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Cramer, Ralph J.

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QM 293 A-M

Cramer, Ralph T.

1st Ind.

War Department, OQMG, Washington, D. C., January 22, 1938 - To: The
Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.

1. For necessary attention as a matter pertaining to your office.

For The Quartermaster General.

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

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West Creek, N. J. Jan. 17, 1938

War Department,
Quartermaster General.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Will you please kindly supply me with a copy of discharge of the private
Ralph T. Crammer, Co. B, 26th Inf. who was killed in action and whose remains are now
interred in the Meuse-Argonner American Cemetery-Romagne-sous-Mont-fauscon. Meuse,
France.

My relation to the deceased soldier is as loco-parentis prior to his enlistment.

Mrs. Mary A. Potter,
West Creek, N.J.

Brother signs AGO card as CRANMER

To The A. G. O.

Cranmer, Ralph ³⁸²
3085

G.R.S. Form #114-B

MAR 10 1926

DATE 12/19/21

1. NAME ^{OK} CRANMER, Ralph T.

SERIAL No. 52883

RANK Pvt.

ORGANIZATION ^{8 DIVISION} Co. B. 26th Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne Amer. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, #1232, Sec. 37

CTY. NAME Meuse

NUMBER

153

Sec. 37

3

GRAVE

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

~~No record~~

^{5 (Isolated)} Exermont, Ardennes

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES

No record

CONCENTRATED TO

6/9/19

153

Sec 37

3

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

Meuse Argonne

1232

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on cross. GRS placque on body.

data f-1/pfb

DATE OF DEATH

Oct. 7, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

N.Y.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

none

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

By ^{Staff C. Davis,}
Major General,
The Adjutant General,
RVS

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

MAR 15 1926

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

B. Birdseye
M. B. BIRDSEYE
1st Lt., Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION

12/19/21

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Block B.

DATE

GRAVE

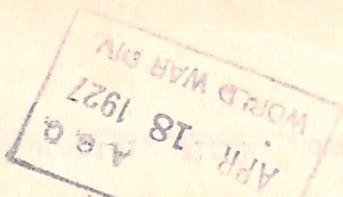
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AUDITED BY Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

CEMETERY

AGO
MAR 11 1926
WORLD WAR DIV.



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 16, 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.



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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bureau 0240

..Cramer, 22887 Ralph.
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Unknown *Co B 26th* *Unknown*
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL.....

PLACE OF BURIAL..... *Field of Battle.*

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

Coordinate *280.4 - 302.8*

King Douglas

GRAVE NUMBER.....

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

Headboard?..... Bottle?.....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

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:

REPORTED BY:

..... *Chaplain Jones, 28th Inf.*
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

LOCO PARENTIS

| HEADING | SUB-HEADING | NO. OF COLS | CODE |
|--------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| NAME | Cranmer | 3 | 3-8-1 |
| | Ralph T. | | |
| BURIED | CEMETERY 1232 | 1 | 1 |
| | GRAVE 5 | 2 | 05 |
| | ROW 32 | 2 | 32 |
| | BLOCK B | 1 | 2 |
| STATE | N.Y. | 2 | 37 |
| BANK | Prot. | 1 | 2 |
| DIVISION | 1 | 2 | 01 |
| ORGANIZATION | 26 | 3 | 026 |
| ARM | Inf. | 1 | 1 |
| MARTIAL | no | 1 | 2 |
| NAME | Potter | 5 | 06 ¹⁰ 57 ¹² 0 |
| | Mrs. Edward J. | | |
| STATE | N.Y. | 2 | 35 |
| RESIDENCE | COUNTY Ocean | 2 | 15 |
| | CITY West Creek | 3 | XXX |
| RELATION | LoCo-Parentis | 1 | 4 |
| OTHER | Brother | 1 | 3 |
| ELIGIBILITY | no | 1 | 2 |
| NATIVITY | | 1 | |
| RACE | | 1 | |
| ENGLISH | | 1 | |
| ATTENDANT | | 1 | |
| HEALTH | | 1 | |
| NO. OF SONS | | 1 | |
| DATE OF TRIP | MO. | 1 | |
| | YR. | 1 | |
| ACCEPTANCE | | 1 | |

AUDITED
 APR 25 1932
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Call B B

~~re Mrs Potter
recog as loc of
so dates -
Mother died when
was she insane?~~

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8-13-31

Mr Potter seems
to have been
guardian of
children - Walter
signed disposition
countersigned by
E. F. Potter altho
Woodford W. Cranmer
is given as E. A.

QM 293 A-M
Crammer, Ralph T. 1232 LP

August 2, 1930.

Mrs. Edward F. Potter,
West Creek, N. J.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date, together with the affidavits submitted to substantiate your claim as having stood in loco parentis to the late Private Ralph T. Crammer.

It has been held that in order for a woman to have stood in loco parentis to a deceased member of the American forces, she must have taken the part of a father in supplying food, clothing and shelter for a period of not less than five years at any time prior to the veteran becoming eighteen years of age.

Under paragraph 1 (c) of the affidavit the following statement is made: "The Mother died in the year 1925, and the applicant herein became foster mother 100% from that time." Under paragraph 1 (d) this statement is made: "The father of the deceased soldier died in the year 1911 and from that time the applicant was the support of the soldier in question. In 1914 the applicant married and her husband became legal Guardian of soldier and together they acted as foster parents to said soldier, the applicant acted in the fullest capacity as a natural mother."

There is a discrepancy in the statements made in the affidavits, and in the event you are interested in making the pilgrimage to the grave of the late Private Crammer, it is requested that you inform this office as to your correct status in your claim as having stood in loco parentis to this veteran.

The badge you desire is worn by the mothers and widows making the pilgrimage as a means of identification, and is not available for distribution to those mothers and widows who are not eligible or do not desire to make the journey.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

State of New Jersey)
) ss
County of Ocean)

Name of deceased soldier Ralph Thomas Cranmer

Rank Private Organization Company "B" 26th Inft

1. The undersigned disinterested persons, not related to the applicant or to the deceased soldier, depose and say of their own personal knowledge that:

(a) Mary A. Potter stood in loco parentis to _____
(name of applicant) (deceased

Ralph Thomas Cranmer from Aug 15th/25 to Sept. 1918.
soldier)

(b) The age of the deceased soldier at the time the status in loco parentis began was 25 years, 8 months, 4 days. The age of Mary A. Potter (Struthers) at the time the status in loco
(name of applicant)

parentis began was 26 years, 3 months, 1 days.

(c) Mary A. (Struthers) Potter during the time she stood in loco
(name of applicant)

parentis to the said deceased soldier, actually provided for such soldier in the following manner and to the following extent:

"The Mother died in the year 1925, and the applicant herein became foster mother 100% from that time."

(d) The following additional circumstances, facts and declarations tend to show that the said applicant actually assumed the obligations which a father would have assumed in the matter of making provision for the support of the deceased soldier:

"The father of the deceased soldier died in the year 1911 and from that time the applicant was the support of the soldier in question: In 1914 the applicant married and her husband became legal Guardian of Soldier and together were foster parents to said soldier."

2. In making the above statements, it is understood that the term in loco parentis means that: the applicant acted in the fullest capacity of a natural mother.

(a) A person must act the part of a lawful father in performing the duty of providing for him; taking the place of a father in this particular.

(b) To obtain the benefits of the Act of March 2, 1929, a woman must have occupied this status towards a particular deceased service man for a period of not less than 5 years at any time prior to the soldier, sailor, or marine becoming 18 years of age. Circumstances and facts should be stated in detail in order to insure intelligent decision. If additional space is required please write on the back of this sheet.

Signed: Edw. J. Potter

Address: Hanover Pa

Signed: Edw. J. Potter

Address: Hanover Pa

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of July 1930.

(Seal)

Edw. J. Potter
(Notary Public) N.J.

State of New Jersey)
) SS
County of Ocean)

name of deceased soldier Ralph Thomas Cranmer

Rank Private Organization Company "B" 26th Inf

1. The undersigned disinterested persons, not related to the applicant or to the deceased soldier, depose and say of their own personal knowledge that:

(a) Mary A. Potter stood in loco parentis to (deceased Ralph Thomas Cranmer) (name of applicant) from Aug 15th/25 to Sept. 1918. (deceased soldier)

(b) The age of the deceased soldier at the time the status in loco parentis began was 1925 years, 8 months, 4 days. The age of Mary A. Potter (Struthers) (name of applicant) at the time the status in loco parentis began was 26 years, 3 months, 1 days.

(c) Mary A. (Struthers) Potter during the time she stood in loco parentis to the said deceased soldier, actually provided for such soldier in the following manner and to the following extent:

"The Mother died in the year 1925, and the applicant herein became foster mother 100% from that time."

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Signed: Mabel L. Shute

Address: Planerch Pa

Signed: Earle C. Shute

Address: Planerch Pa



Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of July 1930.

(Seal)

Edward J. Potter
(Notary Public)

NOTARY PUBLIC OF N. J.

By Commission Expires May 8, 1933.

July 2, 1930.

QM 293 A-M

Crammer, Ralph T. - 1232 LP

Mrs. Edward F. Potter,
West Creek, N. J.

Dear Madam:

Further reference is made to the correspondence from this office relative to your eligibility to make a pilgrimage to the grave of the late Private Ralph T. Crammer. Section 4 (a) of the Act of March 2, 1929, was amended May 15, 1930, to read in part as follows: "--or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for a period of not less than five years at any time prior to the soldier, sailor, or marine becoming eighteen years of age."

Under the terms of this amendment you may be eligible to make the pilgrimage. In order to satisfy legal requirements it will be necessary for you to furnish as proof of your relationship in loco parentis, the affidavits of at least two persons not related to you.

In the event you consider yourself eligible under the existing law to make the pilgrimage, it is requested that the enclosed form be completed and returned to this office in order that your eligibility may be determined. Under paragraphs 1 (c) and 1 (d) sufficient information should be included to permit an intelligible decision as to eligibility.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:
Forms
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A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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QM 293 A-C
Crammer, Ralph T.

November 8, 1929

Mrs. Edward J. Potter,

West Creek, N. J.

Dear Madam:

Information has been received in this office which indicates that you may be eligible to visit the grave of the late Private Ralph T. Crammer, Company B, 26th Infantry, in the Meuse Argonne American Cemetery in France, under the provisions of Section 4 (a) of the Act of March 2, 1929, which states in part "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for the year prior to the commencement of his service in such forces".

In order to satisfy the legal requirements, it will be necessary for you to furnish as proof of the relationship (in loco parentis) the affidavits of at least two persons not related to you.

It is requested that the enclosed form be completed and returned to this office in order that your eligibility under the Act may be determined. Under Paragraph 1 (c) and 1 (d), sufficient information should be included to permit an intelligible decision as to eligibility.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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West Creek, N.J.

July 4, 1929

QM 293 A-C

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

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My dear Sirs:

This is in reply to your letter of June 28 concerning the pilgrimage of mothers and widows to the graves of American soldiers killed in France during the late war.

In the case of my brother, the person who is entitled to make the pilgrimage is

Mrs. Edward F. Potter
West Creek, N.J.

Mrs. Potter stood "in loco parentis" to both my brother and I for a long period of years extending from the time of the death of my mother at the time of my birth, until the present. In every sense of the word, she was a mother to my brother from his infancy to his death.

My brother was unmarried at the time of his death.

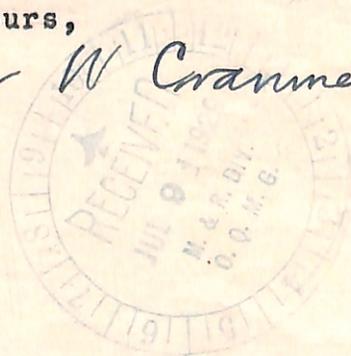
Please send any future communications addressed to me to

Walter W. Cranmer
108 Coolidge Avenue
Collingswood, N.J.

Very truly yours,

Walter W Cranmer

Attention: Major John T. Harris



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Cranmer, Ralph T.

June 28 , 1929.

Mr. Walter W. Cranmer,
West Creek,
N.J.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the brother of the late Pvt. Ralph T. Cranmer, Co. B, 26th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Act of Congress.
Envelope.

QM 295 A-M
Cranmer, Ralph T. 1232 LP

August 2, 1930.

Mrs. Edward F. Potter,
West Creek, N. J.

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Very truly yours,

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

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July 2, 1930.

QM 293 A-M

Cranmer, Ralph T. - 1232 LP

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

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QM 293 A-C
Cramer, Ralph T.

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November 8, 1929

Mrs. Edward J. Potter,
West Creek, N. J.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUNNERS,
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
Cranmer, Ralph T.

June 28 , 1929.

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West Creek,
N.J.

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

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Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number)

Pvt.

Co B 26 Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Brother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

(Yes or no.)

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)

Walter W Cranmer
West Creek

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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In reply refer to:
QM - 293 C-R

July 19, 1923.

Mr. Walter W. Cranmer,
West Creek,
N.J.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of Private Ralph T. Cranmer, Company B, 26th Infantry, is Grave 5, Row 32, Block B, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

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

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

Very truly yours,

H. J. Conner,
Assistant.



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REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Remains of :

NAME: GRAMNER, Ralph

NUMBER: 52883

RANK: Pvt.

ORGANIZATION: Co B 26 Inf.

DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL MADE BY GROUP:

UNIT:

DISINTERMENTED: (Date)

FROM: (Give complete location)

9, JUNE 1919

Grave# ISOLATED, EXERMONT, MEUSE.

Map 35 NE E 302. N 280.5

REBURIED (Date)

IN: (Give complete location)

9, JUNE 1919

Grave# 153 Section# 37 Plot # 3

1232

ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY #1232

ROMAGNE, MEUSE.

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

Burial good. Body buried in uniform and badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body ? No

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

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Note:

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

Supervised by Lt. Lewis.

R. H. ROSENTHAL
2nd Lieut. O.M.C.U.S.A.
C.O. Group Unit

RECEIVED
26 JULY 1919
O. C. Q. M.
G. R. S.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #84641

(a) Name ~~CRAMMER~~, *Cramer* (6-27-21) H, Ralph T. Ser. No. 52883
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. B, 26th Infantry
(c) Date of death 10/7/18 (d) Cause of death K/A
TYP. DMA
CKR. 30

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

(a) Grave No. 153 Row - Plot 3 Sec. 37 TYP. DMA
A.G.O. (6-27-21) H
(b) Emerg. Address ~~H. F. Potter (Guardian) 106 Portland Pl., Tompkinsville~~
Woodford W. Cramer (Brother) 106 Portland Place S.I., N.Y.
III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases Tompkinsville, N.Y. CKR. 30

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD

Date of receipt

(a) Name Walter W. Cramer (b) Relationship Brother
(c) Address West Creek, N.J.
(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

Date

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

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

Examiner's Initials

Date

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes

Examiner's Initials

Date

COUNTRY

FRANCE

CEMETERY No.

1232-Sec. 37

SHEET No.

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card found in records of files 6/15/21

card (6-27-21) H

P. F. Potter Adv.

8/7/21

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Dec 19 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters. Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

| | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Name <u>CRAMMER, Ralph T.</u> | 10. Name _____ |
| 2. No. <u>52883</u> | 11. No. _____ |
| 3. Rank <u>Pvt.</u> | 12. Rank _____ |
| 4. Org. <u>Co. B. 26th Inf.</u> | 13. Org. _____ |
| 5. D.D. <u>Oct. 7th 1919</u> | 14. (a) D.D. _____ |
| 6. C.D. <u>KIA</u> | (b) D.B. <u>None</u> |

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

| | |
|--|--------------------------------|
| 7. Grave No. <u>153</u> Sec. <u>37</u> | 15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____ |
| 8. Plot <u>3</u> Row _____ | 16. Plot _____ Row _____ |
| 9. _____ | 17. <u>None</u> |

18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer. 19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Montfaucon

20. Dept. or County Meuse 21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232, Sec. 37

23. Disinterred (Date) Dec 19 1921 By Edmo Maire

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Ralph T Crammer Serial No. 52883

Rank Pvt. Organization Co B 26th Inf

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

C Smyth O'Meara
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).

GRS plaque on body reads: Ralph Crammer Co B 26th Inf

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable

28. Nature of burial Uniform burlap and box

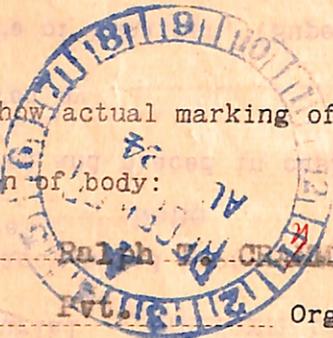
29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Dec 19 1921 By Edmo Maire

31. Casket sealed by Edmo Maire

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor Edmo Maire)

Edmo Maire.



SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-18604

32. Designation of body: _____

Name Ralph W. Chamber Serial No. 52883

Rank _____ Organization Co. B. 26th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer. #1232,
Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Dec 19 1921 By Edmo Miare

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector A E Dewey

A E Dewey 1st Lt. QMC

36. Remarks _____

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Dec 19 1921 cc

To point of Concentration Morgue Romagne

Convoyer W J Royed Signature Shipping Officer J. Gerald Cole
J. GERALD COLE
Captain, G. A. C.

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 _____

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer _____

40. Received: Date _____

G.R.S. Representative _____

41. Reinterred, Meuse Argonne Cemetery 1232, Dec. 19th, 1921.
(Date)

42. Grave No. 5 Section _____

43. ~~Box~~ Block B Row 32

G.R.S. Representative James W. Younger

James W. Younger,
Captain Q.M.C.

JEL

Place Romagne 1232.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Dec 19, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF CRAMER, Ralph T. SERIAL NUMBER 52883.

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. B, 26th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Dec 19, 1921 From (give complete location): gr 153, sec 37, plot 3. Cty. 1232.

By: Group Maire. Unit sec 1

3. Reburied (date): Dec. 19th, 1921. Grave 5, Row 32, Block B, Cemetery 1232. In (give complete location): Unlined Casket

By: Group Reburial S Unit Nature of reburial

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

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

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

G.R.S. plaque on body reads? Ralph Cramer ^{Co B} 26th Inf.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) impossible to determine.

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

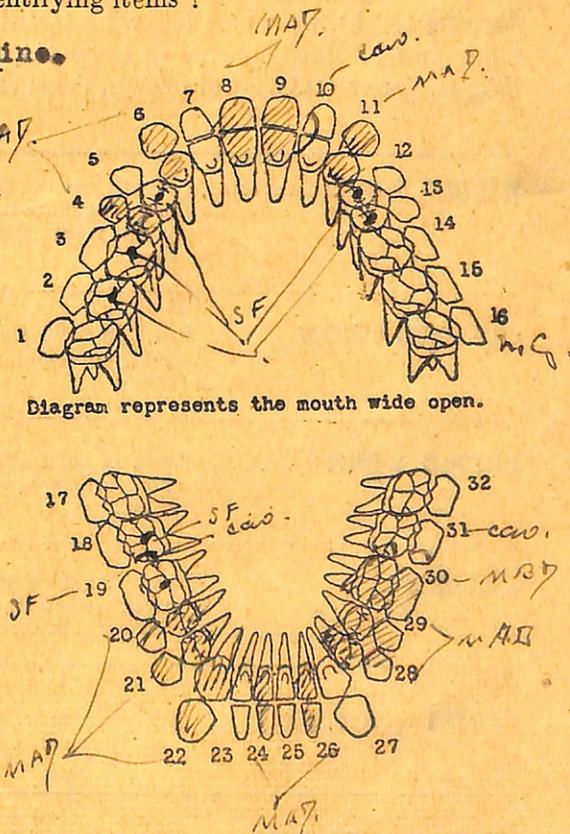
(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

Quantity do

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

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) none visible.



7. Disinterment supervised by E. Maire
E. Maire.

Approved: A. E. Dewey
A. E. Dewey 1st Lt. Q.M.C.
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by A. U. Dufault
A. U. Dufault,

Approved: James W. Younger
James W. Younger,
(Title) Captain Q.M.C.

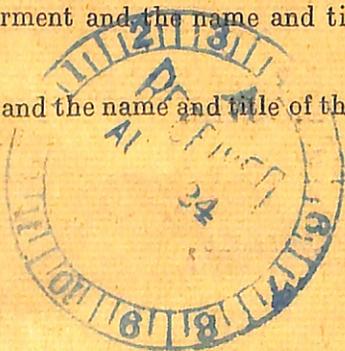
INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPER COMPLETION OF G. R. S. FORM NO. 16-A

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.

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| <p>MISSING TEETHAll teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :</p> |  <p align="center">TOOTH MISSING TOOTH MISSING</p> |
| <p>CROWNED TEETHBlock in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :</p> |  <p align="center">GOLD CROWN PORCELAIN CROWN GOLD CROWN</p> |
| <p>BRIDGE WORKBlock in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :</p> |  <p align="center">GOLD AND PORCELAIN BRIDGE GOLD BRIDGE</p> |
| <p>FILLINGSDraw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :</p> |  <p align="center">SILVER FILLING GOLD FILLING GOLD FILLING GOLD FILLING</p> |
| <p>CARIES (CAVITIES)Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :</p> |  <p align="center">CAVITY DECAYED DECAYED DECAYED</p> |
| <p>DENTURES (PLATES)Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate, block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp."</p> | |

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



COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD: *(6-27-21) H* File #84641
 (a) Name *Cranmer,* ~~CRANMER~~, Ralph T. Ser. No. 52883
 (b) Rank *Pvt.* Organization *Co. B, 26th Infantry* } TYP. *DMA*
 (c) Date of death *10/7/18* (d) Cause of death *K/A* } *Go*

II. REGISTRATION CARD.—(Check Reg., Card Inf. against Loc., Ind., Inf.):
 (a) Grave No. *153* Row *-* Plot *3* Sec. *37* TYP. *DMA*
Ans. O (6-27-21) H
 (b) Emerg. Address *E. F. Potter (Guardian) 106 Portland Pl., Tompkinsville*
Woodford W. Cranmer (Brother) 106 Portland Place S.I., N.Y.
 III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases *Tompkinsville, N.Y.* CKR. *Go*

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

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
Sec. #37 { letter of transmittal on *MAY 10 1921*, 192
Par. # 2 Not To Be Returned
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VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., _____, 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

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

COUNTRY _____ CEMETERY No. _____ SHEET No. _____

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Soldiers Nb. 52883

84641

GRAMME... RALPH...

Pvt2... B... 26Inf..

Rank Co. Regt. Corps

Date death Cause

American..

Date burial Cemetery

EXERMONT... ARDENNES..

Town Department

..14.. ..30..

Grave No. Plot No.

.. Cross..

Grave Markings

.. yes..

Body Identification tags Grave

Sketch No. 40

280.1.N.302.5.E.Lambert (35) S.E.

Map reference

75m.NW.of woods.3/4K.SE.of Exermont

1.1/2K.NE.of ChaudronFmb.

C.M. Daugherty

Groupe 2 Unit 306 GR.S.

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FILE

WAR. DEPARTMENT

File No. ~~84641~~ Office of the Quartermaster General of the
Washington

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

Date

File No. 84641 Requisition.

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.

(SPECIAL)

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

- a. ~~Surname~~ Crammer or (Cranmer) ←
- b. Christian name Ralph T. ←
- c. Serial Number 52883 ←
- d. Organization Co. B, 26th Inf. ←
- e. Rank Pvt. ←
- f. Date of death 10/7/18. ←
- g. Cause of death K/A. ←
- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- i. ~~Emergency address~~ Woodford W. Crammer (brother)
- j. ~~Relationship~~ 106 Portlandy Place
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

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

NOTED FORM 115
DATE 6-28-21-H

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

Suspend.

BY: H. J. Conner

CEMETERY NO: 1232-Sec. 37

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

SHEET NO: 36
TYPED BY: I.W.

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

BY: H. J. Conner

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

CEMETERY NO: 1232-Sec. 37

SHEET NO: 36
TYPED BY: I.W.

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WAR DEPARTMENT

The Adjutant General of the Army, Washington

Date: 6/15/21

Information requested of A.G.O.

The No. 8841

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

The Adjutant General of the Army, 325 B B Bldg., W.W. Washington, D.C.

Information requested for C.M.S.

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

1. Date of birth 10/7/18

2. Christian name Ralph B.

3. Social Number 52882

4. Organization Co. B, 28th Inf.

5. Rank Pvt.

6. Only description (See physical record)

7. Age or attainment

8. Color of eyes

9. Color of hair

10. Height

11. Weight

12. Physical defects (List character of defects)

13. Remarks

14. Signature of official

15. Name of official

16. Title of official

17. Date

18. Place

19. Remarks

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