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J. W. B.

G.R.S. Form #114-B

CAUSE OF DEATH

K. I. A.

Bell

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BELL, Max

FULL NAME

RANK

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Pvt.

SERIAL

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DIVISION & ORGANIZATION

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Co.D. 2nd Engrs.

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DATE OF DEATH

ok
6-29-18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

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MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

none

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION

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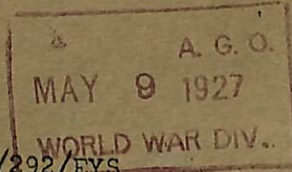
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G O L D S T A R P I L G R I M A G E S

PARTY C SAILING MAY 20, 1931

Pilgrims should follow the itinerary exactly as shown because all transportation employees have been instructed to report if any passenger is missing at starting point, enroute, or at destination

Sneirson, Mrs. Freda B. (C-13)
53 Bryant St., Everett, Mass. (Railroad Station - Boston)

Route Going and Returning: B&A, Springfield; NYNH&H

Itinerary:

May 18	Leave Boston (So. Sta.)	8.15	AM	EST	Train B&A 51
	Arrive New York (GCT)	2.35	PM	EST	

→ Parlor Car, Boston to New York

Elapsed time, 6 hrs. 20 min.

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BELL, PRIVATE MAX

DESCRIPTION OF BEARER

Residence 58 Bryant St., Everett, Mass.

Date of Birth 1863

Place of Birth Ukmerge, Lithuania

Age _____ years; Sex Female

Height 5 ft. 3 in.; Weight _____ lbs.

Hair Grey-Brown Eyes Blue

Complexion _____

Scars, etc. _____

Occupation _____



(Photograph of Bearer)

(Signature of Bearer)

Miss FREDA BOHNICK SNEIRSON
NOTICE

The holder of this Official Certificate of Identification has a United States Passport in connection with the trip of War Mothers and Widows to Europe in 1931 368 J.D.

Le porteur de ce livre est invité par Les États Unis pour visiter la dernière place de repose, en France, de son fils, qui faisait Le Grand Sacrifice pour Sa Patrie, pendant le Guerre du Monde, et qui est enterré en France. Veuillez bien rendre toute assistance demandée. La courtoisie rendu au porteur de ce livre sera apprécié par La Nation Americaine.

En cas de necessité veuillez notifier le Colonel Richard T. Ellis, Officer en charge, Grand Quartier en Europe, Pilgrimage Americaine de M. & W. 146 Avenue des Champs Elysées, Paris.

CODE SLIP

BELL MAX

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Bell, Max</i>	<i>Bell</i>	3	25 ⁰ 2
BURIED	CEMETERY <i>1764</i>	1	4
	GRAVE <i>78</i>	2	78
	ROW <i>11</i>	2	11
	BLOCK <i>A</i>	1	1
STATE	<i>Ohio</i>	2	41
RANK	<i>Pat.</i>	1	2
DIVISION	<i>2nd</i>	2	02
ORGANIZATION	<i>2nd</i>	3	002
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MARITAL	<i>No</i>	1	2
NAME <i>Mrs. B. Amerson</i>	<i>Sue</i>	3	9 ⁰ 45-
RESIDENCE	STATE <i>Mass</i>	2	25-
<i>58 Bryant St</i>	COUNTY <i>Middlesex</i>	2	09
	CITY <i>Everett</i>	3	044
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Yes</i>	1	
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH <i>Jewish only</i>	<i>No</i>	1	2
ATTENDANT	<i>Yes</i>	1	1
HEALTH	<i>Bad</i>	1	2
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IN REPLY
REFER TO QM 293 A-M

WAR DEPARTMENT

Oct. 13, 1932.

Bell, Max (AM)

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTONMrs. Freda B. Sneirson,
58 Bryant St.,
Everett, Mass.**SPECIAL**

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.

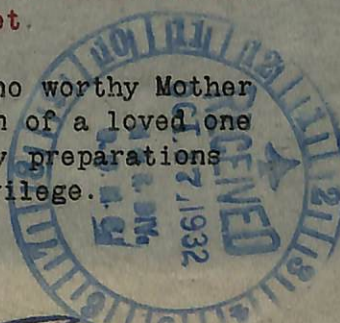
You probably do not realize how important it is that a reply be received from you. If we do not receive replies, it becomes very difficult to make the necessary and proper arrangements for those who are to make the trip, as everything must be arranged in advance. Consequently, it is just as important 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 no, thus indicating whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage during 1933 and sign your name here Freda B. Sneirson +. Use the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage, and return this sheet.

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 Max

AM

September 7 1932

Mrs Freda B Sneirson
58 Bryant St
Everett Mass

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 Max (AM)

July 11 1932

Mrs Freda B Sheirson
50 Bryant St
Everett Mass

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) _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bell, Max A-M M

October 2, 1931

Mrs. Freda B. Sneirson
58 Bryant St.
Everett, Massachusetts

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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. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

In order that the records may be complete, 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 1932?

2. Please state your age and condition
of health:

3. Do you speak English?

4. What other language do you speak?

Age:
Health:

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Bell, Max Pvt. (AM) M*

July 16, 1931.

Mrs. Freda B. Snelson,
58 Bryant St.,
Everett, Mass.

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

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RETURN RECEIPT

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

Cancelled 20/3/41
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(Signature or name of addressee)

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery -----

Form 3811

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RETURN RECEIPT

~~S. S. Hartung~~

5-20-31

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

Deliver to addressee only

Mrs. Greta B. Swenson

(Signature or name of addressee)

Sarah Stein H. Frank

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Witness A B # 14

Date of delivery

4-27-1931

Form 3811

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 926767

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____



PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE
TO AVOID PAYMENT OF
POSTAGE, \$300.

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING
OFFICE

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AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to

Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,
or Post Office Box,

MUNITIONS BUILDING

WASHINGTON,

D. C.

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No.

926858

INSURED PARCEL

No.



PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE
TO AVOID PAYMENT OF
POSTAGE, \$300

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OFFICE

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AND DATE OF DELIVERY

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Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF ADDRESS) MUNITIONS BUILDING

Street and Number,
or Post Office Box,

WASHINGTON,

D. C.

QM 293 A-M
Bell, Max Pvt. (AM) M

June 12, 1931.

Mrs. Freda B. Sneirson,
58 Bryant Street,
Everett, Massachusetts.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of the check in the amount of \$5.00 which you recently returned to this office as you were unable to sail May 20th on the PRESIDENT HARDING to visit the grave of your son, the late Private Max Bell.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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June 9, 1931, Washington, D. C.

MRS FREDA B SNEIRSON
58 BRYANT STREET
EVERETT MASSACHUSETTS

RE PILGRIMAGE RETURN IMMEDIATELY CHECK FOR FIVE DOLLARS FORWARDED
YOU TO COVER INCIDENTAL EXPENSES TO NEW YORK CITY 3019 GSM

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

QM 293 A-M
Bell, Max (AM)

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QM 293 A-M
Bell, Max (AM)

June 2, 1931

Mrs. Freda B. Sneirson,
58 Bryant Street,
Everett, Massachusetts.

Dear Madam:

Information has been received in this office to the effect that you were ill and unable to sail on the PRESIDENT HARDING May 20th, 1931, to visit the grave of your son, the late Private Max Bell.

It is deeply regretted that your health would not permit you to visit the cemetery in which your son is interred, and it is hoped that you will improve rapidly. Your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to visit the cemeteries of Europe in 1932, and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages for that year are being arranged.

It is requested that you return the check for \$5.00 which was forwarded you to cover incidental expenses on your trip to New York had you sailed May 20th. A check in like amount will again be forwarded you upon your acceptance of an invitation to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Bell, Max, Post

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From Narrative Report - Party "C" EAST

"PILGRIM WHO DID NOT REPORT

The local office of the N.Y. N.H. & H. R.R. at Everett, Mass., advised this office on May 18, 1931 that Mrs. Freda B. Sneirson of Everett, Mass., was ill and unable to make the pilgrimage. Mrs. Sneirson did not report."

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Bell, Max

Decline by letter from R. R. Co.

I ~~Accept~~ 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. Freda B. Sneirson,

(Name)

74 Woolson St., Dorchester, Suffolk Co., Mass.

(Town or City)

(State)

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*58 Bryant St. Middlesex co. Everett
Mass.*

WAR DEPARTMENT
"PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"
225 WEST 34TH ST., NEW YORK, N. Y.

May 18, 1931

Bill, Map - 1764

FILE 201 - Mrs. Freda B. Sneirson - Party "C"

SUBJECT: Cancellation

TO: The Quartermaster General
Washington, D. C.

1. This office is in receipt of advice from the local office of the New York New Haven & Hartford Railroad to the effect that their agent at Everett, Massachusetts, advises that Mrs. Freda B. Sneirson, 58 Bryant Street, Everett, Mass., pilgrim on party "C", page 13, is ill and unable at this time to make the pilgrimage.



For the Officer in Charge.

George F. R. Taylor
GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR
1st Lieut. Q.M.G. (DOL.)
Assistant

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May 18, 1931

FILE 201 - Mrs. Freda B. Sneirson - Party "C"

SUBJECT: Cancellation

TO: The Quartermaster General
Washington, D. C.

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For the Officer in Charge.



GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR
1st Lieut. Q.M.C. (DOL.)
Assistant

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bell, ~~Max (A-M)~~ M

April 24, 1931

Mrs. Freda B. Sneirson,
58 Bryant St.,
Everett, Mass.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. ~~594, 005~~ the amount of \$ 5.00, to pay for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST THIS CHECK BE CASHED AND USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT SPECIFIED.

If for any reason, you are not able to sail on the date mentioned in your invitation, the check must be returned to this office immediately.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

1 Incl.
Check No.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

PLEASE FILL IN THE INFORMATION CALLED FOR BELOW,
AND MAIL THIS LETTER PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED
ENVELOPE WHICH REQUIRES NO POSTAGE.

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58 Bryant St.
Everett, Mass
Middlesex County

Sneirson, Mrs. Freda B.
~~74 Woolson St., Dorchester,~~
~~Suffolk Co., Mass.~~
Bell, Max Pvt. 1764M

Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In the blank space below you will find
the name and address of the person in the United
States whom I desire to be notified in case I be-
come seriously ill or other emergency arises while
I am making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by
the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. D. Stein

Name

58 Bryant St. Everett, Mass.

Address

Very truly yours,

(Mrs) Freda Bolnick Sneirson

(Your name)

58 Bryant St. Everett, Mass

(Your address)



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 18, 1930.

Bell, Max 1764 M

Mrs. Freda B. Snierston,
74 Woolson St.,
Dorchester, Mass.

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)

Washington

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*Bell, not
at present*

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 provisions of
the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929. *Because
of illness*

Mrs. Freda B. Sneirson

(Name)

74 Woolson St., Dorchester, Suffolk Co., Mass.

(Town or City)

(State)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE. 1924

*Mrs. Freda B. Sneirson +
74 Woolson St.
Dorchester, Mass.*

QM 295 A-C
Bell, Max 1764 M

April 22, 1930

Mrs. Freda B. Snirson,
74 Woolson Street,
Dorchester, Massachusetts.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date declining the invitation to sail on the SS "Washington" July 23, 1930 to visit the grave of your son, the late Private Max Bell, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

Your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the journey in 1931 and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages are being arranged for that year.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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#1764

QM 293 A-C
Bell, Max

November 13, 1929.

Mrs. Freda B. Sneirson,
74 Woolson Street,
Dorchester, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 1, 1929, relative to the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act of March 2, 1929. The delay in reply to your letter of August 6th is regretted, and is due to the great number of inquiries received in regard to this pilgrimage.

With regard to your granddaughter accompanying you on the above mentioned pilgrimage, please be advised that it has been held that the law does not authorize the assignment of a personal attendant to accompany any mother or widow making the pilgrimage. It is therefore regretted to have to advise that your request to have your granddaughter accompany you on this pilgrimage cannot be granted. However, you need have no hesitancy in making the trip, as there is no doubt but that you will make congenial acquaintances among the other members of the group to which you will be assigned.

Suitable personnel to care for the comfort and needs of the groups of mothers and widows making the pilgrimage will be assigned from the regular War Department personnel. These representatives of the War Department will meet the mother or widow upon her arrival in New York, and thereafter will be in constant touch with her throughout the pilgrimage until she is placed aboard the train in New York, en-route to her home.

Any arrangements your granddaughter desires to make to visit the grave of your son, the late Private Max Bell in the Aigue-Marne American Cemetery in France must be made by her personally and at her own expense. You will be advised the date of your sailing and the name of the vessel far enough in advance, it is believed, to permit your granddaughter to communicate with the steamship company in an effort to secure accommodations on the boat with you.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

74 Woolson St.
Manchester, Mass.
August 6, 1929

The Quartermaster General
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

It is my greatest desire to see the resting place of my son, Max Bell, and I think that the United States is doing a wonderful thing for the mothers and widows in making these pilgrimages possible.

As I am not very well, and under the doctor's care, he advises me to go

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with a companion. I should like to have my eighteen year old grand daughter accompany me, but as she is unable to afford the trip, will you kindly let me know if any special arrangements can be made for her.

I should like to go in the summer of 1930 if possible.

Yours very truly
(Mrs.) F. B. Sneierson

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bell, Max 1764-M

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Freda B. Sneirson,
74 Woolson St.,
Dorchester, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes) X	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	X (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)	X (No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <u>68</u> Health <u>FAIR</u> (Years) (Good) (Poor)	
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No) X Other language <u>Jewish</u> (Specify language spoken)	

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Envelope

74 Woolson St.
Worcester, Mass.
November 1, 1929

Quartermaster General

Dear Sir:

Some time ago, I wrote to you about my nineteen year old granddaughter who I would like to have accompany me on this pilgrimage. Kindly let me know what this would cost her.

Yours very truly,
Mrs. Freda B. Sneirson

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bell, Max

July 29, 1929

Mrs. Freda B. Sneirson
74 Woolson Street,
Dorchester, Mass.

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 Max Bell, Co. D, 2nd Engrs., whose remains are now interred in the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, Aisne, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

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

No

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

Yes

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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John T. Harris
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, Max.

June 12, 1929.

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Mr. Harry Bell,
2607 Outhwaite Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

M. Freda B. Sneirson
74 Woolson St.
Dorchester, Mass.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the brother of the late Private Max Bell, Co. D, 2nd Engrs., whose remains are now interred in the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, Aisne, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

John T. Harris
JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, 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 Max

AM

September 7 1932

Mrs Freda B Sneirson
58 Bryant St
Everett Mass

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.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bell Max (AM)

July 11 1932

Mrs Freda B Snairson
58 Bryant St
Everett Mass

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) _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bell, Max A-M M

October 2, 1931

Mrs. Freda B. Sneirson
58 Bryant St.
Everett, Massachusetts

MB

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. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

In order that the records may be complete, 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 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.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM
Bell, Max Pvt. (AM) M*

July 16, 1931.

Mrs. Freda E. Sneideron,
53 Bryant St.,
Everett, Mass.

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

QM 293 A-M
Bell, Max Pvt. (AM) M

June 12, 1951.

Mrs. Freda B. Sneirson,
58 Bryant Street,
Everett, Massachusetts.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of the check in the amount of
\$5.00 which you recently returned to this office as you were unable
to sail May 20th on the PRESIDENT HARDING to visit the grave of your
son, the late Private Max Bell.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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June 9, 1931, Washington, D. C.

MRS FRED A B SNEIRSON
58 BRYANT STREET
EVERETT MASSACHUSETTS

RE PILGRIMAGE RETURN IMMEDIATELY CHECK FOR FIVE DOLLARS FORWARDED
YOU TO COVER INCIDENTAL EXPENSES TO NEW YORK CITY 3019 GSM

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Bell, Max (AM)

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QM 293 A-M
Bell, Max (AM)

Maye 2, 1931

Mrs. Freda B. Sneirson,
58 Bryant Street,
Everett, Massachusetts.

Dear Madam:

Information has been received in this office to the effect that you were ill and unable to sail on the PRESIDENT HARDING May 20th, 1931, to visit the grave of your son, the late Private Max Bell.

It is deeply regretted that your health would not permit you to visit the cemetery in which your son is interred, and it is hoped that you will improve rapidly. Your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to visit the cemeteries of Europe in 1932, and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages for that year are being arranged.

It is requested that you return the check for \$5.00 which was forwarded you to cover incidental expenses on your trip to New York had you sailed May 20th. A check in like amount will again be forwarded you upon your acceptance of an invitation to make the pilgrimage.

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bell, Max A M M

Mrs. Freda B. Sneirson,
58 Bryant Street,
Everett, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements have been completed for your transportation to New York City on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe. One week before your departure the railroad ticket agent, of the first road shown below, will deliver your railroad and pullman ticket to you. Your route to New York will be as follows:

Lv. Boston (So.Sta.)	B&A RR	#51	8:15 AM	EST	May 18
Arr. New York (GCT)	NYNH&H	"	2:35 PM	EST	" 18

Parlor Car, Boston to New York.

All railroad employees have been instructed by their officials to see that you are shown every courtesy and given assistance, particularly at points where it is necessary to change cars.

Should you not receive your ticket six days before the date shown for your departure please take up at once with the ticket agent and if he does not have your ticket, telegraph this office, collect, to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

April 30, 1931.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bell, Max A M M

Mrs. Freda B. Snelson,
58 Bryant Street,
Everett, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements have been completed for your transportation to New York City on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe. One week before your departure the railroad ticket agent, of the first road shown below, will deliver your railroad and pullman ticket to you. Your route to New York will be as follows:

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bell, Max (A-M) M

April 24, 1931

Mrs. Freda B. Sneirson,
58 Bryant St.,
Everett, Mass.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. 594,055 in the amount of \$ 5.00 to pay for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST THIS CHECK BE CASHED AND USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT SPECIFIED.

If for any reason, you are not able to sail on the date mentioned in your invitation, the check must be returned to this office immediately.

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 18, 1930.

Bell, Max 1764 M

Mrs. Freda B. Snierson,
74 Woolson St.,
Dorchester, Mass.

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)

QM 295 A-C
Bell, Max 1764 M

April 22, 1930

Mrs. Freda B. Snirson,
74 Woolson Street,
Dorchester, Massachusetts.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date declining the invitation to sail on the SS "Washington" July 23, 1930 to visit the grave of your son, the late Private Max Bell, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

Your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the journey in 1931 and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages are being arranged for that year.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,
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
Sell, Max 1761

March 31, 1930

Mrs. Freda B. Sneirson,
74 Woolson St.,
Dorchester, Mass

Dear Madam:

This letter, which contains general information regarding the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, is being sent to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during the calendar year 1930. The general plan for the conduct of the pilgrimage is shown in the Pilgrimage Regulations, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. In addition to the information shown in the regulations, the following explains in detail some of the most important things connected with the pilgrimage.

Formal invitations are being extended to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during 1930. In so far as practicable, these invitations are being extended with a view to keeping the women from each state together and the order in which the invitations to the women from the several states are issued is based on a drawing by lot which was held about one month ago. Inclosed with each invitation is a card for acknowledgment and it is quite important that you accept or decline this invitation promptly in order that the necessary railroad, steamship and hotel reservations may be arranged. The government will defray all the necessary expenses of the pilgrimage, including railroad fare, hotel accommodations, steamship fare and all other incidental expenses. It will not provide anything other than the necessary expenses so that you should bring with you such funds as you may desire to use for making small purchases and for other uses distinctly of a personal nature.

Arrangements have been made with the American Railroad Association which assures us the united support and cooperation of all of the railroads in the United States in handling the movement to and from New York City. The local ticket agent will secure your railroad and sleeper ticket and will make the necessary pullman reservations. Before your departure from your home we will mail you a check, sufficient to pay for your meals and other travelling expenses while enroute to New York. Your railroad ticket will provide for a round trip from your home to New York and upon arrival in New York the army officer in charge of the New York office will collect the return trip stub and hold it until your return to New York from Europe.

Upon arrival in New York, you will be met by an army officer

and escorted to a first class hotel where reservations have been made. The duration of your stay in New York will be from 24 to 48 hours. At the proper time, you will be escorted to the steamship upon which passage has been engaged for Europe. All of the women making this trip will be provided with cabin class accommodations aboard steamers which means that from two to four will be quartered in the same stateroom. If you have any friend that you would like to be quartered with we will endeavor to arrange it if you will communicate with this office.

The ocean voyage will last about 8 days and when the ship docks at Cherbourg, France, each party will be met by officers especially detailed for the purpose and taken in a special train to Paris where first class hotel accommodations have been reserved. The first day in Paris will be a day of rest. On the 2d day, the women of each party will place a wreath on the tomb of the French unknown soldier. In the afternoon there will be a reception in which the French war mothers, government officials, and prominent civilians will participate. The following morning the groups going to the different cemeteries will leave Paris, travelling in motor busses, and proceed to the cemeteries where they will remain for about 7 days. Twenty-five women will be assigned to each bus and an army officer will have charge of the bus. The itineraries to and from the cemeteries and the daily itineraries while at the cemeteries have been varied so as to take in points of historical interest as well as some parts of the battlefields where American troops were engaged. Upon return to Paris, each party will remain for about 5 days and during this time an opportunity will be given to see the points of historical interest in Paris and vicinity. The entire duration of your stay in Europe will be 14 days, and the itineraries have been so arranged that each day will be provided for. Except in case of illness or other unavoidable cause it will not be possible for any woman making the pilgrimage to remain in Europe for a longer period than 14 days nor to leave the party with which she is travelling unless she is prepared to pay all of her expenses after leaving the party since the Act of Congress authorizing the pilgrimage specifically states that the government shall not pay the expenses of any woman who willfully leaves her party.

Upon return to the United States each ship will be met in New York City by army officers who will escort the mothers and widows to the trains which will take them home. Before leaving New York each woman will be provided with her return railroad ticket, a sleeping car ticket and funds to cover the cost of meals and other travelling expenses.

Army officers are being used as guides and escorts throughout this entire movement and care has been taken to select officers who will see that proper care is taken of the women who are entrusted to their charge. Arrangements have been made for taking care of women who may be taken sick during the pilgrimage and also to care for the remains of any who may die and provision has been made for returning the remains of any who may die to their homes. It is essential that each woman making the pilgrimage furnish The Quartermaster General with an emergency address of some relative or friend to be notified in the event of an emergency. Medical care will be provided by civilian agencies. If such care is needed in New York City it will be furnished by the hotel physicians or

by local hospitals. Aboard ship, medical care will be provided by the ship's doctors and in Paris arrangements have been made with the American Hospital for the hospitalization and treatment of any women who may need it. In addition to this, six doctors of the regular army will be on duty throughout the pilgrimage.

Baggage will be limited to not to exceed two pieces of hand baggage and the articles taken should be such as will be required for a trip of about one month. Laundry service can be obtained in New York and Paris. Since the climate of Europe is much colder than that of the United States, each woman should provide herself with sufficient warm clothing to stand the motor bus trip and the visit to the cemeteries.

Since it is necessary for this office to make all reservations for your accommodations throughout this pilgrimage, it will be greatly appreciated if you will make prompt reply to any communications received from this office.

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.
Regulation.

QM 293 A-C
Bell, Max

November 13, 1929.

Mrs. Freda B. Sneirson,
74 Woolson Street,
Dorchester, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 1, 1929, relative to the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act of March 2, 1929. The delay in reply to your letter of August 6th is regretted, and is due to the great number of inquiries received in regard to this pilgrimage.

With regard to your granddaughter accompanying you on the above mentioned pilgrimage, please be advised that it has been held that the law does not authorize the assignment of a personal attendant to accompany any mother or widow making the pilgrimage. It is therefore regretted to have to advise that your request to have your granddaughter accompany you on this pilgrimage cannot be granted. However, you need have no hesitancy in making the trip, as there is no doubt but that you will make congenial acquaintances among the other members of the group to which you will be assigned.

Suitable personnel to care for the comfort and needs of the groups of mothers and widows making the pilgrimage will be assigned from the regular War Department personnel. These representatives of the War Department will meet the mother or widow upon her arrival in New York, and thereafter will be in constant touch with her throughout the pilgrimage until she is placed aboard the train in New York, en-route to her home.

Any arrangements your granddaughter desires to make to visit the grave of your son, the late Private Max Bell in the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery in France must be made by her personally and at her own expense. You will be advised the date of your sailing and the name of the vessel far enough in advance, it is believed, to permit your granddaughter to communicate with the steamship company in an effort to secure accommodations on the boat with you.

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
Bell, Max 1764-M

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Freda B. Sneirson,
74 Woolson St.,
Dorchester, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bell, Max

July 29, 1929

Mrs. Freda B. Sneirson
74 Woolson Street,
Dorchester, Mass.

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 Max Bell, Co. D, 2nd Engrs., whose remains are now interred in the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, Aisne, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

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

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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

June 12 1929.
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Mr. Harry Bell,
2607 Outhwaite Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

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Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the brother of the late Private Max Bell, Co. D, 2nd Engrs., whose remains are now interred in the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, Bihreau, Aisne, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Envelope.

QM 293 A-C

(Bell, Max)

December 11, 1928.

Mr. Harry Bell,
2607 Outhwaite Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

The inclosed card gives the permanent cemetery and grave location of the late

Max Bell.

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that all American military cemeteries, both in Europe and in our own country, will be maintained by the Government forever, the graves permanently marked by headstones showing the decedent's name, rank, organization, State, and date of death, all of which will be done without the necessity of requests emanating from relatives.

Please understand that in effecting the final disposition of our heroic dead the utmost care and reverence is exercised.

Very truly yours,

J. McCLINTOCK,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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Record card.

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O. S. M. G. M. E. R. DIV.

Co D 2nd Engrs.
2nd Division

~~BELLE~~, Max, Pvt. 301896

On the night of June 28th we were on the way to the front to put up Barb wire entanglements. As we were going along the road to the right of Lucy (Chateau Thierry Front) in single file the road mans began to shell the road, one high explosive shell hitting the Ger-column killing Pvt. BELLE Sgt. 1/c. Roderick and Cpl. Cohen.

Informant: BLEVINS, William D. Pvt. 1855798
Co D. 2nd Engineers.

Home Low Mountain, Tenn.

*file
8/20
10/9/29*

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE November 21, 1922.

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 BELLE, Max (Jew)
- 2. No. 301196
- 3. Rank Pvt.
- 4. Org. Co. D, 2nd Engrs.
- 5. D.D. 6-29 -1918
- 6. C.D. Wounds rec. in Action K/A

- 10. Name _____
- 11. No. _____
- 12. Rank _____
- 13. Org. _____
- 14. (a) D.D. _____
- (b) D.B. no discrepancy

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

- 7. Grave No. 159 Sec. G
- 8. Plot 4 Row _____
- 9. _____

- 15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
- 16. Plot _____ Row _____
- 17. no discrepancy

18. Cemetery Aisne-Marne American Cty.

19. Commune or town Belleau

20. Dept. or County Aisne

21. Country France

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

1764

23. Disinterred (Date) Nov. 21, 1922.

By C.P. Keating

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Max Belle

Serial No. -

Rank Pvt.

Organization Co. D, 2 Engrs.

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

W.D. Wall Jr.
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

W.D. Wall Jr.

PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).

Bottle record agrees.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Wooden box and burlap

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 Nov. 21, 1922. By C.P. Keating

31. Casket sealed by C.P. Keating

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) C.P. Keating

AUDITED BY
9/8/21
5082

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C - 31184

32. Designation of body:

Name Max, BELLE Serial No. 301196

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. D 2nd Engrs.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Aisne-Marne American Cty. #1764, Belleau, Aisne

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Nov. 21, 1922. By C.P. Keating

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.D. A.E. DENNEY, 1st Lt. OMC.

36. Remarks

none

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) November 21, 1922.

To point of Concentration (Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

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 Aisne-Marne Amer. Cem. 1764, Belleau (Aisne) (Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer A.E.D. A.E. DENNEY, 1st Lt. OMC.

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred Nov. 21, 1922, Aisne-Marne Cem. 1764, Belleau (Aisne)

42. Grave No. 78 (Date) Section

43. Plot Block A Row 11

G.R.S. Representative W.D. Cleary Lt., Chaplain, USA.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place Belleau (Aisne)

Date Nov. 21, 1922.

1. REMAINS OF BELLY, Max SERIAL NUMBER 301196
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. D, 2nd Engrs.

2. Disinterred (date): Nov. 21, 1922. From (give complete location): Grave 159, Sec. G, P lot 4, Cem. 1764.

By: Group 1 Unit F.S.1, Aisne-Marne Cem.

3. Reburied (date): Nov. 21, 1922 In (give complete location): Gr. 78, Block A, Row 11, Aisne-Marne Cem. 1764, Belleau (Aisne)

By: Group re-burial group Unit _____ Nature of Reburial Lined casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
Wooden box and burlap

Badly decomposed. Features unrecognizable.

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

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

Bottle record agrees.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine *M.B.D.*

(b) Weight (estimated) "

(c) Hair—Color "

Quantity "

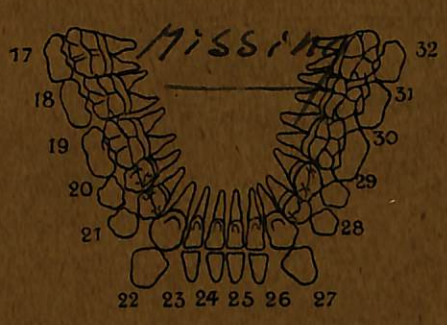
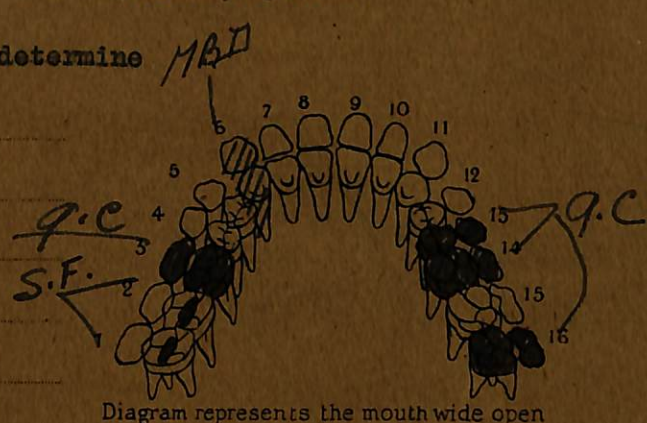
Characteristics "

(d) Hair on face—Color "

Location "

Quantity "

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



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty)

Fractures: Right humerus, scapula, fibula.

Missing parts: Lower jaw.

Checker: W.D. Wall Jr.

7. Disinterment supervised by C.P. Keating
C.P. KEATING, S.E.

Approved: A.E. Dewey
A.E. DEWEY, 1st Lt. QMC.
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by L.D. Hays

Approved: W.D. Cleary
W.D. Cleary
(Title) Lt., Chaplain, USA.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #8990

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BELLE, Max Ser. No. 301196
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. D, 2nd Engrs.
(c) Date of death 6-29-18 (d) Cause of death W/A
TYP. aew
CKR. [initials]

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

(a) Grave No. 159 Row - Plot 4 Sec. G TYP. aew
(b) Emerg. Address Harry Bell, Brother, 5607 Atwood Ave., Cleveland, O.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases CKR. [initials]

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD: no card found 9/8/27 no card in file 2-19-21 PF

(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 PF Date 2-19-1920

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

dated
confirming request in Par. IV., item, above, or requesting that
No correspondence

Examiner's Initials Date, 1920

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes PF

Em Examiner's Initials PF Date 2-19-1920

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 1764 SHEET No. 143

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made _____, 1920.

RECEIVED.

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 1920.

APR 28 1921

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by

{ cable on _____, 1920
letter on _____, 1920

CEMETERY DIVISION
MAY 10 1921

MAR 29 10 1921

Par. # 2 Not To Be Returned

me

IX.

CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE.	ACTION TAKEN.
Desires body be _____	
Body to be shipped to _____	

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

BA. MR - Mr. Harry Belle (Brother)
5607 Outhwaite Ave., Cleveland, Ohio
(3-19-21)

Location Index.....

..... Discrepancies

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

W.R.E.

*876
2-21-21*

*checked
2-19-21
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C-30797

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION

Please
rush

Harlow C.W.

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

(aka)
Belle, Max, Pvt.

1764 - 143

2/27/21.

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

301196

Co. D, 2nd Engrs.

Date of death - 6/29/18.

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

Copy forwarded to
Adjustment Department

DATE March 17, 1921.

Date 3-19-21 "M"

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Mr. Harry Belle,

Brother

Address

5607 Outhwaite Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

S/709/LIL

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA File #8990

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BELLEN, Max Ser. No. 301196
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. D, 2nd Ingra. } TYP. aw
 (c) Date of death 6-29-18 (d) Cause of death W/A } 3/0

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

(a) Grave No. 159 Row - Plot 4 Sec. G TYP. aw
 (b) Emerg. Address Harry Bell, Brother, 5607 Atwood Ave., Cleveland, O.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases - CKR. 3/0

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

a. g. o. - No card in file.
g. R. S. - No request for disposition.
aw 3/19/21

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
 letter of transmittal on _____, 192

Par. # 2 Not To Be Returned

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.

VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J. _____, 192

APR 28 1921

COUNTRY _____ CEMETERY No. _____ SHEET No. _____

France 1764 143

MAR 21 1921 AL.

Date June 6, 1919.REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: Belle, Max,Number: 301196Rank: Pvt.Organization: Co. D, 2nd Engrs.Disinterment and Reburial made by GroupUnit "B"

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

June 6, 1919Plot-71 Myers, west of LaThiolet on Paris-Metz roadCoord. 258.6N - - 176.35EGrave 9.

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

June 6, 1919National Cemetery at Belleau Woods, Aisne.Coord. 262.60N - - 176.04EPlot-4, Sec. G, Grave 159.

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

Body in poor condition.Was one identification tag found upon the body? yesWhat other means of identification were found on the body? none11144

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, notations whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Sgt. L. C. TurnerA. C. M. Cameron
C.O. Group

Unit

Prov, Unit B G.R.S.

ELLEAU (Aisne).
Cemetery 1764

Place

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date 15th July, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF BELLE, Max SERIAL NUMBER 301196

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co.D, 2nd Engrs.

2. Disinterred (date): 15th July, 1921 From (give complete location): Gr. 159, Sec. G, Plot 4

By: Group Avery Unit FIELD SECTION # 7

3. Reburied (date): 15th July, 1921 In (give complete location): Gr. 159, Sec. G, Plot 4

By: Group Avery Unit FIELD SECTION # 7 Nature of reburial Burlap and pine box

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
BADLY DECOMPOSED FEATURES UNRECOGNIZABLE

U.S. Uniform Burlap

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

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

NONE

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

(b) Weight (estimated) IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

(c) Hair—Color IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

Quantity IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

Characteristics IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

(d) Hair on face—Color IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

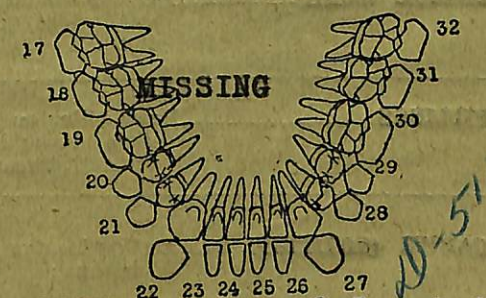
Location IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

Quantity IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty)

Rt. scapula missing Rt. Humerous fract. in upper and lower third
few ribs fract. lower jaw missing.



TEETH-1, 4, -cav. 2, 5, met. fil.
3, 13, 14, 16, -gold caps
6-Ext.

D-51043

7. Disinterment supervised by G. F. Avery Approved: Wm. M. Cline

8. Reburial supervised by G. F. Avery Approved: Wm. M. Cline

AJL/ck

Captain Q.M.C.

Reg. Cards.

March 7 1919

G.R.S. Form No. 1; Central Records Division.
 Memo For: G.R.S. representative, C.R.O.
 SUBJECT: Information required for G.R.S.

1. Items checked are to be completed:

- () Surname: **Belle,**
 () Number: **301196**
 () First name: **Max**
 () Rank: **Pvt**
 () Company: **Co D,**
 () Organization: **2nd Engineers,**
 () Date of death: **6/29/18**
 () Cause:
 () Place:

Location of hospital:

- Number " "
 Class " "
 (✓) Relative: **Harry Bell**
 () Relationship: **Brother**
 (✓) Address: **5607 Atwood Ave., Cleveland, Ohio**
 () Authority:
 Cablegram No:
 Telegram from:

dated: 8-13-18

- () Reported to Washington:
 C.C. Nos: **220**
 (UnderSCORE the "official" C.C.)
 () Remarks:
 () Show present status on reverse side.
**burial notification was sent to this
 address and returned, verify address,**

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

Initials of Reporter:

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CONFIRMED

Name..... Belle, 301196, Max ✓

Rank..... Pvt..... Co..... D..... (Corps) 2nd. Engrs. ✓
(Regt)

Date of Death.....

Place..... Prev repts. in Plot 25-A ✓

Cause.....

Date of Burial.....

Grave No. 9 ✓

Cemetery..... (71) I. G. MYERS

Identified by { Tag
Papers } ... tags
(Clothing)

List of Effects.....

Field Record Made by.....

Company..... Graves Registration Service Co.

For additional data use reverse side.

GROUP No. 1
Unit 303. G. R. S.

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OCT 12 1918

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Name Belle, 301196, Max

Rank Pvt. Co. {Corps Regt.} 2nd Engrs.

Date of Death

Place

Cause

Date of Burial

Grave No. 8

Cemetery 25-A

Identified by {Tag Papers Clothing}

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List of Effects

Field Record Made by I. G. MYERS,

2nd. LIEUT., Q. M. CORPS, N. A.

Group 1, 303 Company Graves Registration Service

8 AUG 1918

For additional data use reverse side

JUL 15 1918

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A-0

Information requested of Adjutant G.O.

Date 2/21/21.

File No.

Registration

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

- a. Surname ~~Belle~~ *Bell* ✓
- b. Christian name ~~Max~~ *Max* O.K.
- c. Serial Number *301196* O.K.
- d. Organization *Co. D, 2nd Engrs.* O.K.
- e. Rank *Pvt.* O.K.
- f. Date of death *6/29/18.* O.K.
- g. Cause of death *W/A.* O.K.
- h. Authority (C.O.#) *Harry Bell*
- i. Emergency address *2607 Atwood*
- j. Relationship *Brother Cleveland*

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 marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)

DENTAL CHARTS

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

a. Strike out teeth missing

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
upper right upper left

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
lower right lower left

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

BY:

H. J. GUNNER
1st. Lieut. Q.M.C.

CEMETERY NO: *C.W.*
1764

SHEET NO: *143*

TYPED BY: *I.W.*

S/713/LML

Good Work
File

Rec'd S & B Div. A.G.O.

FEB 24 1921 6

Donnelly-Asst
Sub Records
7-310-2-25-2

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Reference:
EMO-23-B

Hdqrs. Graves Registration Service,
Quartermaster Corps,
American Expeditionary Forces,

November 26, 1918

~~70507~~
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FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.
TO: Home Communication Section, A.R.C., Paris
SUBJECT: Max Bell, Co. D., 331st. Inf.

Reference your 2-B-352, dated the 8th ult., I beg to inform you that neither death nor burial information in respect to the above mentioned soldier have been received here. Kindly advise as to the source of your information.

By direction

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Lieut.-Colonel, A.R.C., A.E.F.

per

MAURICE B. DIX,
Captain, American Red Cross
Representative assigned to
Graves Registration Service

MBD-mf

File
MBD

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Ref. 2-B-352

AMERICAN RED CROSS

INTER-OFFICE LETTER

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Oct. 8, 1918.
From Home Communication Service.

To M. B. Dix, Captain ARC, Grave Registration Bureau, A.P.O. 717.

Subject Private Max Bell, Co. D, 331st Infantry.

Reported killed. Please give full particulars.

Home Communication Section of the
Bureau of Home & Hospital Service.

EM-c

FILE

WAR DEPARTMENT

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

WASHINGTON
JAN 10
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1920
D. C.

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300

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FILE 5

CLEVELAND, OHIO
JAN 12
2 30 PM
1920

RETURNED
TO
SENDER

UNCLAIMED

Name repeated in directory No.

Mr. Harry Bell.
5607 Atwood Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Form 109
1/13/20

J.H.

Outwaite



WAR DEPARTMENT

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$ 300

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~~GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE~~
~~American Expeditionary Forces~~

U.S. ARMY
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FILE

Mr. Harry Bell,
5607 Atwood Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.



2nd Lieut., Q.M. Corps, U.S.A.

WAR DEPARTMENT.
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
OFFICIAL BUSINESS
Cemeterial Division
WASHINGTON

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE, \$300.

WASHINGTON, D.C.
MAR 24
11 30 AM
1921

ADDRESS
YOUR MAIL
TO
STREET AND
NUMBER

File 8990
7-107 Bld.
Over Sea
Two and

Mr. Harry Bell,
2607 - Atwood Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

RECEIVED
MAR 24 1921
FILE

Name repeated in Directory

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CLEVELAND, OHIO
MAR 25
4-PM
1921

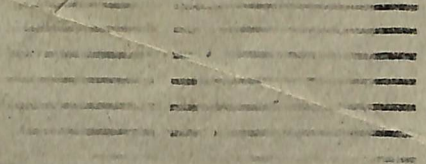
ADDRESS
YOUR MAIL
TO
STREET AND
NUMBER



RECEIVED

MAR 26 1921
G. H. S.

P.R.R. 1921
O.C.
MAR 26
G.M. & G.M.



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(Attach this end.)

Belle, May 30, 196
Post Co D, 2 Engrs

Letter returned unclaimed
from Mr. Harry Belle
2607 Atwood Ave
Cleveland
Ohio

No other E.C. card
to be found.

AGO CARD
RETURNED
UNCLAIMED

Belle, Max - Deceased

File 8990

WAR DEPARTMENT,
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON.

MAR 14 1919

AGO

BOARD

RETURNED

UNDELIVERED

Mr. Harry Belle,
2607 Atwood Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

outhwaite Ave

Sir:

The War Department desires to ascertain the wishes of the families of officers, enlisted men, and civilian employees regarding the permanent disposition of the bodies of those who have died overseas.

The original plan of the Department was to deliver the body in every case at the home address of the deceased to the person legally entitled to dispose of the remains. A desire has been expressed, however, in numerous instances to have the body remain abroad, and General Pershing is likely soon to enter into negotiations with the French and Allied Governments with the view of establishing permanent cemeteries for members of the American Expeditionary Forces. Marshal Petain in a most courteous letter has informed General Pershing that "France would be happy and proud to retain the bodies of the American victims who have fallen upon her soil."

A bill is now before Congress for the establishment of "Fields of Honor" abroad, which will insure future care by the United States Government as national cemeteries are now cared for. Burials have been made heretofore in cemeteries of the Allied nations or at or near the battle field in land set apart for this purpose as a cemetery, and religious services in accordance with the rites of the Protestant, Catholic, or Hebrew faith have been held at the grave.

In case the remains of a deceased soldier are returned to the United States they will be interred either at the former home of the deceased or at a national cemetery, according to the wishes of the one authorized to direct the disposition of the remains, and all expenses, including transportation, casket, shipping case, flag, and the preparation of the remains for shipment, will be paid by the United States. Hire of a hearse and other burial expenses incurred at the home of the deceased may be paid, on application by the relatives, by the Bureau of War Risk Insurance, Treasury Department.

In order that the proper disposition of the remains may be made, and that such disposition be directed by the person entitled to do so, the War Department will recognize the right to direct the disposition of remains in the following order:

In the case of an unmarried man—

- (1) Father; (2) mother, if father is dead; (3) brother, if both parents are dead; (4) sister, if both parents are dead and there are no brothers.

In the case of a married man—

- (1) Wife; (2) parents or children and other relatives in order set forth above.

It is desired that the information indicated on the inclosed card be furnished concerning the person named thereon at the earliest practicable date. If the card is received by some one not authorized to direct the disposition to be made of the remains, please deliver this circular and the card to the person who is entitled to do so.

The Department is unable to state when it will be possible to begin the removal of the remains of the soldiers, but the information requested is being collected at this time in order that there may be no delay when the time comes for such removal.

In returning the card please use the inclosed addressed penalty envelope, which requires no postage.

Very respectfully,

P. C. HARRIS,
The Adjutant General.

MUN 12 1919