

G.R.S. Form #114-B

MAY 14 1926

DATE 12/2/21

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 1. NAME BELL, Cara SERIAL No. 2048115
 RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co.K., 16th Inf.
 DIVISION 1st. Div.
 GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Arg.Amer.Cty.Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse) 1232.Sec.33
 CTY. NAME NUMBER

33 Sec.33 1
 GRAVE ROW PLOT
 2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 6 BAC Apremont Ardennes
 GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.
 COORDINATES Verdun 35SE 278.5N 301.7E
 CONCENTRATED TO 4/29/19 33 Sec 33 1
 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 body and cross

data f-1/pfb

DATE OF DEATH Oct. 4, '18
 STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Mich
 MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED Cited in G.O. 1-1st. Div.
 SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY
dated Jan. 1, 1920

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY
M & R SKANCH

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR M. B. Birdseye **M. B. BIRDSEYE**
1st Lt., Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 12/2/21 5 35 Block D.
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Meuse-Argonne Amer.Cty.1232,Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

CEMETERY MAY 15 1926

WORLD WAR DIV.

AUDITED BY
 M.J.D. 3/29/23
 KM
 3/2



Co K. 16th Infantry
1st Division

BELL Cara , Pvt. 2048115

" This organization is unable to obtain any information
concerning Pvt. Bell . "

The report is not signed . "

C.F.

OK

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

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LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bell, 2048115 Cora
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Corpl.
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL 10/11/18.

PLACE OF BURIAL 78.5 - 91.7 301.7

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

Map Montfaucon

GRAVE NUMBER 4

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 Flynn

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Bell,</i>	<i>Bel</i>	3	<i>252</i>
<i>Cara</i>	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>5</i>	2	<i>05</i>
	ROW <i>35</i>	2	<i>35</i>
	BLOCK <i>10</i>	1	<i>4</i>
STATE	<i>Mich</i>	2	<i>26</i>
RANK	<i>Port</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>1</i>	2	<i>01</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>16</i>	3	<i>016</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARITAL	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Bell Mrs</i>	<i>Bel</i>	3	<i>252</i>
<i>Louisa C</i>	STATE <i>Mich</i>	2	<i>26</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Oakland</i>	2	<i>63</i>
<i>37 Edwards St.</i>	CITY <i>Pontiac</i>	3	<i>076</i>
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Bad</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE 29/514	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>

Declined inv. 5-17-32

Audited
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A.F.

29/514
ACCEPTANCE
29/514

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IN REPLY
REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Bell, Cara (MA)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

Mrs. Louisa C. Bell,
37 Edwards St.,
Pontiac, Mich.

SPECIAL October 12, 1932

Dear Madam:

Your Government has provided an opportunity for all Mothers and Widows of deceased members of the American Forces who were lost, buried at sea, or whose remains are now interred in Europe, to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. This was done in the hope that all who may make the pilgrimage will derive a measure of comfort and solace from the visit.

You are numbered among those who are privileged to make this pilgrimage.

During July and September of this year, inquiries were addressed to you as to whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage to Europe. To these inquiries no reply has been received from you.

You probably do not realize how important it is that a reply be received from you. If we do not receive replies, it becomes very difficult to make the necessary and proper arrangements for those who are to make the trip, as everything must be arranged in advance. Consequently, it is just as important for the Government to know the names of those who do not desire to take advantage of its offer as it is to know the names of those who do.

Will you please devote a few moments of your time to write either the word "YES" or "NO" in the following space , thus indicating whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage during 1933 and sign your name here Louisa C. Bell. Use the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage, and return this sheet.

I am so feeble.
This reply will assure your Government that no worthy Mother or Widow has failed to receive its offer in commemoration of a loved one departed, and will greatly assist in making the necessary preparations for those of them who wish to take advantage of the privilege.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bell, Cara (MA)*

Sept. 8, 1932.

Mrs. Louisa C. Bell
37 Edwards Street
Pontiac, Michigan

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

In order that your desires may be of record, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Bell, Cara (M A)*

July 13, 1932

Mrs. Louisa C. Bell,
37 Edwards St.,
Pontiac, Mich.

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) _____

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Bell, Cara

Pvt.

I Decline the invitation extended
(Accept or decline)

me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of
the Government of the United States under the pro-
visions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Louisa C. Bell

(Name)

37 Edwards St., Pontiac, Oakland Co., Mich.

(Town or City)

(State)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Bell, Cara M-A M

November 2, 1931

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Mrs. Louisa C. Bell,
37 Edwards St.,
Pontiac, Michigan

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. In your reply to the recent inquiry as to whether or not you desired to make a pilgrimage in 1932, you advised you were undecided.

In view of the fact that steamship reservations must be made several months in advance, it is essential that this office know how many mothers and widows must be arranged for. It is possible that you may have made your decision by this time. It is therefore requested that 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. In the event you state you desire to make the journey in 1932 and circumstances prevent your making the pilgrimage, it is requested you notify this office as promptly as possible.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	
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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
Env.

QM 293 A-M
Bell, Cara Pvt (MA) H

January 8, 1952.

Mrs. Louisa C. Bell,
37 Edwards St.,
Pontiac, Michigan.

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 Cara Bell. In reply to a questionnaire you advised that you were undecided as to whether you desired to make a pilgrimage during the summer of 1952.

It is noted you previously stated your health and age would prevent you from making a pilgrimage. 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 a number of mothers in poor health and of advanced age made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

It is believed that you would experience no difficulty in making the journey, and should you later decide to visit your son's grave next summer, it is requested that you so notify this office. You are assured that not only will the pilgrimage be made at the expense of the United States, but everything possible will be provided for your comfort and welfare.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Bell, Cara Pvt. (M-A) M

June 11, 1931.

Mrs. Louisa C. Bell,
37 Edwards St.,
Pontiac, Mich.

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?

Undecided
Write answer here

QM 293 A-M

Bell, Cara Pvt. (M-A) M

Mrs. Louisa C. Bell

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 7, 1930.

Bell, Cara 1232 M

Mrs. Louisa C. Bell,
37 Edwards St.,
Pontiac, Mich.

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)

Louisa C. Bell
(Sign here)

O No 243A-6

Cara, Bell 1232

Dear Sir, I would
love to see the country
but that my age and
health are against my
going Mrs Tomasa O'Bell
87 Edward St -
Boston Mich

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bell, Cara 1232

February 17, 1930

Mrs. Louisa C. Bell
37 Edwards Street
Pontiac, Michigan

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 Cara Bell, Co. K, 16th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, 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?

No

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

Cara Bell is my own daughter

Mrs. Louisa C. Bell
37 Edwards Street
Pontiac, Michigan

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

I am over eighty and my health would

JOHN T. HARRIS

Major, Q. M. Corps

Assistant.

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

Mrs. L. C. Bell

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

DATE January 17, 1930

NAME	RANK	SERIAL	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
Bell, Cara	Pvt.	2048115	Co. K. 16th Inf.	Oct. 4, 1918

STATE	MICHIGAN	CTY. NO.	1232	GRAVE	5	ROW	35	BLOCK	D
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	<u>Check relationship</u>	<u>Living</u>	<u>- Deceased</u>	
		:	:	<i>(m) Mrs. Louisa C. Bell</i>
	MOTHER	:	:	<i>37 Edwards St.</i>
		:	:	<i>Pontiac, Mich.</i>
	STEPMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:	
NAME		:	:	
AND	MOTHER THRU ADOPTION (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:	
ADDRESS		:	:	
	MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:	
		:	:	
	<i>no</i> WIDOW (Who has not remarried)	:	:	
		:	:	

Veterans Bureau Claim Number XC 135-334

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bell, Cara

June 29, 1929.

Mr. Peter Bell,
RFD #2,
Beford, Mich.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Pvt. Cara Bell, Co. K, 16th 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,

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-M

Bell, Cara (MA)*

Sept. 8, 1932.

Mrs. Louisa C. Bell
37 Edwards Street
Pontiac, Michigan

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

In order that your desires may be of record, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

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

For The Quartermaster General,
Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Bell, Cara (M A)*

July 13, 1932

Mrs. Louisa C. Bell,
37 Edwards St.,
Pontiac, Mich.

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.

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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
Bell, Care Pvt (MA) H

January 8, 1932.

Mrs. Louisa C. Bell,
37 Edwards St.,
Pontiac, Michigan.

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 Cara Bell. In reply to a questionnaire you advised that you were undecided as to whether you desired to make a pilgrimage during the summer of 1932.

It is noted you previously stated your health and age would prevent you from making a pilgrimage. 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 a number of mothers in poor health and of advanced age made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

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It is believed that you would experience no difficulty in making the journey, and should you later decide to visit your son's grave next summer, it is requested that you so notify this office. You are assured that not only will the pilgrimage be made at the expense of the United States, but everything possible will be provided for your comfort and welfare.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Bell, Cara M-A M

November 2, 1931

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Mrs. Louisa C. Bell,
37 Edwards St.,
Pontiac, Michigan

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. In your reply to the recent inquiry as to whether or not you desired to make a pilgrimage in 1932, you advised you were undecided.

In view of the fact that steamship reservations must be made several months in advance, it is essential that this office know how many mothers and widows must be arranged for. It is possible that you may have made your decision by this time. It is therefore requested that 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. In the event you state you desire to make the journey in 1932 and circumstances prevent your making the pilgrimage, it is requested you notify this office as promptly as possible.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	
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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 298 A-11
Bell, Cara Pvt. (M-A) 11

June 11, 1931.

Mrs. Louisa C. Bell,
37 Edwards St.,
Pontiac, Mich.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1932 to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

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

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

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 7, 1930.

Bell, Cara 1232 M

Mrs. Louisa C. Bell,
37 Edwards St.,
Pontiac, Mich.

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

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bell, Cara 1232

February 13, 1930

Mrs. Louisa C. Bell
57 Edwards Street
Pontiac, Michigan

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 Cara Bell, Co. K, 16th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, 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. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

M.G. 293 A-C
FEB 17 1930
DISPATCH

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bell, Cara,
1832

September 4, 1929.

Mr. Peter Bell,
RFD #2,
Beford, Mich.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated ~~June 29, 1929~~ making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

2. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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
Bell, Cara

June 29 1929.

Mr. Peter Bell,
RFD #2,
Beford, Mich.

Dear Sir:

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The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Pvt. Cara Bell, Co. K, 16th 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,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

In reply refer to:
293 C-R

July 6, 1923.

Mr. Peter Bell,
R.F.D. #2,
Deford, Mich.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of **Private Cara Bell, Company K, 16th Infantry,** is **Grave 5, Row 35, Block D, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagnous-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 a 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.

O.O.M.G.
Central Mail & Files Bldg.

JUL 11 1923
A. I. W.

23/236/ARK

Bell, Cara 2,048,115
(Surname.) (Christian name in full.) (Army serial number.)

Pvt Co K 16 Inf
(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased *mother*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? *no*
(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery? } (Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive rema'ns.) (Express office.) (Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.) (City or town.) (State.)

(Sign here) *Louisa C. Bell, Deford Michigan*
Deford R. T. 2

(Number and street or rural route.) (City, town, or post office.) (State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Noted

A. C.

Date

4-28-21

1232 Sec, 33-14

Checked
4/28/21
AT

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File 79243

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BELL, Cara Ser. No. 2048115 } TYP. B
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. K, 16th Inf. } CKR. 30
(c) Date of death 10-4-18 (d) Cause of death K/A

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

(a) Grave No. 33 Row - Plot 1 Sec. 33 TYP. B
(b) Emerg. Address Peter Bell (father) RFD #2, Ford, Mich.

III. Files of ~~soldiers/dying from contagious diseases~~ / / / / CKR. 30

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Louisa C. Bell (b) Relationship Mother
(c) Address R. F. D. #2, Deford, Mich.
(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 G. C. Date 4-28-21, 1920.

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

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

Examiner's Initials _____ Date _____, 1920.

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

no request for disposition.

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? _____

Examiner's Initials G. C. Date 4-28-21, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232-sec. 33 SHEET No. 14

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

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
 letter of transmittal on MAY 10 1921, 192
Sec. 33. PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED - ar

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. _____

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Dec 2 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon ~~examination~~ ^{examination} of body1. Name BELL, Cara

10. Name _____

2. No. 2048115

11. No. _____

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank _____

4. Org. Co.K. 16th Inf.

13. Org. _____

5. D.D. Oct. 4th 18

14. (a) D.D. _____

6. C.D. KIA(b) D.B. None

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 33 Sec. 33

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____

8. Plot 1 Row _____

16. Plot _____ Row _____

9. _____

17. None18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne American19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Montfaucon20. Dept. or County Meuse21. Country France.22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232 Sec. 3323. Disinterred (Date) Dec 2 1921By C V Russell

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Cara BellSerial No. 2048115Rank Pvt.Organization Co K 16 Inf25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes On body? YesE. J. Rasch.
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

E J Rasch

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).

Tag on body Cara Bell 2048115.27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable28. Nature of burial Box, U S Uniform, burlap29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Dec 2 1921 By C V Russell

gc 31. Casket sealed by _____

C V RussellSignature of Embalmer, (Supervisor C. V. Russell.)

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

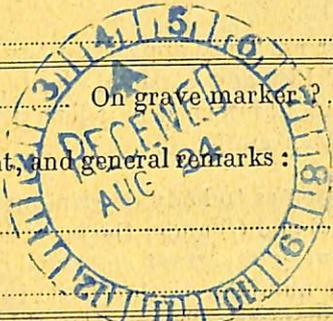
1. REMAINS OF BELL? Cara SERIAL NUMBER 2048115
 RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. K. 16th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Dec 2, 1921 From (give complete location): gr 33, sec 33, plot 1
 By: Group 26 Unit sec 1

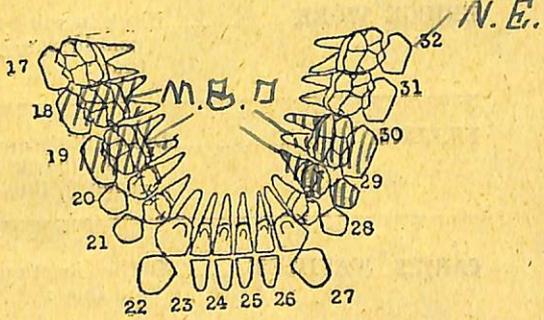
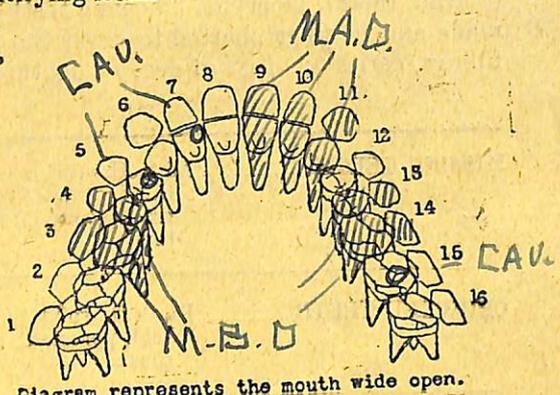
3. Reburied (date): Dec. 2, 1921 In (give complete location): Meuse-Argonne Cem. 1232, Gr 5, Row 35, Block D
 By: Group Re-burial S Unit Nature of reburial unlined casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
wooden box and burlap and uniform. badly decomposed, features not recognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? yes. On grave marker? yes.
 (b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:
Tag on body Cara Bell 2048115.



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) skull crushed.



7. Disinterment supervised by C.V. Russell Approved: [Signature]
C.V. Russell. H. J. Worthington, 1st Lt. U.S.C.
 (Title) (Title)
 8. Reburial supervised by A. U. Duffault Approved: [Signature]
A. U. Duffault James W. Younger
 (Title) Captain, QMC
 nr

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-18029

32. Designation of body:

Name Cara BELL Serial No. 2048115

Rank Pvt. Organization Co.K., 16th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse-Arg.Amer.Cty.# 1232 Romagne-sous-Montfaucon. Meuse.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Dec 2 1921 By EC V Russell

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 [Signature]
R C Worthington 1st Lt. Q MC

36. Remarks _____

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Dec 2 1921 cc

To point of Concentration Morgue Romagne

Convoyer W J Royed. (Name J. Gerald Cole)
Signature Shipping Officer J. GERALD COLE
Captain, C. 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 _____ (Name _____)
Signature Shipping Officer _____

40. Received: Date _____

G.R.S. Representative _____

41. Reinterred: Meuse-Argonne Cemetery #1232 Dec. 2, 1921
(Date)

42. Grave No. 5 Section _____

43. ~~Plot~~ Block. D Row 35

G.R.S. Representative [Signature]
James W. Younger
Captain, QMC
nr

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: BELL, Cara

Number: 2048115

49243

Rank: Unkn

Organization:

Unkn

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

29th, April 1919.

Amer. B/a Cemetery Grave # 6

APREMONT ARDENNES

35 SE E 301.7 N 278.5

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

1232

29th, April 1919.

Grave # 33 Sec # 33 Plot # 1

ARGONNE AMER. CEMETERY # 1232

ROMAGNE MEUSE

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

Burial good. Body buried in uniform ; body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes

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

10525

Note:

105-25-
CO. FIRMED N&D

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: Lt. Hanes

R. H. ROSENTHAL

2nd Lieut. Q.M.C.U.S.A.

C.O. Group Unit

79243

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

November 13, 1919.

TO: Peter Bell,
RFD #2,
Ford, Mich.

Case of: Private Cara Bell, 2048115,
Company K, 16th. Infantry.

Place of Burial: Disinterred and Reburied in
Grave #33, Section #33, Plot #1,
Argonne American Cemetery #1232,
Romagne, Meuse.

1.- It would be likely to involve further delay if we should write personal letters in each of the many cases of notification of relatives, as to the present resting places of their noble dead who glorify the nation's roll of honor.

2.- Will you therefore, please accept this letter as being the best we can do, just now? And will you also accept the sympathy of those who have been working hard for many months to render worthy service to tens of thousands of sorrowing people, in the care of their dead?

3.- Many delays in notification have resulted from our ignorance of proper addresses, shortage of clerical personnel, incomplete and imperfect information, or non-delivery and return of former letters.

4.- Thousands of bodies have been transferred to larger and better cemeteries, for reasons which were deemed imperative by the military authorities of all the Allied Nations, and the great task of improving these cemeteries is well under way. The most diligent care has been exercised to insure accuracy, and this immense project is being carried through as an unquestionable service to the friends of our dead.

5.- In serving you and others, we have been hampered by conditions and consequences of such a war as we hope may never involve our country again.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

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

CCP/jad/
NS/3316/LML

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

G.R.S.)
BULLETIN)
No. 10-C-W)

INFORMATION FOR THE FRIENDS OF OUR DEAD
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1. THE GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, a branch of the Quartermaster Corps, is the official organization of the War Department, charged with the acquisition and control of cemeteries in Europe and the marking and preservation of all graves. It is not prepared to give information on other subjects than the above.
2. CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH. The Graves Registration Service does not receive information relative to the circumstances surrounding the death of soldiers, and inquiries under this heading should be addressed to the Chaplain or some other officer of the organization in which the soldier was serving at the time of his death, if the address is known.
3. THE EXACT LOCATION OF A GRAVE is communicated, whenever possible, to the person whom the soldier had previously registered as the proper one to be addressed in case of casualty. The great mass of information to be gathered, verified and transmitted, will generally account for delays in notification.
4. CHANGES IN GRAVE LOCATION have been made in a great many instances since the first notifications were sent to relatives. These transfers of bodies have been undertaken, at the instance of the French Government, for the recovery of land which has heretofore been used for graves, and also in order that bodies may be better located and graves more properly cared for. All the allied governments have been engaged in this policy of concentration.
5. CHANGE OF ADDRESS on the part of nearest relatives has caused the return of thousands of letters of notification to this office by the postal authorities. We must be notified as to change of address or communication with relatives will be impossible.
6. FLOWERS, FLAGS, ETC. We are frequently asked to place flowers, flags and other gifts on individual graves, but such requests must be denied because of the wide extent of our territory, and the impossibility of reaching so many burial places under the difficult conditions which obtain. Efforts will be continued for the beautifying of the places of our dead, and these are destined to be the most attractive in Europe when all plans have been completed.
7. CEMETERIES ARE MAINTAINED and care takers are employed by the government. Commendable progress is reported as to the project of the government to make honorable the resting-place of each one of its loyal dead.
8. MONUMENTS. In order to prevent inequality in the treatment of graves, and for the further reason that the Government would eventually be obliged to transport monuments with bodies to designated places of final burial, it is not at present permitted to erect any permanent or private monument; all graves being temporarily marked with a cross or the regulation headboard such as is used in National Cemeteries in the United States. No other markers can be authorized until the final disposition of the dead has been made. Stone markers of appro-

(No. 7, Monuments, cont'd)

appropriate design will probably be put in place by the Government and the advice of the National Fine Arts Commission is now being sought with a view to securing the best results.

9. INSCRIPTIONS. The present inscriptions on grave markers have necessarily been taken from the burial reports submitted by Chaplains and others. Careful comparison of these inscriptions is being made with the official rolls of The Adjutant General, and the permanent markers may be expected to conform to the exact spelling and other data certified by that office as being official.

10. INQUIRIES CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED AS INDICATED:

- (a) PERSONAL EFFECTS.
Chief, Effects Bureau, Hoboken, N. J.
- (b) PAY
Auditor for the War Department, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.
- (c) LIBERTY BONDS.
Director of Finance, Washington, D. C.
- (d) WAR RISK INSURANCE,
Chief, War Risk Insurance Bureau, Washington, D. C.

11. PHOTOGRAPHS OF GRAVES have been taken by a section of the American Red Cross assigned to the staff of the Graves Registration Service and are being distributed, without charge, to the nearest relatives, of our dead. These will be sent, automatically, without application, as each case is reached. Considering the large number of cases involved it will be understood that these photographs cannot be sent to any other persons than the relatives of the deceased.

12. RETURN OF BODIES from France to the United States or their PERMANENT BURIAL IN FRANCE will be made in due time, as may be specifically requested by nearest relative; which request should be addressed to The Adjutant General of the Army, Washington, D.C., who will issue proper instructions. Due announcement will be made, but the time cannot be hastened by appeals for priority, precedence, or favoritism in the listing of claims. The final disposition of bodies will be considered and executed as an entire project, at such time as the vastness and difficulty of this almost inconceivable task may make possible. France desires this project to be deferred till a future date because of sanitary and economic difficulties, and no final decision has yet been reached in the diplomatic exchanges which have been in progress.

13. While some of these restrictions may seem unreasonable to friends in the first outburst of their sorrow, experience has shown the same to be necessary, and our people are asked to accept the sacrifice which they impose, in the belief that so great and serious an enterprise will eventually be accomplished to the credit of the government and as nearly as possible to the satisfaction of our people.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

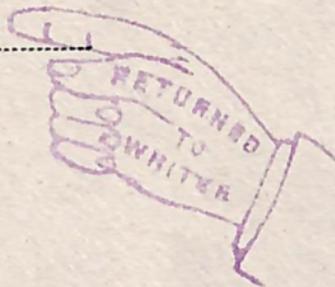
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WAR DEPARTMENT

REGISTRATION SERVICE

OFFICIAL BUSINESS



Peter Bell,

RFD #2,

Ford,

Mich.



PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300



April

1919

G.R.S. Form No. 8: Central Records Liaison.

Memo. For: G.R.S. representative. C.R.O.

79243
Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

1. Items checked are to be completed:
- Surname: Bell
 - Number: 2048115
 - First Name: Cara
 - Rank: Pvt
 - Company: Co K,
 - Organization: 16th Inf.
 - Date of Death: Oct 4th 1918
 - Cause:
 - Place:

Location of hospital:

- Number " " " O.K. Per M.C.
Class " " " O.K. Per M.C.
 Relative: Peter Bell
 Relationship: father
 Address: RFD #2, Ford, Mich.
 Authority:
Cablegram No.:
Telegram from:

dated:

- Reported to Washington:
C.C. Nos: 349 suppar. 36

(Underscore the "official" C.C.)

- Remarks:
 Show present status on reverse side.

Advise correct address of nearest relative

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

Initials of Reporter: E.L.

792.4/3

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

OK

Bell, 248115 Cpt
(Surname) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Corpl. CO. K. 16 inf
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL 10/11/18

PLACE OF BURIAL 78.8 - 91.7

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

Map Montpelier

GRAVE NUMBER

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

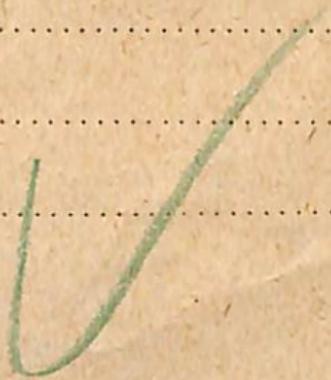
Headboard? Bottle?

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 Flynn
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Soldiers No. 2048115

79,243

ELL.....CARO.....

Rank Co. Regt. Corps

Date death Cause

Date burial American Semetery

EXERMONT... ARDENNES...
Town Department

..9.....16...
Grave No. Plot No.

..Cross.....
Grave Markings

.....yes
Body Indentification Tags Grave

Sketch No. 25

278.7.N.301.9.E.Lambert (35) S.E.
Map reference

Southedge of woods .1/4K.NW.of Chaudron
Fme, 2K.S.of Exermont. 3/4K.NE.Fleville
Varennes road.

C.M. Daugherty

Groupe 2 Unit 306 G.R.S.

CMME. *Exermont Ardennes*
(O-293 SIT) 35 S.E. COOPD
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2 46115

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3 NAME BELL CARA

4 RANK X X U.S.A.

5 X

6 X BATTLE AREA CEMETERY

7 1 1/2 KILO. E. OF APREMONT. MEUSE

8 GRAVE NO. 6 PLOT A

9 CROSS

Sketch 64

10 TAG ATTACHED TO CROSS

11 X

12 301.8 E. 275. N. VERDUN S.E. 35
230 yds. N. of road.

13

SIGNED *Orville Hamilton*.....

GROUP 2

G.R.S. 305

W. S. H.
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