son.

4. It is desired to express to you the deep and sincere sympathy of the Department on account of the great loss sustained in the death of your son, and to commend you for the contribution you have made to the cause for which this soldier gave his life.

P. C. Harris
Per

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9-20-19

1st Ind.

293.8 (Crowder, John W.) DR
War Department, A.G.O., September 20, 1919. To - Graves Registration Service,
Quartermaster General's Office.

1. For direct reply to writer as to the location of the burial place of Pvt. 1st John W. Crowder, #573,341, Co. D, 39th Inf.
2. The writer has been advised of this reference.

By order of the Secretary of War.

L. Erwin

Adjutant General

copy of letter of Sept 9th from
Mrs Clara Crowder
4115 Sarpy Ave. St. Louis Mo.
forwarded by 1st Ind as
above

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