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G.R.S. Form #114-B

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Officer's sig.

DATE 12/3/21

1. NAME BELL Ernest ^{Tok} ✓

SERIAL No. ---

RANK 1st Lt ✓ ORGANIZATION Co. H, 167th Inf ✓

& DIVISION 42nd.

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne Am. Romagne/s/Montfaucon 1232 sec 45

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

45

sec 45

1

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 97 BAC Choppy Meuse

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES Verdun 35SE 273.9N 304.5E

CONCENTRATED TO 5/5/19 45 Sec 45 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.

Record on aluminum plate

date f-1/pfb

DATE OF DEATH Nov. 11, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Pa.

MEALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

* middle name Thomas

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

M. B. Birdseye

M. B. BIRDSEYE

1st Lt., Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 12/3/21 7 34

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

Block

Meuse-Argonne American Cty. #1232. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse)

CEMETERY

A. G. O.

MAY 18 1920

WORLD WAR DIV.

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213. Mfg. R. - 3/8/23
AUDITED BY

cc 324 11/12
GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bell, Ernest T.
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

1st. Lt. Co, H, 167 Inf.
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Mobile Hosp. 6

CAUSE OF DEATH: GSW Multiple

DATE OF BURIAL: Nov. 11/18

PLACE OF BURIAL: Cheppy (Meuse)

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

American Military Cemetery

Map-Verdun 35.5.E.273.9.N.304.5.E

GRAVE NUMBER: #112, Plot 3, Sect. I

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

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?..... Yes

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:

NEAREST RELATIVE: Not Known

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

Charles R. Matthews, 1st. Lt. M.C.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

Co. H. 167th. Inf.
42nd. Division.

BELL, Ernest T.- 1st. Lieut.

1st. Lieut. Ernest T. Bell died in Mobile Hospital No. 46,
Nov. 10/18 of wounds received in action Nov. 7/18.
Mechanic Russell states that the 1st time he saw Lt. Bell
he was being put into ambulance to be taken to the hospital.

Informant: Russell, Walter F.-Mech. 97436
Co. H. 167th. Inf.
Home : Anniston, Ala.

Not Signed :

EB.

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>BELL,</i>	<i>Bell</i>	3	<i>252</i>
<i>ERNEST T.</i>	CEMETTERY <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>7</i>	2	<i>07</i>
	ROW <i>34</i>	2	<i>34</i>
	BLOCK <i>D</i>	1	<i>4</i>
STATE	<i>La</i>	2	<i>16</i>
RANK	<i>1st Lt</i>	1	<i>1</i>
DIVISION	<i>42</i>	2	<i>42</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>167</i>	3	<i>167</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARITAL	<i>No</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Bell, Mrs</i>	<i>Bell</i>	3	<i>252</i>
<i>Sarah J</i>	STATE <i>La</i>	2	<i>16</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Gasper</i>	2	<i>50</i>
<i>208 Second Ave-E</i>	CITY <i>Newton</i>	5	<i>059</i>
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Bad</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE <i>29/514</i>	<i>No age</i>	1	<i>2</i>

AUDITED

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(Signature)

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Bell, Ernest T. (MA)

Sept. 6, 1932.

Mrs. Sarah J. Bell
208 Second Ave. E.
Newton, Iowa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	No
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: 74 yrs Health: Poor
3. Do you speak English?	yes
4. What other language do you speak?	none

Mrs Sarah J Bell
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 Ernest T (MA)

July 7, 1932

Mrs Sarah J Bell
208 Second Ave E
Newton Iowa

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

August 10, 1931

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Bell, Ernest T. 1st Lt. (MA) M*

Mrs. Sarah J. Bell,
208 Second Ave., E.,
Newton, Iowa

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter forwarded you under recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, wherein you advise that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

Competent personnel will be provided to care for the mothers and widows from the time of their arrival in New York until their return thereto. Medical attendants and all other necessities will be arranged for and in the event you decide to make a pilgrimage, you are assured everything possible will be done for your care and welfare. During the summers of 1930 and 1931 many mothers of advanced age and in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited therefrom.

Your name is being placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make a pilgrimage in 1933. However, should you change your mind in view of the above, and desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, it is requested you advise this office in order that arrangements may be made for you.

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-AM

Bell, Ernest T. 1st Lt. (MA) M*

July 10, 1931.

Mrs. Sarah J. Bell,
208 Second Ave. E.
Newton, Iowa

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



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

No
Over health
Mrs. J. P. J.
Write answer here

Sarah J.
Mrs. J. P. Bell, Newton Iowa
Sign here

5-6-31

1232

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. Sarah J. Bell

(Name)

c/o Mrs. Josephine Williams, 1555 First Street,

Boone, Boone County, Iowa

(Town or City)

(State)

South Ave

Mrs Sarah J Bell, Newton Iowa ^{South Ave} East

P. M.
Newton, Iowa



Roone Ia
Feb 12 '31

Dear Sirs:-

Rec'd the message asking about the invitation extended to my mother to sail on the George Washington May 6. - 1931.

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At this time I do not think she is able to make the trip - but would advise you to ask her. - Her address is

Mrs Sarah J Bell - Newton Ia
208. - 2nd Ave E -

Decline Wash.
May 6 -

Yours

Mrs Josephine Williams
Roone Ia
1555 - 1st St.



Washington, D. C., February 10, 1931

MRS. SARAH J. BELL,
C/O MRS. JOSEPHINE WILLIAMS,
1555 FIRST ST.,
BOONE, IOWA.

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL MAY SIXTH NOT RECEIVED STOP

DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER 2532GSM

A.D.H.

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

QM 293 A-M Bell, Ernest T. 1232-M



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bell, Ernest, T. 1232-M

January 27, 1931

Mrs. Sarah J. Bell,
~~of Mrs. Josephine Williams,~~ 208 - 2nd Ave. E.,
1555 First St.,
~~Boone, Iowa.~~ Newton, Iowa

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the "Washington" on May 6, 1931.

In order that arrangements may be completed for the pilgrimage, it is imperative that you complete the card enclosed with the invitation signifying whether or not you accept the invitation and return the same to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before February 17, 1931, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

Should you desire to make the pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you advise this office to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 27, 1930.

Bell, Ernest T. - 1232 M

Mrs. Sarah J. Bell,
% Mrs. Josephine Williams,
1555 First St.,
Boone, Iowa.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the **Mother** of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age Condition of Health
4. Do you speak English?	
5. What other language do you speak?	

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:
Envelope
Act
Amendment

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bell, Ernest T. 1232-M

May 28, 1930.

Mrs. Sarah J. Bell,
c/o Mrs. Josephine Williams,
1555 First St.,
Boone, Iowa

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)

Mrs Sarah J Bell
(Sign here)

✓

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bell, Ernest T. 1232 -M

February 20, 1930

Mrs. Sarah J. Bell,
c/o Mrs. Josephine Williams,
1555 First St., Boone, Iowa.

Dear Madam:

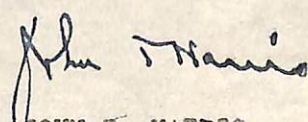
The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) 1931	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes)	(No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age 72 Health (Years) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Good)	(Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other language (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


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

Encl.
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BELL, Ernest T
1st. Lt. Co. 167 Inf

C 89837
11-11-18

Mother

Mrs. Sarah J Bell

622 E 7th St.

Newton,

1918

Iowa.

Oct 7 letter to be
sent to Mother
of Mrs. Josephine Williams
1555 First St. ^{on}ago
Boone, Iowa

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

February 8, 1930

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bell, Ernest T. 1232

T. Bell 11-11-18

Mrs. Sarah J. Bell,
622 E. 7th St.,
Newton, Ia.

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 Lt. Ernest T. Bell, Co. H, 167th 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

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

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS



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RETURN TO WRITER.
 REASON FOR NON-DELIVERY CHECKED

Unclaimed..... Unknown..... *←*

Addressed..... For better address..... *←*

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(5)
 Mrs. Josephine Williams
 1535 - First St.
 Boone, Iowa

WAR DEPARTMENT
 OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
 WASHINGTON

DATE January 17, 1930

NAME	RANK	SERIAL	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
Bell, Ernest T.	1st Lt.	Officer	Co. H. 167th Inf.	Nov. 11, 1918

single

STATE	CTY. NO.	1232	GRAVE	7	ROW	34 BLOCK	D
Iowa							

NAME	Check relationship	Living - Deceased (M)		
		Living	Deceased	
MOTHER		: ✓ :	:	Mrs - Sarah J - Bell
STEPMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)		: :	:	622 - E - 7th St
NAME		: :	:	Newton, Iowa
AND	MOTHER THRU ADOPTION (For the year prior to commencement of service)	: :	:	(1925-add.)
ADDRESS		: :	:	
	MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS (For the year prior to commencement of service)	: :	:	
	WIDOW (Who has not remarried)	: :	:	
	<i>no widow</i>	: :	:	

Veterans Bureau Claim Number C 89837
 29/156
 1/21/30
 [Signature]

x

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bell, Ernest T.

June 29 1929.

Mr. F. P. Bell,
820 - 1st Ave.,
West Newton, Iowa.

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 1st Lt. Ernest T. Bell, Co. H, 167th 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

Sept. 6, 1932.

Bell, Ernest T. (MA)

Mrs. Sarah J. Bell
208 Second Ave. E.
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Sign here

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WASHINGTON

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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) _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

August 10, 1931

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Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Bell, Ernest T. 1st Lt. (MA) M*

July 10, 1931.

Mrs. Sarah J. Bell,
208 Second Ave. E.
Newton, Iowa

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

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Washington, D. C., February 17, 1931

MRS. SARAH J. BELL,
208 2ND AVE., E.,
NEWTON, IOWA.

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL MAY TWENTIETH NOT RECEIVED STOP
DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER 2693GSM

Roy
A.D.H.

DeWITT
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

QM 293 A-M
Bell, Ernest T. 1232-M



Washington, D. C., February 10, 1931

MRS. SARAH J. BELL,
C/O MRS. JOSEPHINE WILLIAMS,
1555 FIRST ST.,
BOONE, IOWA.

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL MAY SIXTH NOT RECEIVED STOP

DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER 2532GSM

A.D.H.

DeWITT
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

QM 293 A-M Bell, Ernest T. 1232-M



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bell, Ernest, T. 1232-M

January 27, 1931

Mrs. Sarah J. Bell,
c/o Mrs. Josephine Williams,
1555 First St.,
Boone, Iowa.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the "Washington" on May 6, 1931.

In order that arrangements may be completed for the pilgrimage, it is imperative that you complete the card enclosed with the invitation signifying whether or not you accept the invitation and return the same to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before February 17, 1931, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

Should you desire to make the pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you advise this office to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 27, 1930.

Bell, Ernest T. - 1232 M

Mrs. Sarah J. Bell,
% Mrs. Josephine Williams,
1555 First St.,
Boone, Iowa.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the Mother of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?

2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?

3. Please give your age and state your health.

4. Do you speak English?

5. What other language do you speak?

Age
Condition of Health

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:

Envelope
Act
Amendment

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bell, Ernest T. 1232-M

May 28, 1930.

Mrs. Sarah J. Bell,
c/o Mrs. Josephine Williams,
1555 First St.,
Boone, Iowa

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, Ernest T. 1232 -M

February 20, 1930

Mrs. Sarah J. Bell,
c/o Mrs. Josephine Williams,
1555 First St., Boone, Iowa.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.
Act
Envelope

Q.M.G. FORM 27
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

February 8, 1930

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bell, Ernest T. 1232

Mrs. Sarah J. Bell,
622 E. 7th St.,
Newton, Ia.

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 Lt. Ernest T. Bell, Co. H, 157th 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,

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, Ernest T.
1252

September 4, 1929.

Mr. F. P. Bell,
820 1st Ave.
West Newton, Iowa.

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, Ernest T.

June 29 1929.

Mr. F. P. Bell,
820 - 1st Ave.,
West Newton, Iowa.

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 1st Lt. Ernest T. Bell, Co. H, 167th 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

56739

March 26, 1923.

Mr. F. P. Bell,
620 - 1st Ave.,
West Newton, Iowa.

Dear Sir: The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of

the late 1st Lieutenant Ernest T. Bell, Company H, 167th Infantry, is Grave 7, Row 34, Block D, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of 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. Genner,
Assistant,

23/236/ARK

MAR 26 1923
C. E. D.

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Date 9th, June 1919REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: BELL, Ernest T.Number: 56739Rank: 1st Lieut.Organization: HdQRS. Co. Co H 167th Inf.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

5th, May 1919Amer/ B/A Cty. - Grave #97CHEPPY MEUSE.35 SE 273.9 N; 304.5 E.

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

5th, May 1919Grave #45 Sec. 45 Plot 1ARGONNE AMBR. CTY. #1232.ROMAGNE MEUSE.

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

Burial good; buried in blanket; body slightly decomposed.Was one identification tag found upon the body? NoWhat other means of identification were found on the body? None

Note:

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

Supervised by: Lt. StirnR. H. ROSENTHAL

cls

2nd Lieut. O.M.C.U.S.A.
C.O. Group 10674 Unit

Place Rome 1232.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Dec 2, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF BELL, Ernest E. SERIAL NUMBER

RANK 1st Lt. ORGANIZATION Co. H. 167th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Dec 2, 1921 From (give complete location): gr 45, sec 45, plot 1 City 1232.

By: Group Maire. Unit sec 1

3. Reburied (date): Dec. 3rd, 1921. In (give complete location): Grave 7, Row 34, Block D, Cemetery 1232.

By: Group Reburial 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. badly decomposed, features not recognizable.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks: G.R.S. plaque on body reads "Bell"

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

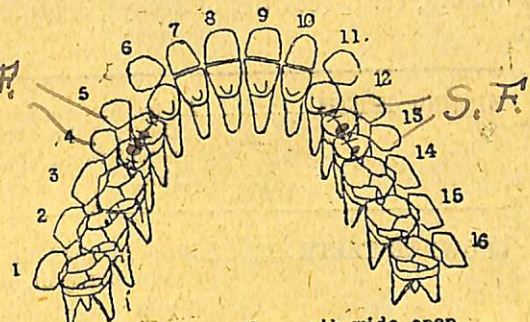
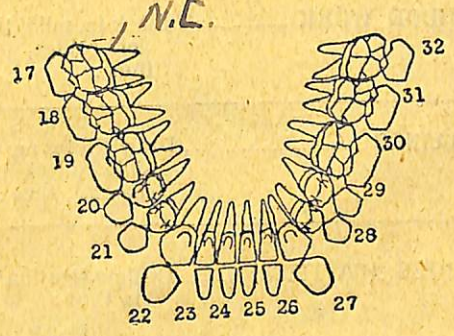


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



7. Disinterment supervised by Edmo Maire Approved: A. E. Dewey
Edmo Maire. A. E. Dewey 1st Lt. Q.M.C.
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by A. B. Dufault Approved: James W. Younger
A. B. Dufault. James W. Younger
(Title) Captain Q.M.C.

To be prepared in triplicate.



STATION Romagne 1232

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 exhumation of body

1. Name BELL, Ernest E.

10. Name _____

2. No. _____

11. No. _____

3. Rank 1st Lt.

12. Rank _____

4. Org. Co. H. 167th Inf

13. Org. _____

5. D.D. Nov. 11

14. (a) D.D. _____

6. C.D. DOW ria

(b) D.B. None

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 45 Sec. 45

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____

8. Plot XI 1 Row _____

16. Plot _____ Row _____

9. _____

17. None

18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer

19. Commune or town Romagne/s/Montfaucon

20. Dept. or County Meuse-

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232 sec 45

23. Disinterred (Date) Dec 2 1921

By Edmo Maire

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Ernest E Bell

Serial No. _____

Rank 1st Lt.

Organization Co H 167th Inf

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

C. Smyth O'Meara
Signature Junior Technical Assistant
C Smyth O'Meara

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 ~~XXXX~~ Bell

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable

28. Nature of burial Burlap and pine 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 2 1921 By Edmo Maire

31. Casket sealed by Edmo Maire

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) *Edmo Maire*

AUDITED BY

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. **C-16377**

32. Designation of body:

Name **Ernest E BELL** Serial No. _____

Rank **1st Lt** Organization **Co.H, 167th Inf**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **Meuse-Argonne Am. Romagne/s/Montfaucon 1232**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **Dec 2 1921** By **Edmo Maire**

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 2 1921** **cc**

To point of Concentration **Morgue Romagne**

Convoyer **W J Royed** (Name) _____
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. 3rd, 1921.**
(Date)

42. Grave No. **7** Section _____

43. ~~Plot~~ Block **D** Row **34**

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G.R.S. Representative *James W. Younger*
James W. Younger,
Captain Q.M.C.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #56739

*3/16/22 Exhumed
for Concentration
Inhume - Argonne 1232
att 3/31/22*

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BELL, Ernest T. Ser. No. ---
(b) Rank 1st Lt. Organization Co. H, 167th Inf.
(c) Date of death 11-11-18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA.

TYP. als

CKR. B

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

(a) Grave No. 45 Row -- Plot 1 Sec. 45 TYP. als
(b) Emerg. Address Mr. F.P. Bell, (Father) 820-1st Ave., West, Newton, Iowa.

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III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases - /

CKR. B. J.

no card in file - BPR - 4-11-19

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt

(a) Name _____ (b) Relationship _____
(c) Address _____
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? _____
(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 _____, 1920.

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

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

no correspondence

Examiner's Initials BPR Date 4-11-, 1920.

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

*F. P. Bell, Father, Newton, Iowa, 4-27-19 - Requests Photo
no request for disposition*

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes

Examiner's Initials BPR Date 4-11-, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232-Sec. 45 SHEET No. 15.

at 4-20-21.

*Checked M
4-16-21*

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

A.G.O. Card & Corr.

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial NO.

Org.

Remarks

G. R. S. Corr.

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

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Checkers

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial no.

Org.

Remarks

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4-13-21
checked
4/11/04
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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #56739

See Form 115
at 3/31/22

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BELL, Ernest T. Ser. No. ---
 (b) Rank 1st Lt. Organization Co.H, 167th Inf.
 (c) Date of death 11-11-18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA.

} TYP. als
 } B. J.

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

(a) Grave No. 45 Row -- Plot 1 Sec. 45 TYP. als
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III. ~~Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases /~~ CKR. B. J.

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 APR 19 1921, 192

Sec #45

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. _____

AT 4-20-21

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FROM: O.Q.M.G.
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
Munitions Building
Room

PLEASE
EXPEDITE

~~Adjustment Made~~
JUN 14 1921

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

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

Date 4-13-21

File No. Requisition

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

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

- a. Surname **BELL, O.K.**
- b. Christian name **Ernest T. O.K.**
- c. Serial Number **----**
- d. Organization **Co, H. 167th Inf. O.K.**
- e. Rank **1st Lt. O.K.**
- f. Date of death **11-11-18 O.K.**
- g. Cause of death **DWRIA O.K.**
- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- i. Emergency address **Mr. J.P. Bell
828 1st Ave, West
Newton, Iowa**
- j. Relationship **Father**

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
- f. Permanent and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)

DENTAL CHARTS
(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

a. Strike out teeth missing

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								upper left								

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								lower right								
								lower left								

NOTED FORM 115
DATE 4-16-21 M

FILE

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

BY: *[Signature]*
H. J. CONNER,
1st. Lieut. Q.M.C.

CW
CEMETERY NO: 1232-Sec.45

SHEET NO: 15
TYPED BY:

S/713/LML VH.

APR 14 1921

56739

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bell, Ernest T.

(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

1st. Lt. Co, H, 167 Inf.

(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF BURIAL: Mobile Hosp. 6

CAUSE OF DEATH: SW Multiple

DATE OF BURIAL: Nov. 11/18

PLACE OF BURIAL: Chenny (use)

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

American Military Cemetery

Map-Verdun 35.5.E.273.9.N.304.5.E

GRAVE NUMBER: #112, Plot 3, Sect. 1

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes

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:

NEAREST RELATIVE: Not known

ADDRESS:

592

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

Thos. Reynolds, 1st. Lieut. M.C.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

56739

Soldier's No. Unknown

Name BELL, ERNEST T.

Rank 1st Lt Co. H (Regt.) 167 Inf
(Corps)

Nov 11, 1918 ✓ Wounds
Date of Death Cause

Nov 11, 1918 ✓ American #1
Date of Burial Cemetery

CHEPPY MEUSE
Town or Commune Dept.

Grave No. 112 ✓ Plot 2 ✓ Sec. L ✓

Alum Plate buried with body

Alum Plate attached to Cross

Thomas R. Goethals 1st. Lt. M.C.M.H6
~~chaplain~~ Burial Officer (which?)

Elbert Bone Sgt. Q.M.C.
Signature Rank

Group 8 Unit 310 G.R.S.

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FORM 115 has been compiled on the following case:-

CEMETERY NO. 1232 SECTION 45

FORM 115 Sheet No. 15

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

May 24, 1919.

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.
TO: Mr. F.P. Bell, 1919 Newton, Iowa.
SUBJECT: 1st Lieut. Ernest T. Bell, 167th Co.

1. In reply to your letter of April 27th. You are advised that this office does not issue photographs of American Soldiers, but arrangements are being made for photographs to be taken of graves of these men.

2. The enclosed bulletin will give you all particulars as to how to obtain one of these photographs.

HW/

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

MAY 22 1919

NAME Bell Ernest T.

FILE NUMBER

SERIAL NUMBER

RANK 1st Lieut. ORGANIZATION 167th Co.

NO	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with records?	
2.	Date of death.	
3.	Grave location.	
4.	Who reported burial?	
5.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
6.	How is grave marked?	
7.	Identification tags:	
	(a) Buried with body?	
	(b) Attached to grave marker?	
8.	Emergency address?	
9.	Has above been notified? (Give date).	
10.	Cablegram number.	

ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY

Flowers, flags etc (Par.#5, Bul.10-B)	Effects (G.R.S.Forms 7 & 7-A)
Monuments (Par #6, Bul.10-B)	Accrued Pay (G.R.S. Forms 19 & 22)
Disinterments (Par.#8 Bul.10-B)	Liberty Bonds (G.R.S.Forms 21 & 22)
Circumstances of death (G.R.S. Form No.6)	War Risk Insurance (G.R.S.Forms 20 & 22)
✓ Photograph requested (File 004.5)	Disposition of remains (a) Return to U.S. (Form 13)
Grave Location	(b) Remain in France (Form 14)
	(c) Miscellaneous (Letter)

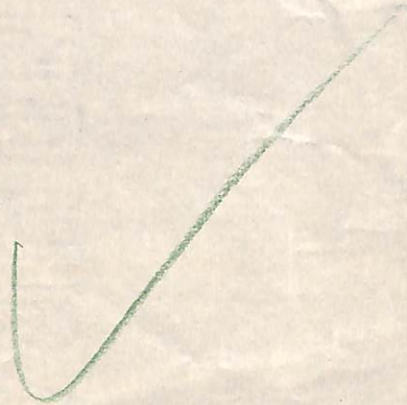
April ^{the} 27 1919 Newton gowa

Chief: Graves Registration Service
Headquarters Services of Supply A F C-717
American E. F. France

Dear Sir I would like a photograph
of our dear Boy Ernest J. Bell
First Lieu. 167 Co H inf

F. P. Bell

Newton gowa



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GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
FRANCE

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Burial information for the American Red Cross.

Soldier's name : BELL, Ernest - Thomas

Rank : Lieut.

Organization : Co "H" 167th Inf.

Date of Death : November 11 1918.

Place of Burial : Grave #112, American Cemetery CHEPPY-SUR-
MEUSE, department of the MEUSE.

Reference number : 56739

(All communications regarding this Grave location should
quote the above reference number and be addressed to : -
Chief, Graves Registration Service
Headquarters Service of Supply
Office of the Chief Quartermaster
American E. F.
France.)

Copy sent to Paris.

MBD/sp.

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

FILE NO. 56739

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

FILE NUMBER

56739

FROM:- A. R. E.

DATE: 13/8/19.

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME BELL, ERNEST-THOMAS, NUMBER

RANK LT. ORGANIZATION Co. H. 167th INF.

NO	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	(1) BELL ERNEST T. 1st. LIEUT. CO. H. 167th. INFANTRY
2.	Date of Death.	(2) NOVEMBER 11, 1918.
3.	Cause and place of death.	(3) WOUNDED IN ACTION
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	(4) G.C. # 324
5.	Date buried.	(5) NOVEMBER 11, 1918.
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.	(6) GRAVE NO. 112 PLOT. 3 SEC. L. CEMETERY #592 (AMER) CHEPPY-sur-MEUSE(MEUSE)
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.?	(8) yes
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	(9) GRAVE MARKER CROSS
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	(10) ONE BURIED WITH BODY
11.	Who is nearest relative?	
12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	(12) DECEMBER 13, 1918.
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the Photograph No?	GBL/

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



Graves Registration Service
APO 717

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~~3/8/19~~

AMERICAN RED CROSS.

Paris,..... Feb. 10 19.

Name of Soldier: Bell, Ernest Thomas

Rank: Lieutenant

Company: H

Regiment: 167th Infantry

Forward Burial Report to

"Bureau of Communication" for

Wm. C. Bell M M 1st Cl. USS Georgia

c/o Post Master,

Fortress Munroe Va.

Location of grave.

Burial report required for Paris.

44-4-1911-1919

FILE NUMBER

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NAME

Bell, Ernest T.

SERIAL NUMBER

RANK

Lieutenant.

ORGANIZATION

Co. E, 167th. Infantry

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with records?	yes
2.	Date of Death	
3.	Grave Location:	City 592 Grave 112 - (Plot 3 - Sec 1) City (Amer) Cheppy-sur-Meuse (Meuse)
4.	Who reported burial?	
5.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	(S) yes
6.	How is grave marked?	
7.	Identification Tags:	
	(a) Buried with Body?	
	(b) Attached to grave Marker?:	
8.	Emergency address:	
9.	Has above been notified? (Give Date)	Wilson

ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY

Flowers, flags, etc. (Par. #5, Bul. 10-B)	Effects (G.R.S. Form Nos. 7a7-1)
Monuments (Par. #6, Bul. 10-B)	Accrued pay (G.R.S. Forms Nos. 19& 22)
Disinterments (Par. #8, Bul. 10-B)	Liberty Bonds (G.R.S. Forms Nos. 21& 22)
Circumstances of death (G.R.S. Form No. 6)	War Risk Insurance (G.R.S. Forms Nos. 20& 22)
Photograph requested (File 004.5)	Disposition of Remains (a) Return to U.S. (Form 23)
Grave Location CB	(b) Remain in France (Form 24)
	(c) Miscellaneous (Letter)

Remarks:

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AMERICAN RED CROSS

Paris,.....March 24, 1919

Graves Registration Service:

Name of Soldier: Bell, Ernest T.

Rank: Lieutenant

Company: Co. E,

Regiment: 167th Infantry

Forward Burial Report to
"Bureau of Communication" for
brother;

Burial report required for Paris.

TO:- REGISTRATION BRANCH G.R.

FILE NUMBER 56739

FROM:-

DATE: 3/4/19

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME Bell, Ernest T.

NUMBER

RANK Lt.

ORGANIZATION

167 Inf

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	① 1st Lt. Co H. 167 Inf
2.	Date of Death.	② 11-11-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	③ Wfa
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	④ 324
5.	Date buried.	⑤ 11-11-18
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.	⑥ Cty 592 grave 112 plot 3 Sec L Cem. (Amer.) Cheppy-sur-Meuse (Meuse)
7.	Who reported burial.	
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	8 Yes
11.	Who is nearest relative?	⑨ Cross
12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	⑩ 1 tag to body
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	⑪ Mr F. P. Bell (father) 820 1st Ave. West Newton Iowa
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	⑫ 12-13-18

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

Cal Gambel

RK
3/4/19

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

March 4, 1919.

MEMO FOR : Colonel Gamble:

Following burial information is on record in this office:

1ST LIEUT. ERNEST T. BELL, COMPANY H, 167th INFANTRY

Died from wounds received in action, November 11, 1918.

Buried November 11, 1918, in grave #112, plot #3, section L,
American Cemetery at Cheppy-sur-Meuse (Meuse).

Grave is marked by cross to which is attached one identification
tag.

Nearest relative, Mr. F. P. Bell (father) was given this
burial information December 13th, 1918.

2ND LIEUT. HERBERT SHELDON, 1ST BRIGADE, 125th INFANTRY.

Killed in action October 10, 1918.

Buried October 14, 1918.

Grave #1, Commune of Landres-et-St. George (Ardennes), Map
reference - map 35 NE E 306.6 N 283.7

(1 to 50,000 scale Lambert Map). Grave marked by cross to which
is attached one identification tag. This information has not
been confirmed by G.R.S. personnel.

2ND GEORGE M. HOLLISTER COMPANY C, 61ST INFANTRY

Killed in action October 13, 1918.

Buried in isolated grave in Commune of Briouilles-sur-Meuse (Meuse)

Map reference - map 35 NE E 311.75 N 285.6

(1 to 50,000 scale Lambert Map). Grave is marked by name peg
to which is attached one identification tag. Nearest relative:
Mr. Clay H. Hollister (father) was given burial information by
this office January 14, 1919.

ACL:P

CHARLES C. PIERCE
Lieut. Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.
Chief, G.R.S.

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FRANCE

Burial information for the American Red Cross.

Soldier's name : BELL, Ernest T.
Rank : Lieutenant,
Organization : Co. B. 167th Infantry
Date of Death :
Place of Burial : Grave 112, Plot-3, Section-C,
American Cemetery, at CHEPPY-sur-
MEUSE, Department of MEUSE.

Reference number : 56739

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