

Bell,

(Surname.)

Raymond E.

Christian name in full.)

737,766

(Army serial number.)

Pvt.

Co B, 11th Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Mother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

Yes

(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery?

No

(Yes or no.)

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

Mrs Corn Bell

(Name of person to receive remains.)

Rush Run, O

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

Mrs Corn Bell

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

Ohio

(State.)

(Sign here)

Mrs Corn Bell

(Number and street or rural route.)

Rush Run, Jeff Co, Ohio

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by SA

1232-52-5

4/15/61

Checked by
4/11/61
SAB

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G.R.S. Form #114 B
MMB

DATE Oct. 12th, 1921

1. NAME BELL, Raymond E. SERIAL No. 737766

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. B 11th Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne Romagne/s/Montfaucon 1232 Sec.87

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

193

Sec.87

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GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION No record

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES No record.

CONCENTRATED TO 6-18-19 193 87 4

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

Meuse Argonne

1232.

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on grave marker.

DATE OF DEATH Oct. 20 '18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Ohio

Data form 1

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED None

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

M. B. Birdseye
M. B. BIRDSEYE
1st Lt. U.S. Army

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Oct. 12th, 1921 20 31 Bl. F.

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

See's World War Div.

3 APR 4 Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, (Meuse).

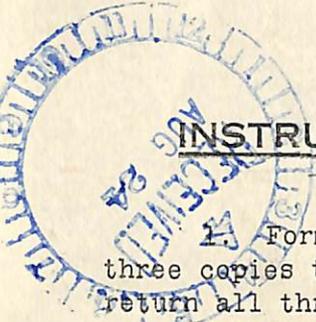
CEMETERY

AUDITED BY

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K1213*

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AMERICAN WAR DIV.
APR 11 1926
WORLD WAR DIV.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.

2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.

3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.

4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form I6, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.



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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bell, Raymond E,

(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).
Pvt. Co. B, 11th Inf.

(Rank).

(Organization).

PLACE OF BURIAL: **Verdun Front**

GSW

CAUSE OF DEATH:

DATE OF BURIAL: **Oct 25, 1918.**

PLACE OF BURIAL:

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

Map Montfaucon, 1/500000 86.4.-09.3

GRAVE NUMBER: **12**

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? **yes** Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: **Missing**

Was one buried with body?

Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker?

If name unknown and tags missing, description and marks should be given here:

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

F. Fitzgibbon 2nd Lt. 358th Inf.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Beel</i>	<i>BEL</i>	3	<i>25⁰2</i>
<i>Raymond E</i> BURIED	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
	GRAVE <i>20</i>	2	<i>20</i>
	ROW <i>31</i>	2	<i>31</i>
	BLOCK <i>F</i>	1	<i>6</i>
STATE	<i>Ohio</i>	2	<i>41</i>
RANK	<i>Pvt</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>5</i>	2	<i>05</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>11</i>	3	<i>011</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Beel</i> <i>Mrs. Cora</i>	<i>BEL</i>	3	<i>25⁰2</i>
RESIDENCE	STATE <i>Ohio</i>	2	<i>41</i>
	COUNTY <i>Jefferson</i>	2	<i>41</i>
	CITY <i>Mingo Jet</i>	3	<i>XXX</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	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Bad</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE <i>29/514/PJ.</i>	<i>no</i> <i>age</i>	1	<i>2</i> <i>53.</i>

AUDITED

DEC 14, 1931

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Bell Raymond E (MA)

July 7, 1932

Mrs Cora Bell
R D #1 Box 128
Mings Junction Ohio

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,

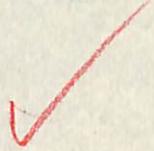

CHAS. W. DIETZ,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

2 Encls.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933? no
(Write answer here)

(Sign here) Mrs Cora Bell

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WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bell, Raymond E. Pvt. (M-A) M

June 11, 1931.

Mrs. Cora Bell,
Mingo Junction, Ohio
R. D. #1, Box 128

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.

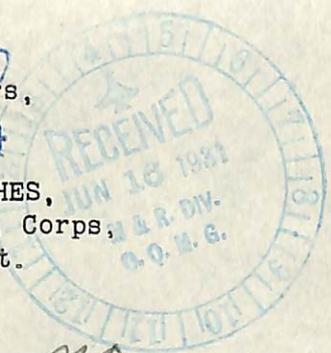
As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

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?

NO

Write answer here

Mrs Cora Bell

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bell, Raymond E. 1232 M

June 7, 1930.

Mrs. Cora Bell,
R.D. #1, Box 128,
Mingo Junction, Ohio.

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.

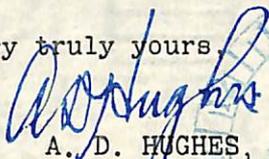
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank 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? no

(Write answer here)

Mrs Cora Bell
(Sign here)

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bell, Raymond E. 1232 -M

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Cora Bell,
Mingo Junction,
R D #1, Box 128, Ohio.

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) <i>no</i>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No) <i>no</i>
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) <i>no</i>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age (Years) <i>53</i>	Health (Good) <i>Poor</i> (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <i>yes</i> (No)	Other language (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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Act
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bell, Raymond, E.
1232

September 4, 1929.

Mrs. Cora Bell,
Rush Run,
Jefferson, Co., Ohio.

Dear Madam:

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:

no

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.

*Mother, Mrs Cora Bell
Mingo Junction
Ohio R.D. 1, Box 128*

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

no

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

John T. Harris

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

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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Place NEVALEAU

Date June 28 1919

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name BELL, Raymond E.

Number: 734766

Rank Pvt.

Organization: Co. B. 11th. Inf.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

19th June 1919

Unknown

M/af/e 733 Amicable gr 121

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

19th June 1919

Grave #193 Sec #87. Plot #4

ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY #1232

ROMAGNE MEUSE

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

Burial good; buried in uniform; badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon body? Yes

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

Date:

CONFIRMED NO. 12144

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

Supervised by Lt Babbitt

LGG

C.O. Group

R. H. ROSENTHAL

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

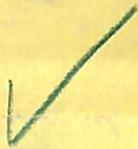
Unit

L 115 - (continued).

Let. 11-25-21. Rep. Murphy advised our files contain the req. of the Mother that the body of her son remain permanently interred in France & not have been issued accordingly. Further advised ^{change of} no req. for ret. of a body will be considered after Aug. 15, 1921. Therefore body cannot be ret'd to this country. (ADB-11-28-21)

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA



File #88138

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BELL, Raymond E. Ser. No. 737766
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. B, 11th Infantry
 (c) Date of death 10/20/18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. DMA
 CKR. B.J.

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

(a) Grave No. 193 Row - Plot 4 Sec. 87 TYP. DMA
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Cora Bell (mother) Rush Run Jefferson, Ohio

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases/..... CKR. B.J.

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Mrs. Cora Bell (b) Relationship mother
 (c) Address Rush Run Jefferson Co, Ohio
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? yes
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at no
 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. Mrs. Cora Bell
Rush Run Ohio
Exp & file - do
 (g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. -

Examiner's Initials HR Date 4-14, 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 HR Date 4-14, 1920

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

no request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? no
 Examiner's Initials HR Date 4-14, 1920

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232-sec. 87 SHEET No. 8

CARDED

7-5-4-26-21

Handwritten notes and stamps at bottom right

CEREMETAL DIVISION



APR 30 1921

RECEIVED BY
MAIL UNIT

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

Typed by _____, Checked by _____

JUN 1 1921 4-22, 1920.

VIII. Final Action

Cemeterial Division
Overseas Project Sub-Section

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 1920
letter on 4/22, 1920

Sec 87
Part I to be returned EUW

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

Form 179 to hold body Ford Wash. 7/17/21 B.7.

5/25/21 PROPOSED CABLEGRAM NO. 305 TO EUROPE-BODY TO REMAIN 6/3/21

Let from Europe 7/5/21 states return cancelled as per cable ^{att} 10/28/21 found by Holskeuth

Let. 10-25-21 - Mother, Mrs. Cora Bee, Rush Run, Ohio requests remains returned to her for private burial. (ALB-11-3-21)

Let. 11-3-21 - Dig advises Mother that the father of the deceased has requested the remains permanently interred in France & instructions have been issued that his wishes be complied with further advised that Sec. of War has directed that no change of request for ret. of bodies not be considered after Aug. 15, 1921. (ALB-11-3-21)

Let. 11-21-21 - Frank Murphy, Rep. Washington, D.C., enclosed letter from Mrs. Cora Bee, Rush Run, Ohio requesting the return of her son's body to her for private burial. (ALB-11-28-21) Also enclosed 7 letters addressed Mrs. Bee. Some have been ret'd.

Place Romagne Sous Montfauln

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Oct. 11, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF BELL, RAYMOND E. SERIAL NUMBER 737766
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co., B, 11th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Oct. 11, 1921. From (give complete location):
G. 193 sec 87 pt 4, Meuse-Argonne Ca. m. #1232.

By: Group Russell Unit Sec. 1

3. Reburied (date): Oct. 12, 1921. In (give complete location):
Meuse Argonne Cem. 1232, Row 31 Bl. F. Gr. 20.

By: Group Reburial Sec. Unit Nature of reburial unlined casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
In pine box, burlap and U.S. uniform badly decomposed features unrecognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? (2) Yes On grave marker? Yes
one on neck and one in pocket
(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?

(a) Height (actual measurement) Imp to det.

(b) Weight (estimated) Imp to det.

(c) Hair—Color None

Quantity None

Characteristics None

(d) Hair on face—Color None

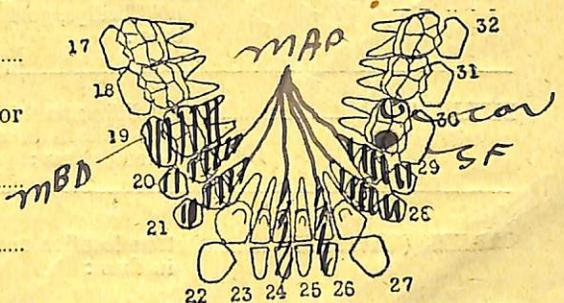
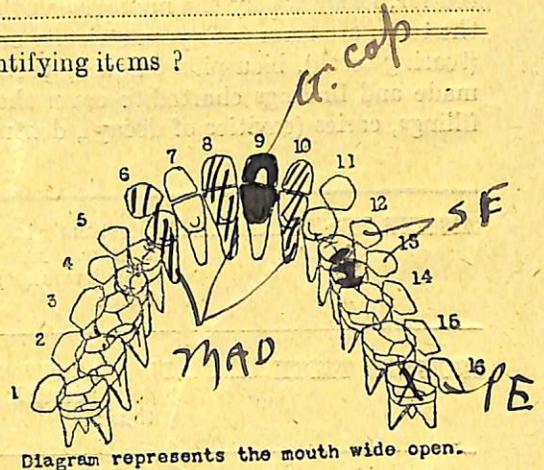
Location None

Quantity None

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

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

none visible



7. Disinterment supervised by C. V. Russell
C. V. Russell S. E.

Approved: H. S. Harpole
H. S. Harpole 1st. Lt. QMC
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by W. B. SHEILD
concentration

Approved: James W. Younger
JAMES W. YOUNGER
(Title) CAPT QMC.

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

Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Question 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".
(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No. 6.
6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

MISSING TEETH.....All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus:



CROWNED TEETH.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:



BRIDGE WORK.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus:



FILLINGS.....Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:



CARIES (CAVITIES).....Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:



DENTURES (PLATES).....Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate, block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp."

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

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



COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #88138

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BELL, Raymond E. Ser. No. 737766
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. B, 11th Infantry
 (c) Date of death 10/20/18 (d) Cause of death K/A

DMA
TYP. B. J.

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

(a) Grave No. 193 Row Plot 4 Sec. 87 TYP. DMA
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Cora Bell (mother) Rush Run Jefferson, Ohio

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 4/22, 1921
See 87
Par I to be returned LPW

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., APR 28 1921, 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

Date of and source.	Relationship and name.	Desires.	Action taken.
<i>May 17, 1921</i>	<i>Father (5/16/21)</i>	<i>To remain</i>	<i>5/25/21 Europe advise</i>
<i>Form 129</i>	<i>Andrew J. Bell</i>	<i>in France by proposed cable</i>	<i>305- To remain</i>
			<i>5/26/21 Bell</i>

Let from Europe 7/5/21 states return cancelled as per cable att 10/31/21

VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., 6-1-21, 192

COUNTRY _____ CEMETERY No. _____ SHEET No. _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
QUARTERMASTER CORPS
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
PIER 2, HOBOKEN, N. J.

1232-87-8

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div. Cor. Br.
(BELL, Raymond E.)

October 28, 1921.

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Chief Cemeterial Division, O.Q.M.G.,
Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT:

Case of Raymond E. Bell, Serial No.
737766, Private, Co. B, 11th Infantry.

1. Forwarded herewith communication from
Mrs. Cora Bell, Rush Run, Ohio, requesting the return of
the remains of the above named deceased soldier for considera-
tion and reply from your office.

2. Records in this case were returned to
Washington May 31, 1921.

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Officer in Charge.

BY:

F. C. Pallas
F. C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

Incl.

Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. Q. M. G.
File 293.8
88138

Bell, Raymond E

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GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

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REMAINS OF PRIVATE RAYMON E BELL SERIAL NUMBER 737766 CO B ELEVENTH INFANTRY TO REMAIN IN FRANCE AS PERMANENT RESTING PLACE

ANDREW JACKSON BELL

(C/ad sent. 5/17/21 - Remains in France) 351PM
Rec'd 5/25/21 4 P.M. m.m.m.
 1232-87-8
 5/16 Stecker
 5/26 m.s.

GENETRAL DIVISION
CORRESPONDENCE BR.



HOBOKEN, N. J.

MAY 14 1921

5/25/21 PROPOSED CABLEGRAM NO. 305 TO EUROPE BODY TO REMAIN 6/3/21 gl.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
WASHINGTON

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FROM: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O. Q. M. G. MAY 4 1921
To: Mrs. Cora Bell, Rush Run, Jefferson Co., Ohio. *Rayland Ohio R.D.#2*
SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Raymond E. Bell, Ser. No. 737766, Co. B, 11th Inf.

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above-named soldier ~~be returned to the United States and shipped to you at Rush Run, Ohio.~~

Remain in Europe 5/16/21 ECU

If these are not the correct instructions, please correct them. Make corrections on reverse side of this sheet.

The nearest next of kin may choose between, (1) return of the body to any address in the United States; (2) interment in the National Cemetery, Arlington, Va., or any other National Cemetery; or (3) body to remain in Europe.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

GEORGE H. PENROSE,
Colonel, Q. M. G.
6/3/21

5/25/21 PROPOSED CABLEGRAM NO. 305 TO EUROPE-BODY TO REMAIN

If all blank spaces below are not filled out, it will necessitate a return of this paper and a SERIOUS DELAY in the shipment of this body. State in each case WHETHER or not these relatives are STILL LIVING.



Was soldier married? *no*

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow <i>None</i>		<i>MAY 16 1921</i>	
Soldier's children. { 1 2 3 (Name oldest first.)			
Father <i>Andrew Jackson Bell</i>	<i>On Smithfield Pike</i>		
Mother <i>Cora Bell</i>	"		
Brothers. { 1 <i>John Wesley Bell</i> 2 <i>Elizabeth B. Harris</i> 3 (Name oldest first.)	"	<i>Rush Run</i>	<i>Ohio</i>
	"	<i>Rush Run</i>	<i>Ohio</i>
Sisters. { 1 2 3 (Name oldest first.)			

Date *May 14 1921*

Signature *A J Bell*

Address *Rayland Ohio R.D.#2*

Relationship *Father*

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May 14

I, the undersigned, am the Father and nearest living next of kin of the within-named

(Relationship.)

soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:
(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

RECEIVED BY
MAIL UNIT

1. ~~As stated on first page of this sheet.~~

2. ~~To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to~~

JUN 1 1921
(Name.)

(R. R. station.)

Cemeterial Division (State.)

3. ~~To be returned to the U. S. and buried in~~

~~Overland National Cemetery.~~

4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

Signature

Andrew Jackson Bell

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

1. If definite instructions for the disposition of a body are not received from the next of kin within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.
2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.
3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT of kin IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.
4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest next of kin in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.
6. If YOU are not the nearest next of kin, please ask the nearest next of kin, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
7. If YOU are not the nearest living next of kin and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.
8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

NOTE.—INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DISPOSITION OF REMAINS will be issued by this office upon the properly executed authority of the legal next of kin in each case. The widow is the first person having disposition of the remains of her husband. Should there be no widow or children, the father and, in turn (upon his decease), the mother, is the proper authority. The brothers, in order of seniority, and then the sisters in order of seniority, if there are no brothers, rank next in authority to decide. Under an opinion rendered by the Judge Advocate General of the Army, if a widow has remarried she forfeits her right, and the next of kin as given above will make decision.

4/22/21
DHA

Station..... Date....., 192

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, AND SHIPMENT OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records Office Chief G. R. S.

Discrepancy found upon examination of body.

1. Name BELL, Raymond E.
2. No. 737766
3. Rank pvt.
4. Org Co. B, 11th Infantry
5. D. D. 10/20/18
6. C. D. R/A

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment.

7. Grave No. 193 Sec. 87
8. Plot 4 Row _____
9. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
16. Plot _____ Row _____
17. _____

Cancelled
6/3/21
gsl.

18. Cemetery Argonne American Cemetery
19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Montfaucon
20. Department or county Meuse
21. Country France

22. G. R. S. Headquarters Code No. 1232-sec. 87

23. Disinterred _____ (Date) _____ By _____

24. Inscription on grave marker { Name _____ Serial No. _____
Rank _____ Organization _____

25. Was identification disk found on grave marker? _____ On body? _____

Signature of Junior Technical Assistant.

(The following space is reserved for notations to be made by office Chief Graves Registration Service.)

Sec. 87-Cable Ref. No. 8

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PREPARATION

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

27. Condition of body.....

28. Nature of burial.....

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G. R. S. records quoted above?.....

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MAIL UNIT

JUN 1 1921

Cemeterial Division
Overseas Project Sub-Section

30. Body prepared and placed in casket..... (Date.) By.....

31. Casket sealed by.....

Signature of Embalmer (Supervisor).....

SHIPMENT (Show actual marking of box.) Box No.

32. Designation of body { Name Raymond E. Bell Serial No. 737766
Rank Pvt. Organization Co. B, 11th Infantry

33. CONSIGNEE—Name Mrs. Cora Bell,
Address Rush Run, Ohio (Exp & Tele)

34. Casket boxed and marked..... (Date.) By.....

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.....

36. Remarks.....

37. Shipped from cemetery..... (Date.) To..... (Point of concentration.)

Convoyer..... Signature Shipping Officer.....

38. Received at point of concentration..... (Date.)

Signature Receiving Officer.....

39. Shipped from point of concentration..... (Date.)

To..... (Port.) Convoyer.....

Signature Shipping Officer.....

40. Received European port..... (Date.)

Signature of G. R. S. Representative.....

41. Shipped to..... (U. S. port.) On..... (Boat.)

Date..... Convoyer..... (Signature of Shipping Officer.)

42. Received..... (Date.) By G. R. S. Representative..... (Signature.)

43. Shipped to destination..... (Date.) { B/L or Express Order No.
Convoyer..... { Shipping Officer.....

WAR DEPARTMENT
QUARTERMASTER CORPS
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
HOBOKEN, N. J.

May 17, 1921.

From: Graves Registration Officer, Hoboken, New Jersey.
To: Quartermaster General, Cemeterial Division, Washington, D. C.
Subject: Supplementary Advice concerning:

Quartermaster General, Cemeterial Div., O. O. N. G.
File # 293.8-88138

Name Bell, Raymond E. Ser. No. 737766
Rank Private Organization Co. B, 11th Infantry
Cemetery No. 1232-Sec.87 Cable Reference No. (Sheet No.) 8

Request shown below dated (Ship Inquiry) May 16, 1921. is latest in this case:

Name of Relative	<u>Return</u>	<u>Remain</u>	<u>Special</u>
	to	in	
Widow <u>None</u>		<u>France</u>	
Children _____			
Guardian _____			
Father <u>Andrew Jackson Bell - (Smithfield Pike) Rayland, Ohio.</u>		<u>R.D.#2,</u>	
Mother _____			
Brother _____			
Sister _____			
Others _____			

Bell, Raymond E.

Body ~~to be shipped to, or~~ for interment in: perm. Amer. cty.

(glb)

Cable
Letter May 25 1921 forwarding advice to Europe dispatched _____ 1921.

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RECEIVED



MAY 18 1921
G. H. S.

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GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
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	to	in	

Widow None France

Children _____

Guardian _____

Father Andrew Jackson Bell - (Smithfield Pike) Bayland, Ohio. R.D. #2,

Mother _____

Brother _____

Sister _____

Others _____

Body ~~to be shipped to~~ for interment in: perm. Amer. city.

(glb)

Cable

Letter May 25 1921 forwarding advice to Europe dispatched _____ 1921.

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MAILED - C. P. D.
MAY 17 1921

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To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Oct. 11, 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, Raymond E.
 2. No. 737766
 3. Rank Pvt.
 4. Org. Co. B 11th Inf.
 5. D.D. 10-20
 6. C.D. K.I.A.

10. Name _____
 11. No. --4766 (On tag on body)
 12. Rank _____
 13. Org. _____
 14. (a) D.D. _____
 (b) D.B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 193 Sec. 87
 8. Plot 4 Row _____
 9. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
 16. Plot _____ Row _____
 17. None No desc.

18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne19. Commune or town Romagne/s/Montfaucon20. Dept. or County Meuse21. Country France

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

1232 Sec. 8723. Disinterred (Date) 10-11-21By C. V. Russell

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Raymond E. BellSerial No. 737766Rank Pvt.Organization Co. B. 11th Inf.25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes On body? Yes

C. V. Russell
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

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

None27. Condition of body Badly decomposed features unrecognizable28. Nature of burial US Uniform, burlap and pine box29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? See item 11.30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date 10-11-21 By C.V. Russell31. Casket sealed by C. V. Russell

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

FRANK MURPHY, OHIO, CHAIRMAN.
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House of Representatives,

COMMITTEE ON
EXPENDITURES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.
Washington.

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Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. O. M. G.
File # 2938 # 87138

November 21, 1921

Chief, Cemeterial Division,
Graves Registration Service,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am inclosing herewith two letters addressed to Mrs. Cora Bell, Rush Run, Ohio, as well as a letter written to me by Mrs. Bell and dated November 18, 1921.

It seems that Mrs. Bell has changed her mind with reference to having the remains of her son, Raymond E. Bell, Pvt., Cty.#1232-Sec.87-Sht.8, returned to the United States.

In view of all that Mrs. Bell says with reference to the above referred to matter I most respectfully submit that arrangements should be made to return to the United States the remains of the above referred to Raymond E. Bell.

Thanking you in advance for any consideration given this communication and asking that you return the attached letters to me, I am

Very respectfully yours,

Frank Murphy

Noted on Form 115
Date 11-28-21-APB.

Bell, Raymond E.
1921-8

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Nov. the 18th 1921.

Mr. Frank Murphy.

Dear Sir,

In the failure of getting the remains of my son returned home, I was advised by a friend who is acquainted with you to write to you and enclose those two letters. The fact is when I received the first notice whether I wanted my boy sent home or not I was so troubled I didnt know what to do so now through my long strougle in grief and distress I dont feel that I can live or die satisfied unless I can get my boy sent to me in fact I am so worried I cant rest I kindly ask you if you can do anything for me towards getting him and have him layed in the cemetery which I expect to lay I could feel better satisfied he was all the one I had at home and I had to suffer to give him up and all the other boys near here have been sent home.

Yours resp.

(Signed) Mrs. Cora Bell,
Rush Run, Ohio.

Noted on Form 115
Date 11-26-21 alB.

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bell, Raymond E.

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

Pvt. Co. B, 11th Inf.

(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH:

CAUSE OF DEATH: Vegetation front GSW

DATE OF BURIAL: Oct 23 1918.

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

Map Montfaucon, 1/500000 86.4.-09.3

GRAVE NUMBER: 12

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: Missing

Was one buried with body?

Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker?

If name unknown and tags missing, description and marks should be given here:

CMML. BANTHEVILLE (MEUSE)

(C 303) SHT. 35 NE COORD

NEAREST RELATIVE: E 309.3

ADDRESS: N. 286.4

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY: F. Fitzgibbon 2nd Lt. 358th Inf.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

G. R. S. Form No. 8; 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: **BELL**
 () Number: **737766**
 () First name: **Raymond E.**
 () Rank: **Private**
 () Company: **"B"**
 () Organization: **11th. Infantry**
 () Date of death:
 () Cause:
 () Place:

Location of hospital:

Number " "

Class " "

Relative: **Mrs. Cora Bell**

Relationship: **Mother**

Address: **Rush Run, Jefferson, Ohio.**

() Authority:
 Cablegram No:
 Telegram from:

dated:

() Reported to Washington:
 C. C. Nos:

() (Underscore the "official" C. C.)

() Remarks:
 () Show present status on reverse side.

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

Initials of Reporter:

88138

FILE

May 27, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Gen.Div.Cor.Br.

Re: Bell, Raymond, E., Private,
Serial Number 737766,
Co. B, 11th Infantry.

Mr. Andrew Jackson Bell,
R.D.#2,
Rayland, Ohio (Smithfield Pike)

Dear Sir:

Your shipping inquiry dated May 14, 1921, requesting that the remains of the deceased soldier named above be left in France has been forwarded to the Cemeterial Division, Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C., for necessary action.

It is requested that any further communications concerning the disposition of the remains be addressed to that office for reply.

The Department desires to renew its previous expression of sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, ~~Co. 1st Cavalry~~
Officer in Charge.

BY:

F. C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant

MKS/BR

MAILED
MAY 31 1921
COR. BR. R. S.
RECEIVED BY
MAY 1 1921
G. H. S.

293.8 C-R #88138 (Bell, Raymond E., Pvt.) Cty. 1232-Sec.87 - Sht.8

November 25, 1921.

Hon. Frank Murphy,
House of Representatives.

My dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 21st, enclosing correspondence relative to the late Private Raymond E. Bell, Company "B", 11th Infantry.

The files of this office contain the request of Mrs. Corn Bell that the remains of her son be permanently interred in France, and the necessary instructions have been issued to effect this end. It is not now in order to issue instructions for the return of the body as the Secretary of War decided July 27th that no changes in requests would be accepted after August 15th, and this information was at once given publicity through the press, in an endeavor to advise all interested. This decision was based upon the status of European operations, which had reached a stage where further changes would entail additional expense to the Government and disarrange plans for concentrations into permanent cemeteries of the bodies to remain buried in Europe.

I am returning enclosures as requested.

Very truly yours,

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BPM

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C. H. KRAUTHOFF,
Deputy General, Q.M. Corps,
Adjutant Quartermaster General.

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Date 11-28-21-ax

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Chief, Cem. Div.

FILE

293.8 C-R #88138 (Bell, Raymond E., Pvt.) Cty. 1232-Sec.87 - Sht.8

November 25, 1921.

Hon. Frank Murphy,
House of Representatives.

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Very truly yours,

Filed on Form 115
Date 11-28-21-axA

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C. R. KRAUTHOFF,
Brigadier General, Q.M. Corps,
Acting Quartermaster General.

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J. R. R. H
NOV 25 1921

Chief, Cem. Div.

November 3, 1921.

295.8-Cem.#00130 (Bell, Raymond E., Pvt.)Cty.#1232-Reg.87-Sht.8

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

Mrs. Cora Bell, Rush Run, Ohio.

Disposition of Remains.

File 11/3/21
aas

1. In reply to your letter of October 25, 1921, forwarded from our branch office at Hoboken, New Jersey, you are advised that the records of our office contain the request of the father of the late Private Raymond E. Bell, Company B, 11th Infantry, that the remains of the deceased be permanently interred in France and instructions have been issued that his wishes be complied with.
2. You are further advised that the progress of the work in France has rendered it necessary to establish a definite policy governing requests relative to the disposition of the remains of our soldier dead; therefore, the Secretary of War has directed that no change of requests relative to the return of a body will be considered after August 15, 1921. In view of this policy it is too late to issue instructions for the return of these remains.
3. The American Cemetery of the Meuse Argonne, in which the remains of the deceased are interred, is a permanent American Cemetery and the grave will be marked by a suitable headstone and will be perpetually maintained by our Government in the most careful and reverent manner as a memorial to the late soldier's supreme sacrifice. You are assured that the Government will never forget your priceless gift to the cause of freedom.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:

Noted on Form 115
Date 11-3-21-aas

MAILED

CHARLES J. WYNN,
Captain, Q. M. C.

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DA
aas

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CEMETERIAL DIV.
O. Q. M. G.

1232-87-8

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div. Cor. Br.
(BELL, Raymond E.)

October 28, 1921.

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief Cemeterial Division, O.Q.M.G.,
Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT: Case of Raymond E. Bell, Serial No.
737766, Private, Co. B, 11th Infantry.

1. Forwarded herewith communication from
Mrs. Cora Bell, Rush Run, Ohio, requesting the return of
the remains of the above named deceased soldier for considera-
tion and reply from your office.

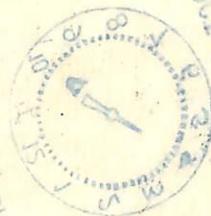
2. Records in this case were returned to
Washington May 31, 1921.

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Officer, in Charge.

BY:

F. C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

Incl.
KMS/mls



OCT 28 1921

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OCT 28 1921

1232-87-8

October 28, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div. Cor. Br.
(Bell, Raymond E.)

Mrs. Cora Bell,
Rush Run,
Ohio.

Dear Madam:

Receipt of your letter of October 25, 1921, requesting the return of the remains of the late Raymond E. Bell, Private, Serial No. 737766, Co. B., 11th Infantry, is acknowledged.

Your communication has been referred to the Chief Cemeterial Division, Washington, D. C., for consideration of your request.

You will be advised of action taken in the immediate future.

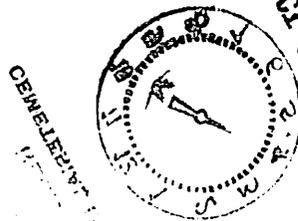
By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q. M. Corps.
Officer in Charge.

BY:

F. C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

KMS/mls.



November 25, 1921.

Hon. Frank Murphy,
House of Representatives.

My dear Sir:

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I am returning enclosures as requested.

Very truly yours,

C. R. KRAUTHOFF,
Brigadier General, Q.M. Corps,
Acting Quartermaster General.

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*293.8 Bell, Raymond E.
P. H. - Jones - Department 1.5.30 X
in handwriting 1921*

QM 293 A-M
Bell, Raymond E. (MA)

January 8, 1932

Mrs. Cora Bell,
R. D. #1, Box #128,
Mingo Junction, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Raymond E. Bell. In reply to a questionnaire, you advised that you did not desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer of 1932.

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In the event you change your mind and later decide to visit your son's grave, it is requested that you so notify this office. Should you make a pilgrimage you are assured that the journey will not only be made at the expense of the Government but that everything possible for your comfort and welfare will be provided.

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, Raymond E.

June 29, 1929.

Mrs. Cora Bell,
Rush Run,
Jefferson Co.,
Ohio.

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Major, Q. M. Corps.
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bell Raymond B (MA)

July 7, 1932

Mrs Cora Bell
R D #1 Box 128
Mings Junction Ohio

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) _____

QM 293 A-M
Bell, Raymond E. (MA)

January 8, 1932

Mrs. Cora Bell,
R. D. #1, Box #128,
Mingo Junction, Ohio.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 7, 1930.

Bell, Raymond E. 1232 M

Mrs. Cora Bell,
R.D. #1, Box 128,
Mings Junction, Ohio.

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)

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bell, Raymond, E.
1232

September 4, 1929.

Mrs. Cora Bell,
Rush Run,
Jefferson, Co., Ohio.

Dear Madam:

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,

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



QM 293 C-R

September 28, 1923.

Mrs. Cora Bell,
Rush Run,
Jefferson County, O.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the ^{Private Raymond E. Bell, Company B, 11th Infantry,} permanent grave of ^{is Grave 20, Row 31, Block F, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-} ~~both-north 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. 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.

You are assured in effecting removal of the remains, the utmost care and reverence were exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed 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,

Q.Q.M.G.
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H.M. CIBAL

Assistant.

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R. E. Shannon
Captain, 9th Cavalry
Wichita, Kansas

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R. E. Bell, Paymaster, 1st Cavalry
Serial number 737765
Co. B, 11th Cavalry

Dear Sir I have come to the
conclusion that it will be
best to have the soldier above
mentioned sent home and I don't
think I can justify in
leaving his body over there.

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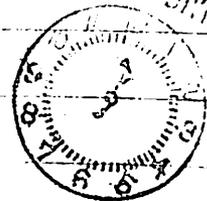
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I at once thought it could
but a severe cold and
so much agony that I could
not rest or find any relief
I have his body sent home

Yours truly
Mrs. Cora B. [unclear]
Riverside, [unclear]

waiting a reply

CENETERNAL DIVISION



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