

FULL NAME ..... BELL, Spencer M.

RANK ..... 1st Lt. SERIAL .....

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION ..... 3rd Avia.Inst.Center ..... *ASSC*

DATE OF DEATH..... *Aug. 25 1918*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME..... *Calif.*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED; *none*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION.....	11	4	B
	Grave	Row	Block

Suresnes, #34

Cemetery

REC'D WORLD WAR DIV.  
9 AUG 25 1924

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

..... Bell ..... Spencer H. .....  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

..... 1st. Lieut. ..... Sig. R. C., A. S. .....  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL..... August 26, 1918.....

PLACE OF BURIAL..... A. E. F. Cemetery No. 34.....

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

..... Map of A. E. F. Cemetery No. 34.....

..... St. Omer, France.....

GRAVE NUMBER..... 529.....

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

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

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

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

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

REPORTED BY:

W. J. Flanagan Chaplain

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Place Suresnes (Seine)

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date 9.9.21

1. REMAINS OF BELL, Spencer M. SERIAL NUMBER ---  
RANK 1st Lt. ORGANIZATION 3rd Avia. Instr. Center.

2. Disinterred (date) : 9.9.21 From (give complete location) :  
Gr. 529, Cem. 34. Suresnes.  
By : Group 1 Unit Sec. 6

3. Reburied (date) : 9.9.21 In (give complete location) :  
Gr. 11, Row 4, Cem. 34. Suresnes. Block B.  
By : Group 1 Unit Sec. 6 Nature of reburial Metal casket, blanket and metal strips.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :  
Wooden box, officer's uniform. Badly decomposed - features unrecognizable

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :  
Sam Browne belt. Aviators insignia on chest.

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

(a) Height (~~actual~~ <sup>est.</sup> measurement) 70 inches.

(b) Weight (estimated) 170 lbs.

(c) Hair—Color App. dark brown

Quantity Medium head.

Characteristics App. straight

(d) Hair on face—Color None visible

Location None visible

Quantity None visible

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) None visible

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) Post mortem case. Lower jaw brokwn.  
No. 3. Gold Filling Nos. 6, 5, 9, 14, 19, 30 & 32  
No. 10 cavity. (Sil. Filling. 10-30394)  
One extra incisor.

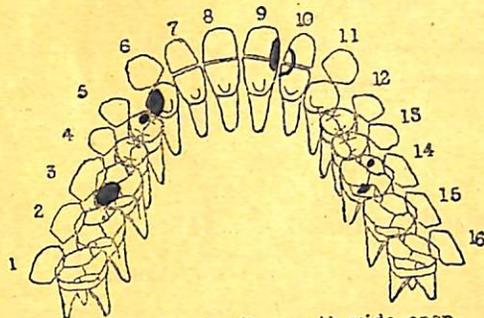
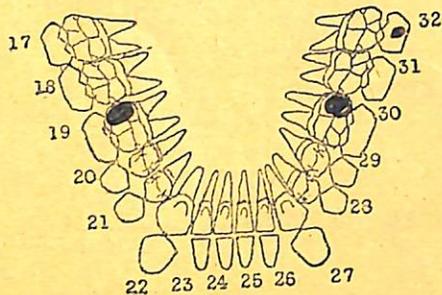


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



No. 3. Gold Filling Nos. 6, 5, 9, 14, 19, 30 & 32  
No. 10 cavity. (Sil. Filling. 10-30394)  
One extra incisor.

7. Disinterment supervised by A.W. Taggart, S.E. Approved : E.J. Riordan, Capt., QMC.

8. Reburial supervised by A.W. Taggart, S.E. Approved : E.J. Riordan, Capt., QMC.

LDH

(Title)

Bell, Spencer M.  
Lieut.

WESTERN MILITARY BUREAU  
ROUTE AND SCHEDULE

EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE SAILING FROM NEW YORK CITY May 21, 1930

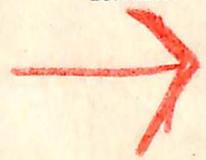
San Diego County, State of California

Name Bell, Mrs Alice F

Address Lemon Grove, Calif. (RR Station San Diego, Calif.)

Route going: AT&SF Chicago, Erie New York

Return: Same route



Leave Lemon Grove on San Diego Electric Ry Co in time to connect with AT&SF Train #4 leaving San Diego at 2:10 PM May 15th. Separate transportation request drawn on AT&SF RY to be issued for this part of the journey.

	ROAD	TRAIN	TIME	DATE	
Itinerary going	Lv <u>San Diego</u>	AT&SF	4	2:10 PM	May 15
	Ar <u>Chicago</u>	"	"	9:15 AM	" 18
	Lv <u>Chicago</u>	Erie	"	11:00 AM	" "
	Ar <u>New York</u>	"	"	3:15 PM	" 19
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Accommodations: Standard sleeper San Diego to Chicago and Chicago to New York.

Elapsed Time: 94 hrs:5 min. 4

Extra Fare:

B-20

BELL, SPENCER W.

Party "D" - Itinerary - Suresnes Group

Sailed May 21st on GEORGE WASHINGTON. Maj. F. D. Carlock in charge. Arrived Cherbourg 11.30 pm, May 29th. General Cheatham accompanied as observer.

May 30th. Debarked. Maj. Dailey, Capt. Kinderman, Lt. Freeman, 9 nurses and other personnel went out to ship on tender. Met at dock by Col. Ellis. Arrived Gare des Invalides, Paris, at 2.05pm. Met by Col. Bartlett and detail of officers, interpreters and nurses. Taken to hotel in bus.

May 31st. Morning devoted to transaction of personal business. Visited Arc de Triomphe in afternoon. Mrs. Eliza Wilson laid official wreath for party. Reception at Restaurant Laurent. Returned to hotel.

June 1st. Free - Church - Lunch d'Iena. Visited Suresnes Cemetery.

June 2nd. Visited Cemetery and Belle Cycliste.

June 3rd. Fontainebleau.

June 4th. Visited Cemetery, Belle Cycliste and Notre Dame at nite.

June 5th. Visited Chateau Thierry.

June 6th. Visited Sacre Coeur - d'Iena - Versailles - Belle Cycliste.

June 7th. Visited Louvre - Belle Cycliste - Cemetery.

June 8th. Free - Church - d'Iena - Napoleon's Tomb.

June 9th. Cemetery - Belle Cycliste - Free.

June 10th. Left hotel between 9 and 9.30 for Invalides Railway Station-entrained for Cherbourg. Accompanied by 8 conducting officers, Capt. Kinderman, 3 nurses, 2 civilian employees. Arrived Cherbourg 4.11 pm. Boarded PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT at 5.05 pm. Sailed at 6 pm. Arrived U. S. June 18th.

Mrs. Alice F. Bell

Name..... BELL, Mrs Alice F.  
Paris Hôtel..... HOTEL D'ÉNA  
Home address..... AVENUE D'ÉNA  
Lemon Grove, San Diego County, California  
Party..... D..... Group..... 6..... Unit..... S.S. WASHINGTON  
Date of arrival..... May 30, 1930..... Date of departure ~~SS~~. ROOSEVELT-June 10-1930  
Relationship..... Mother  
Name of deceased..... BELL, Spencer M.  
Rank..... Ist Lt Organization 3d Av. Instruction Center  
Cemetery..... Suresnes

## REMARKS

Mrs. Rose Eckles, friend , age 66, to accompany Mrs. Alice F. Bell, Letter to Cherbourg, . Arranged for cancellation of American Express contract.



validate

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NAME BELL, MRS. ALICE F.

S.S. ROOSEVELT JUN 19 1930

HOME LEMON GROVE, SAN DIEGO COUNTY, CALIF.

R.R. Erie to Chic - A.T. + S.F. to  
Albuquerque - A.T. + S.F. to  
San Diego  
Calif.

STATION

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE

Joe Bell  
Lemon Grove

California

~~Trk R to be done on A.T. & S.F.~~

WAR DEPARTMENT  
 "PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"  
 -- ROOM 901 --

225 West 34th St., New York, N.Y.

Party "D"  
 Number 558

BELL, SPENCER W. SUR.

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

MRS. ALICE F. BELL  
 Name of Traveler

Estimate cost of through Pullman.

LEMON GROVE, SAN DIEGO COUNTY  
 Home Address

New York, to SAN DIEGO

CALIF.

\$ 37.63

New York, to SAN DIEGO  
 Destination.

*3167  
 y/20*

Via ERIE to Chic. - A.T. & S.F. to Alberquerque - A.T. & S.F. to San Diego Calif.

JUNE 19th  
 Date of Departure

	Road	Tr. NO.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	car	U.S.G. Order NO.	Est. Cost
LV	<i>City</i>	<i>Exc</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>6/19</i>	<i>3 PM</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>9.00</i>
AR	<i>City</i>	<i>Exc</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>6/20</i>	<i>5 PM</i>			
LV	<i>City</i>	<i>atafe</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>6/20</i>	<i>9:05 PM</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>28.63</i>
AR	<i>San Diego</i>	<i>Exc</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>6/23</i>	<i>12:15 PM</i>		<i>Wg-1,020 561</i>	
LV								
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LV								
AR								
LV								
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TOTAL								<i>37.63</i>

Remarks::

*Escort - Maj Whitney*

May 10th, 1930

Mrs. Alice F. Bell  
Lemon Grove, Cal.

Please attach the enclosed tags to each piece of baggage, thus to protect the safe arrival of same in New York.

Upon your arrival in this City, you will be met at the railroad station by a United States Army Officer, in uniform, who will wear on the left sleeve of his coat a blue cloth band, showing a Gold Star and the word "Pilgrimage". This officer will escort you and your baggage to your Hotel in New York City.

For the Officer in Charge

George F. B. Taylor,  
1st Lieut. U.S. ARMY.  
Assistant.

Enclosures:  
2 tags

Arrived N.Y. 3:15 PM - May 19  
Train 4 - Erie RR  
Capt Cistors

14654

# GRAVE LOCATION ~~BOOK~~

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

**Bell,**

**Spencer M.**

(Surname.)

(Number.)

(First Name and Initials.)

**1st Lieut.**

**Sig.R.C.,A.S.**

(Rank.)

(Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL August 26, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL A.E.F. Cemetery No. 34

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

Map of A.E.F. Cemetery No. 34

Suresnes, Seine, Paris, France

GRAVE NUMBER 529

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

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

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

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

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

REPORTED BY:

*F. Flanagan Chaplain*  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

9 SEP 1918

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

WASHINGTON June 13, 1922.

FILE: 293.8 C-R - #14684 - (Bell, Spencer M. 1st Lt.)  
FROM: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army.  
TO: Mrs. Alice Bell, Lemon Grove, Cal.  
SUBJECT: Permanent Grave Location of 1st Lt. Spencer M. Bell,  
3rd Avia. Instr. Center.

File 6/13/22  
A.S.S.

1. The permanent grave of this officer is No. 11 Row 4  
Block B, The American Cemetery of Suresnes, Department of Seine,  
France.

2. 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, organization and date of soldier's death. The headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.

3. In effecting removal, the utmost care and reverence were exacted and more than willingly accorded by those performing this sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

MAILED  
JUN 14 1922  
G.R.S.

GEORGE H. PENROSE,  
Colonel, Q. M. Corps,  
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

1. NAME Bell, Spencer M SERIAL No. \_\_\_\_\_

RANK 1st Lt. ORGANIZATION 3rd Avia. Instr. Center.

GRAVE LOCATION Amer.Cem. Suresnes - Seine 34  
CTY. NAME NUMBER

529

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 529 SURESNES. Seine.  
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES American Cty.#34.

CONCENTRATED TO Original burial.  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Original burial.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS None.  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR G.V.S. QUACKENBUSH.  
Lieut.-Col., Q.M.C., Chief, Operations Div.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 9-9-21. 11. 4. Block B.  
DATE GRAVE ROW ~~CEMETERY~~

SURESNES AMERICAN CEMETERY #34 (Seine) SURESNES  
CEMETERY

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept., 9, 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, SPENCER M

2. No. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Rank 1st Lt

4. Org. 3rd Avia.Instr. Center

5. D.D. 8-25-18

6. C.D. Aeroplane Accident

10. Name \_\_\_\_\_

11. No. \_\_\_\_\_

12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_

13. Org. Sig.R.C. A.S.

14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_

(b) D.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 529 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_

8. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_

9. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_

16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_

17. None

18. Cemetery Amer.

20. Dept. or County Seine

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 34

19. Commune or town Suresnes

21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) Sept., 9, 1921 By A. W. Taggart

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Spencer M. Bell

Rank 1st Lt.

Serial No. None

Organization 3rd Avia.Instr.Center

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

A. D. Hays  
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).

No effects. Sam Brown belt aviators insignia on chest

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Features unrecognizable

28. Nature of burial Wooden box. Officers uniform

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 Sept., 9th, 1921 A W Taggart

31. Casket sealed by A W Taggart

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) A. W. Taggart

C-4986

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

32. Designation of body: \_\_\_\_\_

Name Bell, Spencer M Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

Rank 1st Lt. Organization 3rd Avia. Instr. Center

33. Consigned to: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Permanent Cemetery Suresnes Amer. Cem. #34.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Sept., 9th, 1921 By A W Taggart

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 E J Riordan, Capt. QMC

36. Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Sept., 9th, 1921

To point of Concentration Suresnes (Seine)

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_ (Name)

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_

By G.R.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_

To Permanent Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_ (Name)

40. Received: Date \_\_\_\_\_

G.R.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

41. Reinterred Sept., 9th, 1921

(Date)

42. Grave No. 11 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot Block B Row 4

G.R.S. Representative E J Riordan, Capt. QMC

# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #14684

(a) Name BELL, Spencer M. Ser. No. -  
(b) Rank 1st Lt. Organization 3rd Avia, Instr. Center  
(c) Date of death 8/25/18 (d) Cause of death Aeroplane Accid.

TYP. HB  
CKR. I

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

(a) Grave No. 529 Row - Plot - Sec. - TYP. HB  
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Alice Bell (mother) Lemon Grove, Cal.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

NO CARD

CKR. I

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt -

(a) Name Mrs. Alice F. Bell (b) Relationship mother  
(c) Address Lemon Grove, Calif.  
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? no  
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at -

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. -

(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. -

Examiner's Initials P.H. Date 12-30-, 1920.

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

dated

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

no correspondence

Examiner's Initials P.H. Date 12-30-, 1920.

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

no request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes - b6P

Examiner's Initials b6P Date 1-3-, 1920.

COUNTRY France

CEMETERY No. 34

SHEET No. 54

G. R. S. Form No. 115  
Amended April 6, 1920

3-7729

Concentrated into P. A. C. 34

Make Form No. 114

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

CARDED

WB 2/20/21





CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Bell, Spencer M. Bel	3	25 <sup>0</sup> 2
BURIED	CEMETERY 34	1	6
	GRAVE 11	2	11
	ROW 4	2	04
	BLOCK B	1	2
STATE	Calif.	2	04
RANK	1st Lt	1	1
DIVISION	Air Service	2	44
ORGANIZATION	3rd	3	003
ARM	Avia Inst Center	1	3
MARITAL	No	1	2
NAME	Mrs. Alice F. Bell Bel	3	25 <sup>2</sup>
RESIDENCE	STATE Calif	2	04
	COUNTY San Diego	2	37
	CITY Lemon Grove	3	XXV
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	Yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Good	1	1
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO. YR. 1930	1	
ACCEPTANCE	Yes	1	
29/514/EAB	Age		70

Sold May 21 1930

AUDITED  
 SEP 24 1931  
 LVPB

NAME Bell, M. Alice F.

D.

ADDRESS San Diego County, Lemon Grove, California

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

TO: OFFICER-IN-CHARGE,  
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

I BEG TO INFORM YOU THAT I HAVE RETURNED  
TO MY HOME SAFELY AND IN GOOD HEALTH.

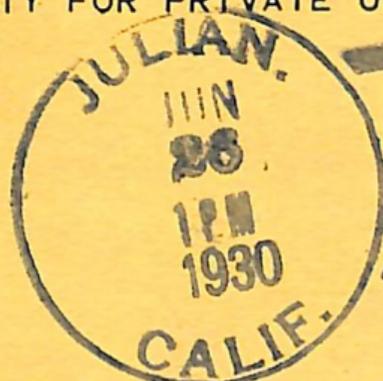
SINCERELY,

(SIGNED) Mrs. Alice F. Bell

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300.



PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

STATE

Bell, Spencer M.

CALIFORNIA.....

Mother

Lemon Grove,

NAME .. Bell, Mrs. Alice F. .... HOME ADDRESS San Diego County .....

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN ..... Mr. Joe Bell    Lemon Grove, Cali. ....

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORKDATE ..... 5/19 ..... HOTEL *Roosevelt* ..... ROOM NO. 477 .....DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE ..... May 21st, 1930 ..... VESSEL ..... S/S "WASHINGTON" ..... CABIN NO. 326-C .....

DESTINATION ..... CHERBOURG, FRANCE ..... CEMETERY ..... SURESNES .....

RETURN NEW YORK

DATE JUN. 18. 1920

NAME *Bell, Mrs Alice F.* HOME ADDRESS *Lemon Grove San Diego County, California*  
 RETURN ON S. S. **S/S ROOSEVELT** HOTEL **MCALPIN** ROOM NO. *1056*

DEPARTURE NEW YORKDATE *6/19*

ROAD *Exp* TRAIN *3* CAR *33* BERTH or SEAT *11*

REMARKS .....

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RETURN RECEIPT  
Washington 5-21-30

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

x Mrs Alice F. Bell  
(Signature or name of addressee.)

J. Sullivan  
(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, May 18, 1930

**Post Office Department**

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

**REGISTERED ARTICLE**

No. \_\_\_\_\_

**INSURED PARCEL**

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Return to \_\_\_\_\_

Street and Number,  
or Post Office Box, \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF SENDER  
**Q. M. GENERAL**

**MUNITIONS BUILDING  
WASHINGTON,**

**D. C.**

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

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING  
OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

760- Washington 6 21/30

34

RETURN RECEIPT

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

Mrs. Ann F. Bell

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, 5/12, 1920

**Post Office Department**

**OFFICIAL BUSINESS**

**REGISTERED ARTICLE**

No. 926971

**INSURED PARCEL**

No. \_\_\_\_\_

*Return to* Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

*Street and Number,  
or Post Office Box,* MUNITIONS BUILDING

**WASHINGTON,**

**D. C.**

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





WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

March 25, 1930.

Bell, Spencer M. 34 M

Mrs. Alice F. Bell,  
Lemon Grove, Calif.

Dear Madam:

The following instructions prepared by the Secretary of State contain the necessary instructions to be followed by you in obtaining the passport or travel document to be utilized in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. Please read the directions carefully and call in person upon the nearest Passport Agent or clerk of a Federal or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens. Passport Agencies are located in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle. In large cities there are usually two or more courts and at each county-seat a state court authorized to accept these passport applications.

When you make this call be sure to take with you the four photographs called for in the instructions together with your invitation as a means of identification. You should take with you to the passport office at this time a friend who is an American citizen and who has known you for several years. The passport Agent or clerk of the court will mail your application to the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C., who will issue the passports and travel documents and will deliver them to The Quartermaster General to be held by him until your arrival in New York.

The instructions prepared by the Secretary of State are as follows:

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than 2½x2½ inches in size and such documentary

evidence of her American citizenship as she may have in her possession. In the absence of evidence of citizenship, her application should be witnessed by a credible person residing in the same community who is an American citizen, has known her for a long period of time and is able to swear to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that she is a citizen of the United States.

"A mother or widow who does not owe allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Pilgrimage Travel Document through a clerk of a Federal court or a State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens or through a Passport Agent upon the form of application prescribed for that purpose, entitled APPLICATION FOR A PILGRIMAGE TRAVEL DOCUMENT, issued under the Act of March 2, 1929, submitting therewith four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3 x 3 inches in size and not less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size. When making application she should be accompanied by a credible witness who has known her for a period of two years or more.

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"Applicants resident in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle should execute applications at the Passport Agencies in those cities."

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Lemon Grove, Calif.

May 14<sup>th</sup> 1929

John T. Harris  
Major, I. M. Corps

Dear Sir,

In reply to your  
question of May 4<sup>th</sup> 1929 regarding to  
I M 293 A. C. Spencer M. Bell  
he left no widow, as he was not-  
married,

Respectfully

Mrs. Alice F. Bell, mother  
of late First Lieutenant Spencer M. Bell  
3rd Aviation Instruction Center.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 295 A-C

Bell, Spencer M

May 4, 1929.

Mrs. Alice Bell,  
Lemon Grove,  
California.

Dear Madam:

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

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For The Quartermaster General,

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Very truly yours,

JOHN T. HARRIS,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Bell, Spencer M #34 M

October 8, 1929.

Mrs. Alice F. Bell,  
Lemon Grove,  
California.

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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) <i>yes</i>	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <i>yes</i>	(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) <i>no</i>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age (Years) <i>70</i>	Health <i>good</i> (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <i>English</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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May 13, 1930, Washington, D. C.

MRS ALICE F BELL  
LEMON GROVE CALIFORNIA

IDENTIFICATION BADGE TO BE WORN ON PILGRIMAGE WILL BE DELIVERED  
TO YOU BY RAILROAD REPRESENTATIVE AT CHICAGO.

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Bell, Spencer F. 34 - M

May 6, 1930.

Mrs. Alice F. Bell,  
Lemon Grove, Calif.

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:

Leave Lemon Grove on San Diego Electric Railway Co. in time to connect with AT&SF Train No. 4, leaving San Diego at 2:10 PM May 15.

Leave San Diego	AT&SF Train No. 4	2:10 PM	May 15
Arrive Chicago		9:15 AM	May 18
Leave Chicago	Erie R.R. Train No. 4	11:00 AM	May 18
Arrive New York (Jersey City)		3:15 PM	May 19

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

March 25, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Bell, Spencer M. 34 M

Mrs. Alice F. Bell,  
Lemon Grove, Calif.

Dear Madam:

The following instructions prepared by the Secretary of State contain the necessary instructions to be followed by you in obtaining the passport or travel document to be utilized in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. Please read the directions carefully and call in person upon the nearest Passport Agent or clerk of a Federal or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens. Passport Agencies are located in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle. In large cities there are usually two or more courts and at each county-seat a state court authorized to accept these passport applications.

When you make this call be sure to take with you the four photographs called for in the instructions together with your invitation as a means of identification. You should take with you to the passport office at this time a friend who is an American citizen and who has known you for several years. The passport Agent or clerk of the court will mail your application to the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C., who will issue the passports and travel documents and will deliver them to The Quartermaster General to be held by him until your arrival in New York.

The instructions prepared by the Secretary of State are as follows:

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than 2½x2½ inches in size and such documentary

evidence of her American citizenship as she may have in her possession. In the absence of evidence of citizenship, her application should be witnessed by a credible person residing in the same community who is an American citizen, has known her for a long period of time and is able to swear to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that she is a citizen of the United States.

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bell, Spencer M. 34-1

March 21, 1930

Mrs. Alice F. Bell,  
Lemon Grove, Calif.

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.

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**WAR DEPARTMENT**  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

October 8, 1929.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Bell, Spencer M #34. M

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Lemon Grove,  
California.

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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  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
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May 4, 1929.

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Major, Q. M. Corps,  
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Spencer M

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

1st Lt.

3rd Avia Inst Center

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased *mother*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? *no*

(Yes or no.)

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

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

*Mrs. Alice F. Bell*

*Lenox Grove*

*Calif.*

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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Drawn by L. G.

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Over to # 34

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M.M.