

Interred 14 Feb 1949
 C-18-45 USMC. St. LAURENT
 C. H. HIEMSTRA
 1/lt Inf. Interring Officer

DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

SECTION A -
 NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED

DIRECTIVE NUMBER
 3508 01064

DATE
 15 02 48
 DAY MONTH YEAR

NAME
 CROSS WILLIAM D

SERIAL NUMBER
 16062093

RANK
 PVT

ARM
 1

DATE OF DEATH
 DAY MONTH YEAR

CEMETERY
 BLOSVILLE - CARENTAN

DISPOSITION OF REMAINS
 1 3505 80
 CODE DIST. PT.

PLOT ROW GRAVE COUNTRY
 Y 2 40 FRANCE

CAUSE OF DEATH
 1

SECTION B - CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN **Flag sent 14 March 1949**

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE
 ST. LAURENT, FRANCE

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
 CLIFFORD CROSS (FATHER)
 RURAL FREE DELIVERY NUMBER 1
 TWIN LAKE, MICHIGAN

SECTION C - DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME
 CROSS, William D.

SERIAL NUMBER
 16062093

RANK
 Pvt

DATE OF DEATH
 unknown

DATE DISTINTERRED
 29Jan48

IDENTIFICATION TAG ON
 REMAINS
 MARKER

ORGANIZATION
 USAGF

RELIGION
 Prot

IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY
 John Clark 2LtQMC
 NAME AND TITLE

SECTION D - PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL
 OD uniform only

CONDITION OF REMAINS
 Advanced decomposition

OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION
 None

MINOR DISCREPANCIES
 None

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET

DATE 17 Feb 48

BY

George Avakian

CASKET SEALED BY

George Avakian

EMBALMER (Signature)

George Avakian

CASKET BOXED AND MARKED

DATE 17Feb48 BY Marvin Noyes

SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY

Charles J. Missigman

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

D. A. Mac Kenzie
 D. A. Mac Kenzie 1st Lt E

SIGNATURE OF GRS INSPECTOR

9 JUN 1949

Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.

REPATRIATION
 BRANCH
 MEM. DIV.

RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER

1. SHIPPED

FROM USMC Blossville		TO Casketing Point B St Laurent	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE truck		NAME OF CONVOYER Sgt Gregorio Agostino	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER <i>W T Dailey</i> W. T. Dailey Capt QMC	DATE 13Feb48	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>D A MacKenzie</i> D. A. Mac Kenzie Capt Inf	DATE 13Feb48

2. SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

3. SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

4. SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

5. SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER LAWYER MICHIGAN	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER PL. FAYRELL SERVICE	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER OTLEND CROSS (LAWYER)	DATE

6. SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

7. SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

2 June 1949

Pvt William D. Cross, ASN 16 062 093
Plot C, Row 18, Grave 42
Headstone: Cross
St. Laurent (France) U. S. Military Cemetery

Mr. Clifford Cross
Rural Free Delivery #1
Twin Lake, Michigan

Dear Mr. Cross:

This is to inform you that the remains of your loved one have been permanently interred, as recorded above, side by side with comrades who also gave their lives for their country. Customary military funeral services were conducted over the grave at the time of burial.

After the Department of the Army has completed all final interments, the cemetery will be transferred, as authorized by the Congress, to the care and supervision of the American Battle Monuments Commission. The Commission also will have the responsibility for permanent construction and beautification of the cemetery, including erection of the permanent headstone. The headstone will be inscribed with the name exactly as recorded above, the rank or rating where appropriate, organization, State, and date of death. Any inquiries relative to the type of headstone or the spelling of the name to be inscribed thereon, should be addressed to the American Battle Monuments Commission, Washington 25, D. C. Your letter should include the full name, rank, serial number, grave location, and name of the cemetery.

While interments are in progress, the cemetery will not be open to visitors. You may rest assured that this final interment was conducted with fitting dignity and solemnity and that the grave-site will be carefully and conscientiously maintained in perpetuity by the United States Government.

Sincerely yours,

H. FELDMAN
Major General
The Quartermaster General

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REQUEST FOR DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

GRADE OF DECEASED, NAME, ARMY SERIAL NUMBER AND REPORTED PLACE OF BURIAL

DATE:

Pvt. William D. Cross 16 062 093
 Plot Y, Row 2, Grave 4,
 United States Military Cemetery
 Bloisville, France

12 September 1947

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B		D	

DO NOT WRITE ABOVE THIS LINE

NOTE.—The next of kin should familiarize himself with the contents of the pamphlet, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," before filling out this form. When the proper part of this form is filled out and properly signed by the next of kin, it should be returned to the OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, MEMORIAL DIVISION, WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON 25, D. C., in the self-addressed postage-free envelope provided for this purpose.

If you are the next of kin or authorized representative of next of kin and desire to direct the disposition of the remains, please fill in PART I of this form.

PART I

I, Clifford C. Cross

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE NAME OF NEXT OF KIN)

(Please indicate relationship to the deceased by placing an "X" in the proper box.)

- WIDOW
- WIDOWER
- SON OVER 21 YEARS OLD
- DAUGHTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD
- FATHER
- MOTHER
- BROTHER OVER 21 YEARS OLD
- SISTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD

RELATIONSHIP OTHER THAN ABOVE (Specify) _____

HAVING FAMILIARIZED MYSELF WITH THE OPTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO ME WITH RESPECT TO THE FINAL RESTING PLACE OF THE DECEASED DESIGNATED ABOVE, NOW DO DECLARE THAT IT IS MY DESIRE THAT THE REMAINS: (Please place an "X" in the box opposite the option you have selected.)

- 1. BE INTERRED IN A PERMANENT AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETERY OVERSEAS.
- 2. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES OR ANY POSSESSION OR TERRITORY THEREOF FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY

(NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY)

- 3. BE RETURNED TO _____ THE HOMELAND OF THE DECEASED OR NEXT OF KIN, FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY LOCATED AT _____

(FOREIGN COUNTRY)

(LOCATION OF CEMETERY SELECTED)

- 4. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES FOR FINAL INTERMENT IN A NATIONAL CEMETERY LOCATED AT _____

(LOCATION OF NATIONAL CEMETERY SELECTED)

(Please indicate if your own religious services at a location other than the selected national cemetery are desired by placing an "X" in the proper box)

- YES
- NO

THE NAME OF THE DECEASED, THE SERIAL NUMBER AND GRADE ARE CORRECT EXCEPT FOR THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: (If no corrections are necessary, indicate this fact by inserting the word "NONE" in the space below.)

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PART I (Continued)

If on Page 1 of this form you have selected Option Number 2 or 3, or Option Number 4 with your own funeral ceremonies desired at a location other than the selected national cemetery, complete one of these sections.

I, AS THE NEXT OF KIN, DO FURTHER DECLARE THAT I DESIRE THE REMAINS TO BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING PERSON WHO HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE THEM:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME		MIDDLE INITIAL
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station)	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS		TELEPHONE No.

OR I, AS THE NEXT OF KIN, DO FURTHER DECLARE THAT I DESIRE THE REMAINS TO BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING FUNERAL DIRECTOR WHO HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE THEM:

FULL NAME OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR			
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station)	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS		TELEPHONE No.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON NEXT IN LINE OF KINSHIP AFTER ME, AS SET FORTH IN THE PAMPHLET, "DISPOSITION OF WORLD WAR II ARMED FORCES DEAD," IS:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL	RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY

REMARKS OR ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS (For additional space use page 4.)

AS EXPLAINED IN THE PAMPHLET, "DISPOSITION OF WORLD WAR II ARMED FORCES DEAD," I AM THE NEXT OF KIN AND THE INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO DIRECT THE DISPOSITION OF THE SAID REMAINS.

I, the undersigned, DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR (OR AFFIRM) that the statements made by me in the foregoing document are full and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

<u>Clifford Cross</u> (SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)	<u>R. F. D. No. 1</u> (STREET AND NUMBER)
<u>Clifford C. Cross</u> (NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)	<u>Twin Lake, Mich.</u> (CITY AND STATE)

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant this 14th day of November, 1947, at city (or town) of Muskegon, county of Muskegon, and State (or Territory or District) of Michigan

Janet R. Zerpstra
(SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS)

*NOTE.—Page 4 is part of the notarial attestation.

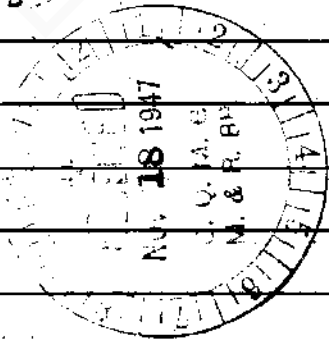
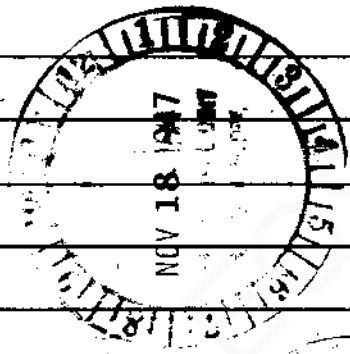
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires August 20, 1950

ADDITIONAL REMARKS AND INSTRUCTIONS

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All remarks and information entered here will be considered as part of the Notarial Attestation.



Pvt. William D. Cross 16 062 093
Plot Y, Row 2, Grave 40,
United States Military Cemetery
Bosville, France

12 September 1947

Mr. Clifford Cross
Route 1
Twin Lake, Michigan

Dear Mr. Cross:

The people of the United States, through the Congress have authorized the disinterment and final burial of the heroic dead of World War II. The Quartermaster General of the Army has been entrusted with this sacred responsibility to the honored dead. The records of the War Department indicate that you may be the nearest relative of the above-named deceased, who gave his life in the service of his country.

The enclosed pamphlets, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," and "American Cemeteries," explain the disposition, options and services made available to you by your Government. If you are the next of kin according to the line of kinship as set forth in the enclosed pamphlet, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," you are invited to express your wishes as to the disposition of the remains of the deceased by completing Part I of the enclosed form "Request for Disposition of Remains." Should you desire to relinquish your rights to the next in line of kinship, please complete Part II of the enclosed form. If you are not the next of kin, please complete Part-III of the enclosed form.

If you should elect Option 2, it is advised that no funeral arrangements or other personal arrangements be made until you are further notified by this office.

Will you please complete the enclosed form, "Request for Disposition of Remains" and mail in the enclosed self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, within 30 days after its receipt by you? Its prompt return will avoid unnecessary delays.

Sincerely,

THOMAS B. LANKIN
Major General
The Quartermaster General

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

In Reply Refer To
QMGYG 314.6 *GRS*
T/O European *US miss*

14 November 1946

SUBJECT: Burial Records - *Con.*

TO: Commanding Officer
American Graves Registration Command
European Theater Area
APO 887, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

1. Request the burial reports and grave markers for the following decedents be changed to read as underscored:

Cemetery: U. S. Military Cemetery Blosville, France.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ORGN</u>	<u>RANK/ GRADE</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>	<u>PLOT</u>	<u>ROW</u>	<u>GRAVE</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>
Curtis, Hugh M. Jr.	<u>Co C</u> <u>330 Inf Reg</u> <u>83 Inf Div</u>	<u>Pvt</u>	34 876 454	X	6	108	<u>27 Jul 44</u>
<i>X893</i> Cross, William D.	<u>501 Para</u> <u>Inf Reg</u>	<u>Pvt</u>	16 062 093	Y	2	40	<u>6 Jun 44</u>
Craig, Coy C.	<u>Co C</u> <u>264 Inf Reg</u> <u>66 Div</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	38 590 063	Z	4	64	<u>25 Dec 44</u>
Craig, Edwin O.	<u>357 Inf Reg</u> <u>Co I</u> <u>90 Inf Div</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	37 190 140	O	10	184	<u>7 Jul 44</u>
Cook, Fred C.	-	<u>Pvt</u>	20 401 587	R	9	169	<u>26 Jul 44</u>

2. The records of this office have been reverified with the records of The Adjutant General, War Department, and have been found to be correct as indicated above.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Martin G. Riley

MARTIN G. RILEY
Major, QMC
Assistant

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REP. TRI. TION RECORDS BRANCH

31 Oct. 1946

DATE

NAME CROSS WILLIAM D PVT

SERIAL NO 16 062 093

CEMETERY BLOSVILLE FRANCE

PLOT Y

ROW 2

GRAVE 40

LETTER FIELD

Correct Records to Read

Date of Death 6 June 1944

RANK
Org.

M. Baker
SPECIAL CHECKER

File
14770046
V Dougherty
Nat

SPQYG 293
Cross, William D.

1 April 1946

Mr. Clifford Cross
Rural Route #1
Twin Lake, Michigan

Dear Mr. Cross:

The War Department is most desirous that you be furnished the burial location of your son, the late Private William D. Cross, A.S.N. 16 062 093.

The records of this office disclose that his remains are interred in the U. S. Military Cemetery, Elsoville, France, plot I, row 2, grave 40.

This cemetery is located approximately twenty miles northwest of St. Lo, twenty-four miles southeast of Cherbourg and five miles north and slightly west of Carentan, all in France, and is under the constant care and supervision of United States military personnel.

Please accept my sincere sympathy in the loss of your son.

Sincerely yours,

F. B. LARKIN
Major General
The Quartermaster General

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REPORT OF BURIAL

TM 10-630 AND AR 30-1815

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5 October 1944

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Date: 5 October 1944

Serial No.: 16062093

Last Name: CROSS
First: WILLIAM
Initial: W
Rank: PVT
Organization: 501 Para Inf Regt

Place of Death: Red Beach, France
Date of Death: 6 June 44
Cause of Death: KIA

Time and Date of Burial: 0830 5 October 1944
Name of Cemetery: Bloisville, France
Name or Coordinates of Location: Cross

Grave Number: 40
Row Number: 2
Type of Marker: Cross

Disposition of Identification Tags: Buried with body Yes No Attached to Marker Yes No

If No Identification Tags

How were remains identified?

What means of identification were buried with the body?

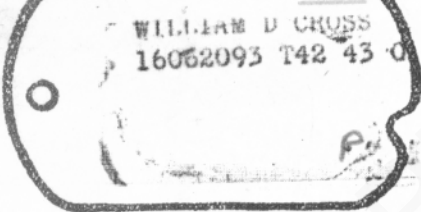
To determine Right or Left use Deceased's Right and Left.

Who is buried on:

Deceased's Right:	END OF ROW	Serial No.	Rank	Organization	Grave No.
Deceased's Left:	Hutchkiss, R.	0-25103			39

Signature or Name, Rank and if possible Organization of person furnishing above Data when other than officer reporting burial.

If print of identification tag is not affixed fill in below:



Emergency Addressee: _____ Name: _____

Address: _____

Religion: _____

List only Personal Effects Found on Body and disposition of same:

None

Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial: *Franklin B. Pugh*

FRANKLIN B. PUGH
2nd Lt., QMC
Verified by G.R.S. Officer

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

Decedent's Right

Decedent's Left

File
2/27/44
A. Carter

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Inc #17

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
 WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 2 January 1945

FULL NAME Cross, William D.		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 16 062 093	GRADE grr/4627 Private	
HOME ADDRESS Twin Lake, Michigan		ARM OR SERVICE Infantry	DATE OF BIRTH 8 Jan 1924	
PLACE OF DEATH European Area	CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in action		DATE OF DEATH 6 June 1944	
STATION OF DECEASED European Area		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 10 February 1942	LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES	
			YEARS	MONTHS
				DAYS
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Orabelle D. Cross (Mother) Rural Free Delivery #1, Twin Lake, Michigan				
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Orabelle Cross (Mother) Rural Free Delivery #1, Twin Lake, Michigan Clifford Cross (Father) Rural Route #1, Twin Lake, Michigan				
INVESTIGATION MADE		IN LINE OF DUTY	OWN MISCONDUCT	WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
				NO
		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE		IN FLYING PAY STATUS
		YES		NO
				X
				OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)
				X*
				NO

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

* Jump Status

BATTLE NON-BATTLE

The individual named in this report of death is held by the War Department to have been in a missing in action status from 6 June 1944 until such absence was terminated on 28 December 1944, when evidence considered sufficient to establish the fact of death was received by the Secretary of War from the Commanding General of the European Area.

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G. A. O.	VET. ADMIN.	CASUALTY BRANCH FILE
		A. G. 201 FILE

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

James W. Pinkhart
 ADJUTANT GENERAL

File 2/18

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