

DATE

JAN 21 1926

1. NAME Cranford, Pierce M. SERIAL No. 2905189

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION 1st Co. Camp Johnston Aug. Auto & DIVISION none Repl. Dft.

GRAVE LOCATION Amer. Cty. Lambezellec, Finistere 531

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

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H

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 53, Row 4, Plot H, Lambezellec Finistere  
Per GRS Form #16. 5/27/19. GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES Not given

CONCENTRATED TO 5/27/19. 76 Ext.

DATE

GRAVE

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PLOT

Lambezellec

#531

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag found on body, per GRS Form #16. 5/27/19. signed Chas. S. Denny 1st Lt. CA.

DATE OF DEATH

Oct 9, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

Miss

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

none found.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS 6/9/20. 8 3 H #531

Per GRS Form #16. 6/9/20. signed W.E. Shipp, Capt. Cav. GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

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PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

Stanley J. Grogan  
STANLEY J. GROGAN, CAPT. INF. USA.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 7/24/22 36 41 Block D

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

Oise-Aisne American Cemetary #608, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne.

CEMETERY

Aisne.

AUDITED BY

8 A.G.O.  
JAN 23 1926  
WORLD WAR DIV.

Rec'd World War Div.

5 JAN 12 1928

Robert G. ...  
Major General  
The Adjutant General's ...  
BY C.S.

# 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.



CC 285 Jim  
11/30

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Cranford, #2905189, Pierce, H.  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Pvt. ?  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: O.H. 435 A.O. 716.

CAUSE OF DEATH: Pneumonia.

DATE OF BURIAL: Oct. 8th 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL: A. B. F. Cemetery.

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

Lambazellec Finistere.

GRAVE NUMBER: Number 53, Tr. 4, plot H.

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? yes

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? yes

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE: Martha Cranford,

ADDRESS: RR Seminary, Miss.

RELATIONSHIP: Mother.

REPORTED BY: Earle H. Squier

1st. Lieut. 2nd. Lieut. 1st. Lieut. 2nd. Lieut. 1st. Lieut. 2nd. Lieut.  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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8.15 am



REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Crawford  
Name: Crawford Pierce *m*

2905189

Number: 2904189

Rank: Pvt/

Organization: Co. 1 Cp. Johnson SARD QMC

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

May 15th-1919

Plot H Row 4 Grave 53 A.E.F. Cemetery #531 Lambazellec

Finistere.

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

531

May 15th-1919

Grave 76 Extension to A.E.F. Cemetery #531 Lambazellec

Finistere.

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

Bodies not buried in coffins, buried head to feet, securely shrouded, badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? ~~Yes~~ Yes.

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

CONFIRMED

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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:

Chas. S. Denny  
*1st Lt. C.A.*

C.O. Group

Unit

CHAS. S. DENNY  
1st Lieut. C. A.

Supervised by: *[Signature]*

C/O Group

UNIT

*[Signature]*  
Sgt. J. S. DENNY  
Sgt. J. S. DENNY

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Note: If upon disinterment, effects are found upon bodies they will be positively

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

Was one identification tag found upon the body? ~~None~~ Yes.

Decomposed.

Bodies not buried in coffins, buried head to feet, securely shrouded, body

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

Interfere.

May 15th-1919

Grave 76 Extension 404 E. L. Cemetery #231, Lakeside

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

Disinterred.

May 15th-1919

Plot H Row 4 Grave 23 A. E. L. Cemetery #231, Lakeside

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Rank: Pvt

Organization: Co. 1 Ch. Johnson CAVD GMC

Name: Crawford Pierce.

Number: 5904189

Remains of: *[Signature]*

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Date: May 24th-1919

G. R. 2. FORM NO.

Place: Ft. Snelling, Minn.

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Cranford,</i>	<i>CRA</i>	3	<i>381</i>
<i>Pierce M.</i>	CEMETERY <i>608</i>	1	<i>2</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>36</i>	2	<i>36</i>
	ROW <i>41</i>	2	<i>41</i>
	BLOCK <i>D</i>	1	<i>4</i>
STATE	<i>Miss</i>	2	<i>28</i>
RANK	<i>Pos</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>Repl.</i>	2	<i>58</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>Aug. Auto.</i>	3	<i>XXX</i>
ARM	<i>Draft</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL	<i>Remarried</i>	1	<i>3</i>
NAME <i>Cranford</i>	<i>CRA</i>	3	<i>381</i>
<i>Mrs. Martha J.</i>	STATE <i>Miss</i>	2	<i>28</i>
RESIDENCE <i>909 J. Ransick's</i>	COUNTY <i>Marion</i>	2	<i>46</i>
<i>R2D #1</i>	CITY <i>Columbia</i>	3	<i>009</i>
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>bad</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>no age</i>	1	
29/514/PJ <i>6.</i>			<i>276 25.7.</i>

**AUDITED**  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Cranford, Pierce M. OA

September 6, 1932.

Mrs. Martha J. Cranford,  
c/o T.J. Ramskir,  
RFD #1,  
Columbia, Miss.

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")	No ✓
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: 76 Health: very bad
3. Do you speak English?	yes
4. What other language do you speak?	none

*I am crippled with rheumatism can't walk*

Sign here

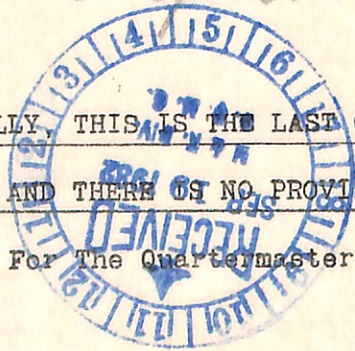
NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:  
Env.



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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Cranford, Pierce M. (OA)

July 11, 1932.

Mrs. Martha J. Cranford,  
c/o T. J. Ranskir, RFD #1,  
Columbia, Miss.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Write answer here)

(Sign here) \_\_\_\_\_

QM 293 A-M  
Cranford, Pierce M. (OA)

January 9, 1932

Mrs. Martha J. Cranford,  
% T. J. Ramskir, RFD #1,  
Columbia, Mississippi.

Dear Madam:

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

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

In the event you change your mind and desire to visit your son's grave during the coming summer it is requested that you so notify this office. Should you make a pilgrimage you are assured that the journey will not only be made at the expense of the Government but that everything possible for your comfort and welfare will be provided.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM  
Cranford, Pierce M. Pvt. (OA) M

June 20, 1931

Mrs. Martha J. Cranford,  
c/o T. J. Ramskir,  
RFD #1,  
Columbia, Miss.

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



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

No  
Write answer here

*Mrs. Martha J. Cranford*  
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

June 7, 1930

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
**Cranford, Pierce M. - 608 M**

**Mrs. Martha J. Cranford,  
C/o T. J. Ramskir,  
RFD #1,  
Columbia, Miss.**

Dear Madam:

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

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

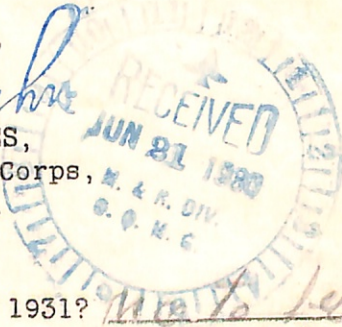
As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope, which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



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

Yes  
(Write answer here)

*Martha J. Cranford*  
(Sign here)

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
**Cranford, Pierce M. 608 M**

October 7, 1929.

**Mrs. Martha J. Cranford,  
% T. J. Remskir,  
R.F.D. #1,  
Columbia, Miss.**

Dear Madam:

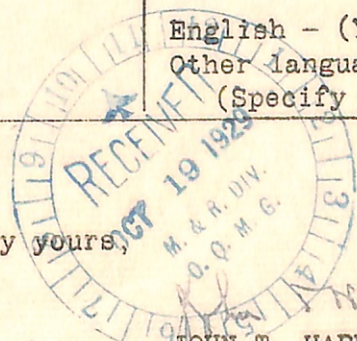
The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, 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?	<del>(Yes)</del>	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	<del>(Yes)</del>	(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?	<del>(Yes)</del>	(No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <u>73</u> Health (Years) <del>(Good)</del> (Poor)	
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <del>(No)</del> Other language (Specify language spoken)	

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cranford, Pierce M.

August 6, 1929

Mrs. Martha J. Cranford,  
c/o T. J. Renskir,  
R. F. D. #1,  
Columbia, Mississippi

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 Pierce M. Cranford, 1st Co., Camp Johnson, whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

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

*yes. but remarried*

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

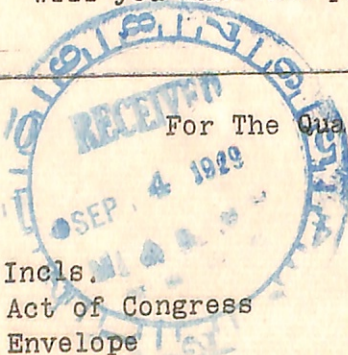
*Health will not permit*

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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Mrs. Martha J. Cranford,  
% J. J. Ramsler  
R. F. 20 # 1,  
Columbia, Miss.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Cranford, Pierce M.

June 24, 1929.

Mrs. Martha J. Cranford,  
Seminary,  
Miss.

XC. 127-994 7/20  
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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".

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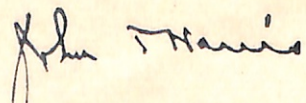
Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish her full name and address in order that action may be taken to extend an invitation to her to make the pilgrimage.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

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since re-married 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,



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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 235 A-C  
Granford, Pierce M.

June 24, 1929

Mrs. Martha J. Granford,  
Seminary,  
Miss.

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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 Pierce M. Granford, 1st Co., Camp Johnson, whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Bourges-et-Neuilly, Aisne, France.

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Assistant.



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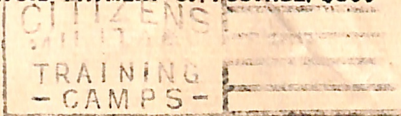
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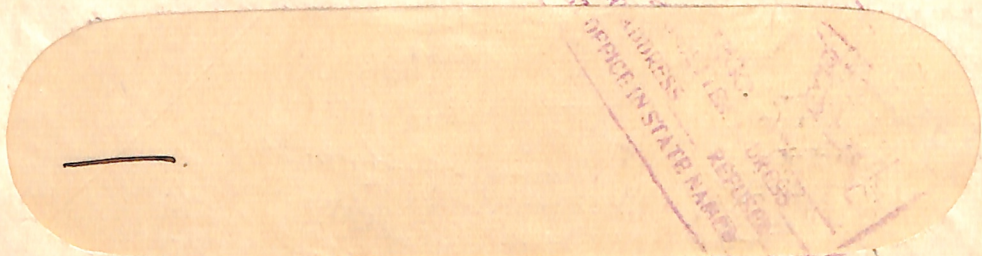
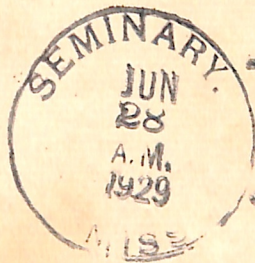
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Cranford, Pierce M. OA

September 6, 1932.

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2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:  
Env.

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

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

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July 11, 1932.

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Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) \_\_\_\_\_

QM 293 A-M  
Cranford, Pierce M. (OA)

January 9, 1932

Mrs. Martha J. Cranford,  
% T. J. Ramskir, RFD #1,  
Columbia, Mississippi.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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In the event you change your mind and desire to visit your son's grave during the coming summer it is requested that you so notify this office. Should you make a pilgrimage you are assured that the journey will not only be made at the expense of the Government but that everything possible for your comfort and welfare will be provided.

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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-AM

June 20, 1931

Cranford, Pierce M. Pvt. (OA) M

Mrs. Martha J. Cranford,  
c/o T. J. Ranskir,  
RFD #1,  
Columbia, Miss.

Dear Madam:

0137 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

June 7, 1930

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cranford, Pierce M. - 608 M

Mrs. Martha J. Cranford,  
C/o T. J. Ramskir,  
RFD #1,  
Columbia, Miss.

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)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

October 7, 1929.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Granford, Pierce M. 508 H

Mrs. Martha J. Granford,  
% T. J. Ramskir,  
R.F.D. #1,  
Columbia, Miss.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cranford, Pierce M.

August 6, 1929

Mrs. Martha J. Cranford,  
c/o T. J. Ramskir,  
R. F. D. #1,  
Columbia, Mississippi

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 Pierce M. Cranford, 1st Co., Camp Johnson, whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

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

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Cranford, Pierce M.

June 24, 1929.

Mrs. Martha J. Cranford,  
Seminary,  
Miss.

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 Pierce M. Cranford, 1st Co., Camp Johnson, 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,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
CRANFORD, Pierce M. - Pvt.

February 16, 1925

Mrs. Minnie May Cranford,  
Peoria,  
Ill.

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,

*R.P. Harbold*  
R.P. HARBOLD,  
Major, Q.M.C.  
Assistant.

1-Incl.  
Record card.

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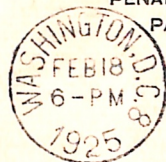
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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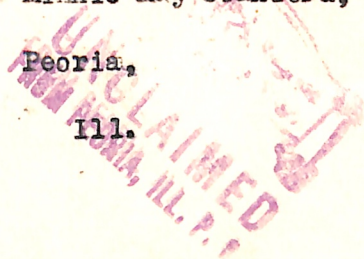
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Mrs. Minnie May Cranford,

Peoria,

Ill.



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Soldier's  Overseas  
Grave

Name Pierce M. Cranford

Rank Private  
1st Company, Camp Johnson

Organization August Automatic Replacement Draft

Grave No. 36 Row 41 Block D

Cemetery Oise-Aisne American

Location Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France

OM 293 A-C  
CRANFORD, Pierce H. - Pvt.

February 16, 1925

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Very truly yours,

R.P.HARBOLD,  
Major, Q.M.C.

Assistant.

1-Incl.  
Record card.



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CRANFORD, Pierce M. - Pvt.

February 16, 1925

Mr. Charles E. Cranford,  
Seminary,  
Miss.

Dear Sir:

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

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

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Very truly yours,

R.P.HARBOLD,  
Major, Q.M.C.  
Assistant.

1-Incl.  
Record card.

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Place Lambzellec Cemetery #531

Date June 9, 1920

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Remains of: *or Crawford*

Name: Pierce M. Crawford

Number: 2905189

Rank: Private

Organization: 1st Co. Cp. Johnston A.A.R.D.

Disinterment and Reburial made by: Section II

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

June 9, 1920

Grave #76 Extension Plot

in Cemetery #531

LDH

commune of Lambzellec, Finistere, France

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

June 9, 1920

Grave #8, row #3, plot H

in Cemetery #531

GRO  
WCF

commune of Lambzellec, Finistere, France

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

Wooden box (uniform)

Badly decomposed

LDH

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes

What other means of identification were found upon the body? None LDH

Remarks:

*WES*  
W.E. Shipp,  
Capt., Cavalry,  
Inspector.

Supervised by

Zone Commander

*Estimated 2/28/20  
For Concentration  
Dine - Airne 618  
Att 3/17/20*

COMPILATION N/R REQUESTS

I. DATA COMPILATION

A. Location Index Card:-

(1) Name Cranford, Pierce M. Ser. No. 2905189 )  
) TYP. TW.  
(2) Rank Pvt. Organization 1st Co. Camp Johnson AARD )  
) CKR. AK  
(3) Date of death 10/7/18 )

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

(4) Cause of death Broncho Pneumonia ) TYP. ESW  
)  
(5) Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_ Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Sect. \_\_\_\_\_ ) CKR. AK

II. FILES EXAMINATION

A. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; No Card.

B. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD Date of receipt \_\_\_\_\_

*no card in file cc-325-20*  
(6) Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
(7) Name See suspension  
(8) Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(9) Desires remains brought to U. S.? remarks  
(10) Desires remains brought to U. S. and interred in National Cemetery at \_\_\_\_\_  
(11) If brought back, what shipping instructions? \_\_\_\_\_

C. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE Date of communication 5-15-19

(12) Does correspondence Change or qualify request as made on A.G.O. card?  
If so, specify such information. Charles Cranford - father asks that remains of son be brought back, incident to Seminary location be  
(13) A. G. O. Files EXAMINED by AK (Date) 3-25-20

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

No request for disposition. Grave location registration blank

(15) G. R. S. Files EXAMINED by AK (Date) 3/26/20

*checked by  
082-25-21*

III. FINAL ACTION

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

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

(17) Instructions that remains be left undisturbed .....

(18) Typed by ..... Checked by ..... (Date) .....

B. G. R. S. FORM NO. 114 made (Date) 4/7/20

(19) Typed by MCH ..... Checked by MCH ..... (Date) 4/7/20

C. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*Telegram 4-25-20*  
~~Form 120~~, widow's request body  
be left in France E. V. S.  
Form 120 4-12-20 Chas. E. Cranford, father, Seminary,  
Miss. requests body shipped to him at above address.  
Telegram 4-25-20 Minnie May Cranford widow, requests  
body remain in Europe. Cable # 375 not to return body until  
C.C. 11-16-20

D. Dispatched (Date) APR 12 1920 (Let. Trans. No. APR 15 1920)

Par 1. To be returned good

Approved by .....

(Date) .....

E.A. Minnie Cranford, (Wife)

Seminary, Miss.

Cable 405, Par 1. issued 4/28/20 "Do not return" (ed. 4/22/20)

Letter 9/12/21 - *Concordia*

widow advised Ctg. is temp. and body will be returned to a P.A.C. MCH 9/29/21

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

STATION Lambazellec (Finistere)

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE 10/26/21

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 CRANFORD, Pierce M.

10. Name

2. No. 2905189

11. No.

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank

4. Org. Auto. Repl. Dft. 1st Co. Camp Johnston Aug.

13. Org.

5. D.D. 10-7-1918

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. Broncho pneumonia

(b) D.B.

No discrepancy

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 8 Sec.

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot H Row 3

16. Plot Row

9. No discrepancy

17. No discrepancy

18. Cemetery American Cty.

19. Commune or town Lambazellec

20. Dept. or County Finistere

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 531

23. Disinterred (Date) 10/26/21

By W.C. Follmer

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Pierce M. Cranford

Serial No. None

Rank Pvt.

Organization 1st Co. Cp. Johnston, AARD.

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

W.C. Follmer  
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).

Bottle record reburial and metal strip on body checks with AARD records.

27. Condition of body Decomposed - features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Wooden box and blanket.

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date 10/26/21 By W.C. Follmer

31. Casket sealed by W.C. Follmer

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

W.C. Follmer

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11/19/21

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SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C 10319

32. Designation of body:

Name GRANFORD, Pierce M. Serial No. 2905189

Rank Pvt. Organization 1st Co. Camp Johnston Aug. Auto. Repl. Dft

33. Consigned to:

OISE-AISNE AMER. CEM. No. 608, SERINGES & NESLES (AISNE)  
(Corrected per Letter, Hdqrs., AGRS., Oct. 25, 1921)  
Name of Permanent Cemetery Aisne-Marne Amer. Cty. 1764 Belleau-Aisne.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) 10/26/21 By W.C. Follmer

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 Lieut., QMC.

36. Remarks

Body tag reads: "Pierce M. Cranford, #2905189."

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) 10/25/21

To point of Concentration Brest Morgue

Convoyer A. DeWasch Signature Shipping Officer R.F.O'Leary  
1st Lieut., QMC.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 10/26/21

By G.R.S. Representative W.D. Birdseye  
1st Lieut., QMC.

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 12 NOV 1921

To Permanent Cemetery OISE-AISNE AMER. CEM. No 608, SERINGES & NESLES (AISNE)

Convoyer J. Ball Signature Shipping Officer WALTER T. BROWN  
25 NOV 1921 Captain, Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

40. Received: Date

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

41. Reinterred July 24, 1922, Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes-et-Nesles, (Aisne)

42. Grave No. 36, Blk. D. (Date) Section

43. Plot Row 41

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

60969

Place Lambzellec (Finistere)

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date 10/26/21

1. REMAINS OF CRANFORD, Pierce M. SERIAL NUMBER 2905189

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION 1st Co. Cp. Johnston Aug. Auto. Repl. Dft.

2. Disinterred (date) : 10/26/21 From (give complete location) :  
Gr. 8, Plot H. Row 3, Cem. 531 Lambzellec.

By : Group 3 Unit Sgt. 6

3. Reburied (date) : \_\_\_\_\_ In (give complete location) :  
July 24, 1922. Gr. 36, Blk. D. Row 41, Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes-et-Nesles, (Aisne)

By : Group \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial Blanket and metallic casket.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :  
Decomposed - features unrecognizable. Wooden box and blanket.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :  
Body tag reads: "Pierce M. Cranford, #2905189." Bottle record reburial and metal strip on body checks with AGRS. records.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Imp. to det.

(b) Weigh, (estimated) Imp. to det.

(c) Hair—Color Dark brown

Quantity Scant

Characteristics Straight

(d) Hair on face—Color None visible

Location None visible

Quantity None visible

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) Imp. to det.

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) M.A.D. #12.  
None visible

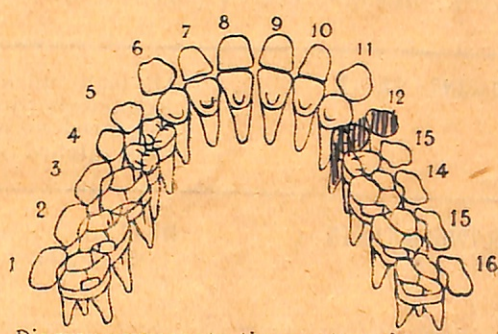
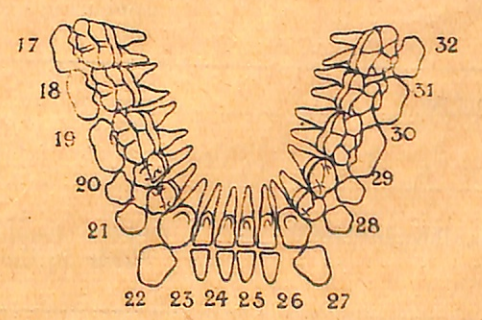


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



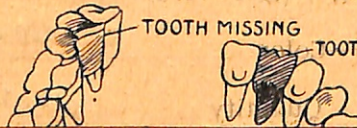




7. Disinterment supervised by W.C. Folmer, S.M. Approved: R.F.O'Leary  
(Title) 1st Lieut. QMC...

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

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

Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Questions 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.

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

(Title)

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Cranford, #2905189, Pierce M.  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Pvt. 1st Co. Co. Johnson 99RD  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: C.H. # 35. A.P.O. 716.

CAUSE OF DEATH: Pneumonia.

DATE OF BURIAL: Oct. 8th 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL: A.E.F. Cemetery.

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

Lambezellec Finistere.

GRAVE NUMBER: Number 53, Tr. 4, plot H.

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? yes

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? yes

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

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

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NEAREST RELATIVE: Martha Cranford,

ADDRESS: BX Seminary, Miss.

RELATIONSHIP: Mother.

REPORTED BY: Carl H. Segur

1st. Lieut. 2nd. Pioneer Inf.  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).



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1. G.R.S. Form No. 1 Hq. G.R.S. File

2. Soldier's No. 2905189

3. Cranford, Pierce M.

Surname First Name & Initials

4. Pvt. 1st Co. of Johnson (99 P)

Rank Company Reg. or Corps

5. Oct. 7, 1918 Pneumonia

Date of Death Cause, if known

6. Oct. 8, 1918 AEF

Date of Burial Cemetery

7. Lambezellec Finistere

Town or Commune Department

8. Trench 4 No. 63 H

Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

9. Name Peg?  Cross?  Headboard? Bottle? (Check method of marking)

10. Buried with Body?  Attached to Grave Marker?  (Identification Tags)

11. If name unknown and tags missing give marks and description.

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12. Map reference, if interment is outside of cemetery.

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Lt. E. H. Segur

Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer.

Signed [Signature] 2nd Lt. G.M.B. Unit 10th G.R.S.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

September 29, 1921.

No. 293.8 Cem. Div. - #57650 (Cranford, Pierce M., Pvt.) (Qty. #531-Sht. #347).  
From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Cemeterial Division).  
To: Mrs. Mimie May Cranford, Peoria, Ill.  
Subject: Disposition of Remains.

Referring to your request that the remains of the deceased soldier named above be left undisturbed, you are advised that the cemetery in which the body is now buried is a temporary one. It will be necessary, therefore, to remove it to the nearest permanent American Cemetery where the grave will be marked by a suitable headstone and will be perpetually maintained in the most reverent and careful manner by our Government as a memorial to the late soldier's supreme sacrifice.

After the body has been reinterred in one of the permanent American cemeteries you will be notified of its final resting place. You are assured that the Government will never forget your priceless gift to the cause of freedom.

Acting

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

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SEP 30 1921

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*Al Davis*  
 CASE OF : CRANFORD, Pierce M., Pvt. 531-347.

A.G.O. Corres., Charles E. Cranford, father, requests remains shipped to Seminary Covington Co., Miss.

Telegram 4/12/20, father requests above instr.

Form # 120, 4/12/20, father states widow, Minnie <sup>M</sup>ay Cranford, Peoria, Ill.

Telegram, 4/25/20, widow requests body remain in Europe "where he is buried."

*Lamrcole*  
 Recommend Form Letter *9/11/21*  
*(Sent to advise)*

*Lambeyellec - Amer. City - Finistere*

Address reply to  
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE & STORAGE  
Munitions Building

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE  
WASHINGTON

April 24, 1920

Minnie May Cranford  
Peoria, Ill.

Do you desire body your husband late Private Pierce H. Cranford returned to United States buried National Cemetery, shipped to you or remain in Europe? Telegram signed by you necessary. White immediate reply Government expense.

A-694-G

ROGERS  
Quartermaster General.

NIGHT

OFFICIAL:  
CHAS. C. PIERCE  
Col., U.S. Army  
Chief, Cemetery Division.

By:

C. D. ANIS  
1st. Lieut. U.S.A.  
Chief, C.S.P.S.S.

CDA:JDB

CCP:TB

Compl. Rept.

FILE NO. 293.5 Reg. Rec. Com. Div. (Cranford, Pierce H.)

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POSTAL TELEGRAPH - COMMERCIAL CABLES

CLARENCE H. MACKAY, PRESIDENT.

TELEGRAM

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The Postal Telegraph-Cable Company (Incorporated) transmits and delivers this message subject to the terms and conditions printed on the back of this blank.

This is a fast Day Telegram unless otherwise indicated by signal after the number of words:—"N. L." (Night Lettergram) or "Nite" (Night Telegram). Form 16Dbl

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Peoria Ills April 25th 1920

A 694 G Rogers,

Quartermaster General, Washington DC.

Answering telegram my earnest desire is to leave my husband  
Private Piers M Cramfords remains rest in Europe where he is buried,  
thank you.

Minnie May Cramford.

150PM

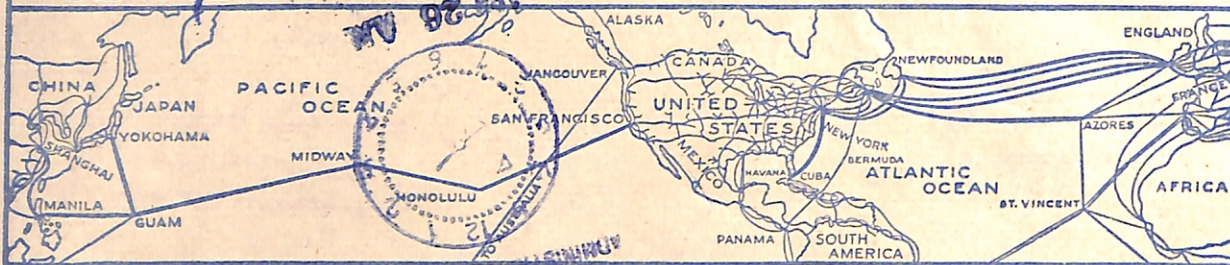
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4/28/20 Overseas advised  
by proposed cable  
not to return body. Smith 4/27/20

Noted on Form No. 115  
Date 11-16-20 k c



# POSTAL TELEGRAPH-COMMERCIAL CABLES



THE GREATEST TELEGRAPH AND CABLE SYSTEM IN THE WORLD. EXTENDS OVER TWO-THIRDS OF THE WAY AROUND THE EARTH.

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TIME SENT, ETC.

## THE POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY (INCORPORATED)

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To guard against mistakes or delays, the sender of a telegram should order it REPEATED; that is, telegraphed back to the originating office for comparison. For this, one-half the unrepeatable telegram rate is charged in addition. Unless otherwise indicated on its face, THIS IS AN UNREPEATED TELEGRAM AND PAID FOR AS SUCH, in consideration whereof it is agreed between the sender of the telegram and this Company as follows:

1. The Company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any UNREPEATED telegram, beyond the amount received for sending the same; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any REPEATED telegram, beyond fifty times the sum received for sending the same. UNLESS SPECIALLY VALUED; nor in any case for delays arising from unavoidable interruptions from the working of its lines; NOR FOR ERRORS IN CIPHER OR OBSCURE TELEGRAMS.
2. In any event the Company shall not be liable for damages for any mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for the non-delivery of this telegram, whether caused by the negligence of its servants or otherwise, beyond fifty times the REPEATED telegram rate, at which amount this telegram, if sent as a REPEATED telegram, is hereby valued, unless a greater value is stated in writing hereon at the time the telegram is offered to the Company for transmission, and an additional sum paid or agreed to be paid based on such value equal to one-tenth of one per cent. thereof.
3. The Company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward this telegram over the lines of any other company when necessary to reach its destination.
4. Messages will be delivered free within the established free delivery limits of the terminal office. For delivery at a greater distance a special charge will be made to cover the cost of such delivery.
5. No responsibility regarding messages attaches to this Company until the same are presented and accepted at one of its transmitting offices; and if any message is sent to such office by one of this Company's messengers, he acts as the agent of the sender for the purpose of delivering the message and any notice or instructions regarding it to the Company's agent in its said office. Messages sent to the Company's office by private wire or telephone are sent at the sender's risk of errors or failures in such service and all of the terms and conditions herein shall apply to the message throughout.
6. The Company shall not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the telegram is filed with the Company for transmission.
7. The above terms and conditions shall be binding upon the receiver as well as the sender of this telegram.
8. Special terms governing the transmission of messages under the classes of messages enumerated below shall apply to messages in each of such respective classes in addition to all foregoing terms.
9. NO EMPLOYEE OF THIS COMPANY IS AUTHORIZED TO VARY THE FOREGOING.

CHARLES C. ADAMS,  
VICE-PRESIDENT.

CLARENCE H. MACKAY, PRESIDENT.  
EDWARD REYNOLDS, VICE-PRES. AND GENERAL MANAGER.

CHARLES P. BRUCH,  
VICE-PRESIDENT.

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(c) The Company shall not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within thirty days after the message is filed with the Company for transmission.

## THE FASTEST TELEGRAPH SERVICE IN THE WORLD

Seminary, Miss. April 12, 1920

Dear Sir :

Please ship remains to Charles E. Cranford,  
Seminary, Covington County, Mississippi.

Respectfully,

Charles E. Cranford.

Noted on Form No. 115

Date

11-16-20

Es. C.

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G. R. S. Form #120  
Shipping Inquiry.

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

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FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.  
TO: Charles E. Cranford, Seminary, Covington Co., Miss.  
SUBJECT: Disposition of remains of Pvt. Pierce M. Cranford

*1920*  
*Push answer no*  
*Telegram 4-25-20*  
*Widow requests*  
*body remain in*  
*France.*

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

Remains to be returned to United States  
Shipped to Charles E. Cranford, Seminary, Covington Co., Miss.

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

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:  
CHARLES C. PIERCE  
Colonel, U.S. Army.

*Noted on Form No. 115*  
*11-16-20*  
*4-28-20*  
*Europe advised*  
*by proposed cable*  
*W.V.S.*

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Widow <i>Minnie May Cranford</i>		<i>Pearis</i>	<i>Ill.</i>
Children (Name oldest first)	<i>None</i>		
Father <i>Charles C. Cranford</i>		<i>Seminary</i>	<i>Mississippi</i>
Mother <i>Martha J. Cranford</i>		<i>" "</i>	<i>" "</i>
Brothers <i>Charles W. Cranford</i> <i>Lisdale Cranford</i>		<i>" "</i>	<i>" "</i>
Sisters <i>Silia Cranford</i>		<i>" "</i>	<i>" "</i>

Date *April 12, 1920*  
Address *Seminary, Miss.*

Signature *Charles C. Cranford*  
Relationship *Father*

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

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
CHIEF QUARTERS, WASHINGTON, D.C.

*Handwritten notes:*  
Check envelope  
Return to sender  
No return address  
No return postage

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, D.M.C.  
TO: Charles E. Crawford, Secretary, Covington Co., Miss.  
SUBJECT: Disposition of remains of Pvt. George W. Crawford  
Records of this office show your request is as follows:  
Remains to be returned to United States  
Shipped to Charles E. Crawford, Secretary, Covington Co., Miss.

If any modifications of the foregoing are desired, please advise immediately on the other side of this envelope. The nearest living relative may choose between: (1) return of remains to home for burial; (2) interment in Arlington, Va., National Cemetery; or (3) return to you. You are requested to fill out the following without delay and return in enclosed postage envelope, which does not require postage.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:  
CHARLES E. TAYLOR  
Colonel, U.S. Army.

STATE	NO. & STREET	NAME OF
Miss.		William Crawford
		John Crawford
		Robert Crawford
		Thomas Crawford
		Charles Crawford
		George Crawford
		Henry Crawford
		James Crawford
		John Crawford
		William Crawford



*Handwritten notes:*  
Return to Charles E. Crawford  
Secretary, D.M.C.  
April 15, 1952  
Graves Registration Service

Address reply to  
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE & STORAGE  
Munitions Building

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE  
WASHINGTON

April 24, 1920

Minnie May Cranford  
Peoria, Ill.

Do you desire body your husband late Private Pierce M. Cranford returned to United States buried National Cemetery, shipped to you or remain in Europe? Telegram signed by you necessary. Wire immediate reply Government expense.

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ROGERS  
Quartermaster General.

NIGHT

OFFICIAL:  
CHAS. C. PIERCE  
Col., U.S. Army  
Chief, Cemetery Division.

By:  
C. D. ANNIS  
1st. Lieut. Q.M.C.  
Chief, O.S.P.S.S.  
CDA:JDB  
OSP:SS  
Compl. Dept.  
FILE NO. 293.3 Reg. Sec. Com. Div. (Cranford, Pierce M.)



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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION AND SHIPMENT OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records Office Chief G.R.S.	Discrepancy found upon examination of body
1. Name <u>Granford, Pierce M.</u>	10. Name
2. No. <u>2905189</u>	11. No.
3. Rank <u>Pvt.</u>	12. Rank
4. Org. <u>1st Co. Camp Johnson AAFD</u>	13. Org.
5. D.D. <u>10/7/18</u>	14. (a) D.D.
6. C.D. <u>Broncho Pneumonia</u>	15. (b) D.B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment	
7. Grave No. Sect.	15. Grave No. Sect.
8. Plot. Row	16. Plot. Row
9. ;	17. *

18. Cemetery American

19. (Commune or Town) Lambezellec

20. (Dept. or County) Finistère

21. (Country) France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 531

23. Disinterred (Date) By

24. Inscription (Name) SERIAL NO.  
on ( Grave Marker(RANK) ORGANIZATION

25. Was Identification Disc found on Grave Marker? On Body?

Signature of Junior Technical Assistant.

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

*Handwritten signature and stamp: NOV 22 1920*



PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no Disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).....  
.....
27. Condition of body.....
28. Nature of burial.....
29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above.
30. Body prepared and placed in casket (Date)..... By.....
31. Casket sealed by.....
- Signature of Embalmer (Supervisor).....

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

32. DESIGNATION (Name Cranford, Pierce M. Serial No. 2905189)  
OF ( )  
BODY (Rank Pvt. Organization 1st Co., Camp Johnson AARD)
33. CONSIGNEE - Name Charles E. Cranford,  
Address Seminary, Covington County, Mississippi.

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

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

36. Remarks.....

37. Shipped from Cemetery (Date)..... To.....  
(Point of Concentration)  
Convoyer..... Sign. Shpg. Officer.....

38. Received at Point of Concentration (Date).....  
Sign. Receiving Officer.....

39. Shipped from Point of Concentration (Date).....  
To (Port)..... Convoyer.....  
Sign. Shipping Officer.....

40. Received European Port (Date).....  
Signature of G.R.S. Representative.....

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

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

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

Drawn by JD

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C.E. & Cranford  
Pierce M.

Seminary, Mississippi, May 15, 1919.

Mr. P.C. Harris, Adjutant General.

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir :

I want to advise you that Pierce M. Cranford, was my son, and I want his remains brough back to the Fainly Cemetary at Seminary, Covington County, Mississippi.

I shall never rest satisfied untill this is done.

Thanking you for your kind sympathy for my loss, I have the honor bto be

Very Sincerely, Charles E. Cranford

P.S. The Card was nat sent me, possible you overlooked it, the above however is my wishes -

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Received A G O, MAY 19 1919

WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY  
REFER TO

293.8 (Cranford, Pierce M.) Enl.

ilm-fmm-63.

May 10th, 1919.

Mr. Charlie E. Cranford,  
Seminary, Miss.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your letter of April 24th, 1919, in which you request the return of the body of your son, Private. Pierce M. Cranford, I beg leave to invite your attention to the marked portion of the inclosed memorandum, which sets forth the order in which the Department recognizes the right to direct the disposition of the remains.

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

Very sincerely,

*D. C. Harris*  
The Adjutant General.

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*Encl*

*REVIEWED*

293.8 (Cranford, Pierce M.) Enl.

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May 24th, 1919.

Mr. Charlie E. Cranford,  
Covington County,  
Seminary, Miss.

Dear Sir:-

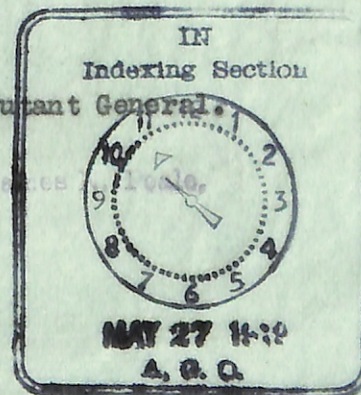
Replying to your communication of May 15th, in which you enclose a letter sent you from this office under date of May 10th, I beg to inform you that the records show that the card relative to the disposition of the remains of your son, was sent to his wife, Mrs. Minnie Cranford, Seminary, Miss., who, according to the checked paragraph of the enclosed, has the right to direct the disposition of the remains.

Very respectfully,

1 Encl.

The Adjutant General.

Per James



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Seminary, Miss. April 24, 1919.

The Adjutant General,

War Department, Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir :

I am the Father of Private Pierce M. Cranford,  
 Pvt. Aug. Dft. Co.No.1. who died 8th day of October 1918.  
 And his remains was burried in Brest France, and I want him  
 or his remains brought back to the Faimly Cemetary, and want  
 to take the steps preliminary to this end with your instructions.  
 Respectfully

REC'D  
ENLISTED DIVISION



Charlie E. Cranford (Father)

Received A.G.O. APR 26 1919

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card been sent yes  
 Pierce M. Cranford  
 # 2,905,189  
 Pvt. 1 Co. Sp. Johnston Aug. 1918  
 Buried to  
 his family Cranford,  
 Seminary, Miss.

(no card files)

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A.G.-39358 - Cranford, Pierce

C-127994

Seminary, Miss. April 24, 1919.

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War Department, Washington, D.C.

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Respectfully

REC'D  
ENLISTED DIVISION



Charlie E. Cranford (Father)

Received A.G.O. APR 26 1919

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A.G. 3938 - Cranford, Pierce

card been sent yrs  
Pierce M. Cranford  
# 2,905, 189  
Pvt. 1 Co. Sp. Johnston Aug. Repl. Off.

(no card filed)

Referred to  
Mrs. Minnie Cranford,  
High Seminary, Miss.

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293.8 (Cranford, Pierce M.) Enl.

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May 10th, 1919.

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Very sincerely,

The Adjutant General.

James N. Peale.

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5/10/19*

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(surname)

(CHECK PARTICULAR ITEM OR ITEMS CONCERNING WHICH INFORMATION IS DESIRED)

✓ Name Pierce M. Cranford Rank Private 2nd Lt

(verify)

✓ Organization Infantry Co. 1, Camp Johnston

Enlisted: Date \_\_\_\_\_, Place \_\_\_\_\_, Period \_\_\_\_\_

Residence \_\_\_\_\_

✓ Emergency address Minnie Cranford (wife) Summary, Miss.  
please state if mother, father or wife.

Personal description: Age \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. Months: Hair \_\_\_\_\_ Eyes \_\_\_\_\_

Complexion \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ ft. \_\_\_\_\_ inches: Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Conjugal condition \_\_\_\_\_

Changes in Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Desertion: Date \_\_\_\_\_, Place \_\_\_\_\_

Apprehension: Date \_\_\_\_\_, Place \_\_\_\_\_

Prior Service, if noted \_\_\_\_\_

Surgeon's certificate for discharge: Date of discharge: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Specific cause of discharge \_\_\_\_\_

In line of duty? \_\_\_\_\_

Death: Date \_\_\_\_\_, Place \_\_\_\_\_ Cause \_\_\_\_\_

In line of duty? \_\_\_\_\_

Latest record \_\_\_\_\_

Verify Military record alleged in application \_\_\_\_\_

Discharged: Date \_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_ order \_\_\_\_\_ cause \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_

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OSP SS.

Report made 5-6-19 by BPS Room No. 452  
(date) (name of clerk)

