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✓ NAME BELL, Virgil T. ✓ DATE 11/1/21
✓ RANK 2nd Lieut. ✓ ORGANIZATION MG Co, 326th Inf.
✓ GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne, Amer. Cty, ROMAGNE-sous-MONTFAUCON ✓ & DIVISION 2nd
CTY. NAME (Meuse) NUMBER #1232 sec-55

112 55 3
GRAVE SEC ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Fleury-sur-Aire, Meuse

GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.
COORDINATES Bar-le-Duc 51NE 249.8N 31OE

CONCENTRATED TO 6/20/19 112 55 3
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 cross and body

data f-1/pfb

✓ DATE OF DEATH OCT. 15, 1918

✓ STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Edi

✓ MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED Silver Star

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

904, 1/13/19 - 2nd Div.

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY
SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR M. B. BIRDSEYE
1st Lt., Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 11/1/21 21 46 A.
DATE GRAVE ROW Block REC

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

FEB 19 1926
WORLD WAR DIV.

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AUDITED
P.W.

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1st Ind.

AI/1-206

War Department, A.G.O., October 8, 1927. To: The Quartermaster General.

The records show that the correct spelling of the name is Vergil T. Bell, in accordance with the officer's signature, and the rank is 2nd Lieutenant, Infantry.

By order of the Secretary of War:

W. J. Chickering
Adjutant General.

REH X

Date 27th, June, 1919

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name BELL, Vergil T.

Number:

Rank 2nd. Lt. Organization: Mg. Ci. 326th., Inf.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group Unit

Disinterred (Date) From: (Give complete location)

20th., June, 1919

Grave 24 B.A. Cty. ELEURY SUR AIRE. MEUSE

Map. 51 N. E. E. 310. N. 249. 18

Reburied (Date) in: (Give complete location)

20th., June, 1919

Grave 112 Sec. 55 Plot 3

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

Note:

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

Supervised by Lt. Babbitt.

GHD.

C.O. Group

Unit

CONFIRMED NO. 9 11974

Bell, Virgil T.
2nd Lt.

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PARTY P., STEAMSHIP ROOSEVELT
SCHEDULES FOR GOLD STAR PILGRIMS LEAVING NEW YORK
AUGUST 9, 1930

GEORGIA

Cherokee County

Bell, Mrs. Nancy Lula, (P-2)
Canton, Ga.

Lv. Canton	L&N	#5	9:06 a.m. (CT)	August 7
Ar. Atlanta	L&N	#5	11:00 a.m. (CT)	August 7
Lv. Atlanta	SoRy	#40	12:10 p.m. (CT)	August 7
Ar. New York	PennaRR	#126	1:55 p.m. (ET)	August 8

Route going: L&N, Atlanta, transfer, SoRy, Washington,
~~Washington, New York.~~

Return: PennaRR, ~~Washington, SoRy, Atlanta, Transfer,~~
~~L&N, Canton.~~

Same route

Coach Canton to Atlanta.

→ Sleeper Atlanta to New York.

Elapsed time 27 hours, 49 minutes. 1 $\frac{1}{4}$

Alt.

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ITINERARY OF THE MEUSE-ARGONNE GROUP PARTY "P"

BELL, Virgil T

Left New York on August 9, 1930 on the PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT in charge of Major J. F. Cottrell. Arrived Cherbourg harbor at daybreak August 17th. A special tender for the transportation of the pilgrims arrived alongside of the ship at 6 a.m. with the following personnel from the Paris office: Major G.F.N. Dailey, Captain Stanley G. Saulnier, Captain Pierre Mallett, Captain John Major Reynolds, Lt. Leroy W. Yarborough, Lt. Porter T. Gregory, Lt. Leo C. Paquet, Lt. E. V. Freeman, Major H. W. Kinderman, 5 nurses and 3 civilian employees. Left Cherbourg at 8:21 a.m. and arrived Gare des Invalides at 2:15 p.m. and met by Col. Ellis, members of his staff, interpreters and nurses. Taken to hotel where the remainder of the day was spent in resting and getting settled.

August 18th - A.M. conference with the conducting officer - explanation of points of general information. Lunch at hotel and at 2:45 p.m. departed for the Arc de Triomphe where a wreath was laid on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier by Mrs. Lucy S. Dunning who has two sons buried in the Meuse-Argonne Cemetery. Then to Restaurant Laurent where the usual tea and reception tendered by the US Government was held. Returned to hotel for dinner.

August 19th - A.M. visited Louvre and in p.m. the Sacre Coeur.

August 20th - free or shopping.

August 21st - Left Paris at 7:15 a.m. for Verdun via Montmirail, Chalons and Ste. Menehould.

August 22nd - 23rd -24th-25th - Daily visits to cemetery and sightseeing in the vicinity thereof.

August 26th - Departed Verdun for last visit to cemetery. Returned to Paris via Suippes and Reims - remained at Reims for the night.

August 27th - Visited Cathedral and on to Paris via Chateau Thierry.

August 28th - A. M. free and visited Versailles in P.M. also Belle Cycliste -Suresnes.

August 29th - Free and visit to Napoleon's Tomb in p.m.

August 30th - Visited Fontainebleau

August 31st - free or church - visited Notre Dame in p.m. Night trip.

September 1st - free

September 2nd - Left Paris at 10:30 a.m. in charge of Captains Saulnier, Mallett and Reynolds, Lieuts. Gregory, Paquet, Zwicker, 7 nurses and 1 civilian. Arrived Cherbourg 4:26 and sailed at 6:30 p.m. Major Cottrell in charge and Col. O.L. Spaulding was the observer.

Mrs. Nancy Lula Bell

WAR DEPARTMENT
"PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"
ROOM 901
225 WEST 34TH ST., NEW YORK, N. Y.

BELL, Virginia T. M.A.

Party
P
Number
2892

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

MRS. NANCY LULA BELL Actual cost of through Pullman.

Name of Traveler

ATNON, CHEROKEE COUNTY ATNON, GA.

Home Address

GEORGIA \$

New York, to ATNON, GA.
Destination

Via PENN. TO WASHINGTON: SOU TO ATLANTA: LAN TO DEST.

LIMIT - OCT. 7, 1930 SEPTEMBER 11, 1930

Date of Departure

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	Car	U. S. G. Order No.	Actual Cost
LV	PENN. STA.	PRR	101	9-11	1230A	KL	W0-1,024,072	9.25
AR	ATLANTA	Sou	35	9-12	5:00A	607		
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AR	CANTON	"	"	" "	9:25A			
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TOTAL

Remarks:
Escorted to station by Lt. H.R. Emery

(Arrived 1:55 p.m. August 8th. Met by Capt. Child and escorted to Astor where she occupied room with Mrs. Ada Lee Horton. Cabin 194-A Westbound and Cabin 7-C Eastbound - 2 bags - on return to NY went to the Astor where she roomed with same pilgrim)

Name BELL, Mrs Nancy Lula

Paris Hôtel HOTEL AMBASSADOR

Home address BOULEVARD HAUSSMANN
Canton, Cherokee County, Georgia

Party P Group I Unit SS.ROOSEVELT

Date of arrival Aug-17-1930 Date of departure SS.WASHINGTON-Sept-2-1930

Relationship Mother

Name of deceased BELL, Virgil T.

Rank 2d Lt. Organization M.G.Co, 326th Inf.

Cemetery Meuse-Argonne

REMARKS



Nancy Lula Bell

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NAME BELL, MRS. NANCY LULA

S.S. WASHINGTON SEP 11 1930

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HOME CATION, CHEROKEE COUNTY

GEORGIA

R.R.

Planned Wash. - San to
station Atlanta L + N. th dest

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE

Oct 7-30

July 19th, 1930

Mrs. Nancy Lula Bell,
Canton,
Georgia.

Dear Madam:

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. R. Taylor,
1st. Lieut. Q.M.Corp.,
Assistant.

Enclosures:
2 tags

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Bell,	3	252
	Virgil T.	1	1
BURIED	GRAVE 21	2	21
	ROW 46	2	46
	BLOCK A	1	1
STATE	Georgia	2	10
RANK	2nd. Lieut.	1	1
DIVISION	82	2	82
ORGANIZATION	326	3	326
ARM	Inf.	1	1
MARTIAL	no	1	2
NAME	Bell,	3	252
Mrs Nancy Lula	STATE Pa.	2	10
RESIDENCE	COUNTY Cherokee	2	29
	CITY Canton	3	010
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER	Father	1	1
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	yes	1	
29/514/PJ	Age	1	

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QM 293 AM
Bell, Virgil T. 2nd Lt. 1232 M

September 6, 1930.

Mrs. Nancy Lula Bell,
Centon, Georgia.

Dear Madam:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt from Mrs. E. C. Beasley, Mrs. Ada Williamson and Mrs. William Bauer, of the testimonial on behalf of the group of mothers and widows from the State of Georgia, who sailed on the SS President Roosevelt, August 9th, to visit the graves of their sons and husbands in Europe, and of which group you were a member.

It is gratifying to receive such concrete evidence that the action taken by the Government in making these pilgrimages possible is appreciated and that the efforts on the part of those assigned to conduct the group to make the trip as enjoyable as possible for the mothers and widows, has met with success.

The Quartermaster Corps, which is charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages, has expended every effort that those making the journey might have a comfortable and pleasant trip. I feel, however, that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation and consideration shown by the mothers and widows.

With sincere appreciation of the sentiments expressed, I am

Sincerely yours,

H. V. DeWITT,
Major General,
The Quartermaster General.

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M NAME MRS. NANCY LULA BELL, P

ADDRESS CANTON, GEORGIA

DATE *August 12.*

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. Nancy Lula Bell

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Penalty for private use to avoid
payment of postage \$300.



PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK N. Y.

STATE

GEORGIA.....

BELL, VIRGIL T.^PNAME Bell, Mrs. Nancy Lula..... HOME ADDRESS Canton, Cherokee CountyNAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN Frank Bell, same.....ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

AUG 8 1930

ASTOR

DATE HOTEL ROOM NO. 910

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

AUG 9 1930

S/S ROOSEVELT

DATE VESSEL CABIN NO. 7c

DESTINATION CEMETERY M.A.
CHERBOURG

RETURN NEW YORK

DATE ... SEP 10 1930

M
NAME . Bell, Mrs. Nancy Lula..... HOME ADDRESS .. Canton, Cherokee County
n
S/S RETURN ON S.S. GEORGE WASHINGTON HOTEL .. ASTOR ROOM NO. 912
GEORGE WASHINGTON Georgia

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE ... 9/11

ROAD ... Penn. TRAIN 101. CAR ... KX BERTH or SEAT ... L7

REMARKS

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RETURN RECEIPT

Received 8-9-30

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

Delivery address
to addressee

Mrs Mary Luke Bell

(Signature or name of addressee.)

De Bell

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

JUL 24 1930

Date of delivery, _____, 192

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. *924588*

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____

Return to _____

Street and Number, }
or Post Office Box, }

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



POSTMARK OF DELIVERING
OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)
MUNITIONS BUILDING

Post Office at _____

State _____

Washington, D. C.

3012-C

RETURN RECEIPT

1232

Roosevelt 8-9-30

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

Mrs. Nancy Lula Bell

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, 7-16, 1980

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 1-7322

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____

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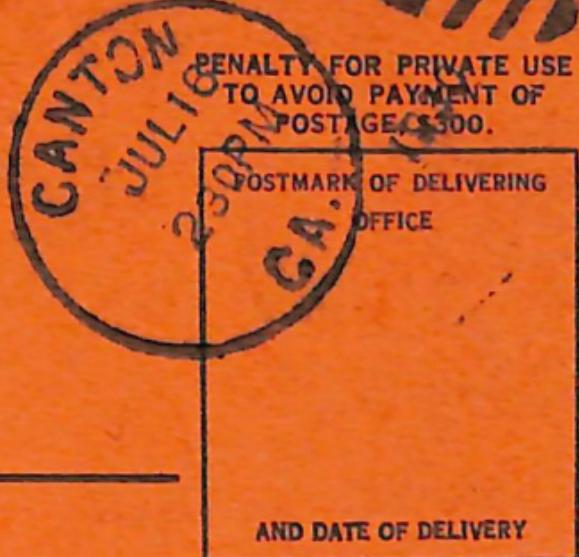
Street and Number,
or Post Office Box,

GENERAL
NAME OF SENDER

NAME OF SENDER

MUNITIONS BUILDING WASHINGTON,

P. C.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bell, Virgil T. 1232

July 10, 1930

Mrs. Nancy Lula Bell,
Canton,
Georgia.

Dear Madam:

With reference to previous correspondence
on this subject, you are informed that your passport
has been received and will be delivered to you aboard
ship.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARtermaster GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bell, Virgil T. - 1232 M

July 14th 1930

Mrs. Nancy Lula Bell
Canton, Ga.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. 366,003 in the
amount of \$ 12.50, to pay for your meals and incidental
expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage
authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

1 Incl.
Check No.

In p. 2

Canton, Ga.
July 7th, 1930

QM 293 A-M
Bell, Virgil T. 1232

War Department
Office of the Quartermaster General,
Washington D. C.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of June 30th will say that I have a letter from the Pasport Division, Department of State date June 2nd 1930 stating:-"The Department acknowledges the receipt of your application for a special Pilgrimage Pass-port." Such a document will be issued and forwarded to the Quartermaster General of the War Department."

Please advise if I should take this matter up with State Department.

Very truly yours,

Mrs Nancy Lula Bell

Mrs. Nancy Lula Bell,

P.S. The passport application was made out in the name of Mrs. Nancy Lula Bell, Canton, Ga.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C A-M

Bell, Virgil T. - 1232

June 30, 1930.

Mrs. Nancy Lula Bell,
Canton, Ga.

Dear Madam:

This office has not yet received your passport for use in connection with your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe.

It is imperative that EVERY mother or widow making this pilgrimage, whether an American citizen or not, have a passport issued and in the hands of this office before she begins her trip. ~~Also advise if name on passport application was in any way different from that shown above.~~

Please comply as early as possible with the instructions shown in form letter attached, or if you have heretofore taken this action advise this office to that effect.

Should the clerk of the court not have been furnished with "Special Pilgrimage Passport" applications, please request him to take the matter up at once with the Passport Bureau, Room 170, State, War and Navy Building, Washington, D. C., and he will be furnished with these forms.

The person to whom you should apply is the Clerk of the Superior Court at Canton, Cherokee Co., Ga.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Form Let.

XXX A.M
Bell, Virgil T. - 1232

June 28, 1930.

Mrs. Nancy Lula Bell,
Canton, Georgia

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 Canton	L&N	Train #5	9:06 AM	August 7
Arrive Atlanta	L&N	#5	11:00 AM	August 7
Leave Atlanta	So.Ry.	#40	12:10 PM	August 7
Arrive New York	Penna.RR	#126	1:55 PM	August 8

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.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bell, Virgil T. 1232M
Roosevelt 8-9

May 14, 1930

Mrs. Nancy Lula Bell,
Canton, Ga.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not furnished the name of your Emergency Addressee as requested in letter of instructions from this office.

It is requested that in the blank space below you write the name and address of the person in the United States whom you desire to be notified in case you become seriously ill or other emergency arises while you are making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Frank C. Bell,

Name

Canton, Ga.

Address

Please fill in the above and mail it TODAY in the self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,



Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes
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

April 26, 1930.

Bell, Virgil T. 1232 N

Mrs. Nancy Lulua Bell,
Canton, Ga.

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 $2\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$ 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.

"The Act of March 2, 1929, provides that no fee shall be charged for the execution of an application for a passport or travel document or for the issue of a passport or travel document to a mother or widow making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces are now interred.

"Special Pilgrimage Passports and Pilgrimage Travel Documents when issued by the Department of State will be forwarded to the War Department.

"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.

Roosevelt
8/9/30
1232

Bell, Virginia

I accept the invitation extended
(Accept or decline)

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

Mrs. Nancy Lula Bell

(Name)

Canton, Cherokee County, Ga.

(Town or City)

(State)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Bell, Virgil, T. 1232 M

Mrs. Nancy Lula Bell,
Canton, Georgia.

Dear Madam:

Searched
AUG 9 1930

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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	(No) <input type="checkbox"/> XX
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <input type="checkbox"/>	(No) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> XX
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	(No) <input type="checkbox"/>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age 64 (Years) Health (Good) Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> XX	
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> XX Other language None (Specify language spoken)	

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

Encl.
Act
Envelope

QM 293 A*C
Bell, Virgil T.

Canton, Ga.
July 5th, 1929

War Department;
Office of the Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter June 27th will say that my wife Mrs Nancy Lula Bell, is the Mother of the late Lieut Virgil T. Bell, M.G.C. 326th Inf who is interred in the American Cemetery in France and it would appear is eligible to make the pilgrimage to France. Lieut. Bell, was not married at the time of his death.

Very truly yours,

Address
Mrs. Nancy Lula Bell,
Canton, Ga.

Frank C. Bell
Frank C. Bell,



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bell, Virgil T.

June 27, 1929.

Mr. Frank Bell,
Woodstock, Ga.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late 2nd Lt. Virgil T. Bell, M.G. Co., 326th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress.

Envelope.

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

QM 295 AM
Bell, Virgil T. 2nd Lt. 1232 M

September 6, 1930.

Mrs. Nancy Lula Bell,
Canton, Georgia.

Dear Madam:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt from Mrs. E. C. Beasley, Mrs. Ada Williamson and Mrs. William Bauer, of the testimonial on behalf of the group of mothers and widows from the State of Georgia, who sailed on the SS President Roosevelt, August 9th, to visit the graves of their sons and husbands in Europe, and of which group you were a member.

It is gratifying to receive such concrete evidence that the action taken by the Government in making these pilgrimages possible is appreciated and that the efforts on the part of those assigned to conduct the group to make the trip as enjoyable as possible for the mothers and widows, has met with success.

The Quartermaster Corps, which is charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages, has expended every effort that those making the journey might have a comfortable and pleasant trip. I feel, however, that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation and consideration shown by the mothers and widows.

With sincere appreciation of the sentiments expressed, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. L. DeWITT,
Major General,
The Quartermaster General.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bell, Virgil T. 1232

July 10, 1930

Mrs. Nancy Lula Bell,
Canton,
Georgia.

Dear Madam:

With reference to previous correspondence
on this subject, you are informed that your passport
has been received and will be delivered to you aboard
ship.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 295 A-C A-M

Bell, Virgil T. # 1232

June 30, 1930.

Mrs. Nancy Lula Bell,
Canton, Ga.

Dear Madam:

This office has not yet received your passport for use in connection with your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe.

It is imperative that EVERY mother or widow making this pilgrimage, whether an American citizen or not, have a passport issued and in the hands of this office before she begins her trip ~~also advise if name on passport application was in any way different from that shown above.~~

~~Please comply as early as possible with the instructions shown in form letter attached, or if you have heretofore taken this action advise this office to that effect.~~

Should the clerk of the court not have been furnished with "Special Pilgrimage Passport" applications, please request him to take the matter up at once with the Passport Bureau, Room 170, State, War and Navy Building, Washington, D. C., and he will be furnished with these forms.

The person to whom you should apply is the Clerk of the Superior Court at Canton, Cherokee Co., Ga.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

XXX A-M
Bell, Virgil T. - 1252

June 28, 1930.

Mrs. Nancy Lula Bell,
Canton, Georgia

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 Canton	L&N	Train #5	9:06 AM	August 7
Arrive Atlanta	L&N	#5	11:00 AM	August 7
Leave Atlanta	So.Ry.	#40	12:10 PM	August 7
Arrive New York	Penna.RR	#126	1:55 PM	August 8

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.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARtermaster GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

If you will read carefully the suggestions made with them, it will add greatly to your comfort throughout the trip and will assist the Government in carrying out successfully its plans for conducting the pilgrimage. This letter is being sent to your son and widow who has accepted the invitation sent by the Government to visit the grave of her son or husband, Canton, Georgia.

June 12, 1950

For The Quartermaster General,
Dear Madam:

Very truly yours,

Somewhat heavier clothing is required to be worn in Europe than is necessary in the United States, in order to be comfortable. During the summer in Europe it is cool during the day and the nights are frequently chilly. Considerable rain is usually encountered during this time.

In order that you may be comfortable at all times, regardless of the condition of the weather, and may avoid missing any of the sights or any part of the itinerary which has been planned for you, the following suggestions are made.

The clothing which you will take with you should be slightly heavier and warmer than you would normally wear in the United States during the summer and should be strong and durable. It is essential that you take with you the necessary equipment to afford protection from the cold and dampness. Be sure to take at least two pairs of comfortable shoes to provide a change in the event your feet become wet, a pair of rubbers, an umbrella, and a sweater or some warm wrap to be used should the weather become uncomfortably cool. It is very desirable that, in addition to the sweater, you have with you a full length coat of medium weight for general wear.

The shortages of suitable facilities for laundry and the frequency of the moves you will make while in Europe will make it impracticable to secure as frequent service of this nature as may be desired. You should therefore provide yourself with sufficient underwear, nightgowns, stockings and handkerchiefs to meet your requirements should it be impossible to have your washing done more frequently than once in two weeks.

If you will read carefully the suggestions made above, and comply with them, it will add greatly to your comfort throughout the trip and will assist the Government in carrying out successfully its plans for conducting the pilgrimage. This letter is being sent to every mother and widow who has accepted the invitation sent to her by the Government to visit the grave of her son or husband.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bell, Virgil T. 1232M
Roosevelt 8-9

May 14, 1930

Mrs. Nancy Lula Bell,
Canton, Ga.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not furnished the name of your Emergency Addressee as requested in letter of instructions from this office.

It is requested that in the blank space below you write the name and address of the person in the United States whom you desire to be notified in case you become seriously ill or other emergency arises while you are making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Name

Address

Please fill in the above and mail it TODAY in the self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

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, Virgil T. 1252-M
8-9

May 9, 1930

Mrs. Nancy Lula Bell,
Canton, Ga.

Dear Madam:

Requests for stop-overs on return from the pilgrimage to the American cemeteries in Europe are being received by this office, in some cases, too late to take action.

Transportation arrangements for the round-trip are made a month before departure and requests for stop-overs on return must be in this office at that time.

Stop-overs can not be allowed on the trip to New York or in Europe, but may be allowed at any point on return from New York provided there is no additional cost or, if there is, that it is paid in advance by the pilgrim.

If you desire stop-overs at any point on return, please advise this office AT ONCE as to the cities where you desire to stop and we will be glad to arrange accordingly, or advise you if there is any additional cost to be paid by you. Send your request direct to this office and do NOT include it with your passport application.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARtermaster GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 26, 1930.

Bell, Virgil T. 1232 M

Mrs. Nancy Lulu Bell,
Canton, Ga.

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 $2\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$ 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.

"The Act of March 2, 1929, provides that no fee shall be charged for the execution of an application for a passport or travel document or for the issue of a passport or travel document to a mother or widow making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces are now interred.

"Special Pilgrimage Passports and Pilgrimage Travel Documents when issued by the Department of State will be forwarded to the War Department.

"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.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

April 26, 1930.

Bell, Virgil T. 1232 M

Mrs. Nancy Lula Bell,

Canton,

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 steamer 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 3 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

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Bell, Virgil, T. 1232 M

Mrs. Nancy Lula Bell,
Canton, Georgia.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bell, Virgil T.

June 27, 1929.

Mr. Frank Bell,
Woodstock, Ga.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late

2nd Lt. Virgil T. Bell, M.C. Co., 326th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incs.

Act of Congress.

Envelope.

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

This sig.
may be
Vergil

Bell,

Vergil T.

(Surname.)

2d Lt.

Christian name in full.)

M. G. Co., 326th Inf.

(Army serial number.)

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Father

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.)

APR 18 1919
(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

Frank C. Bell
(Sign here)

Ridge #5
(Number and street or rural route.)

Woodstock
(City, town, or post office.)

Pa.
(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn By

1232 Sec 55-10
5-26-21

Drawn By # 766

checked
GP
5-26-21

In reply refer to:
QM - 293 C-R

August 14, 1923.

Mr. Frank Bell,
Woodstock,
Ga.

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that
~~the permanent grave of~~

2nd Lieutenant Virgil T. Bell, Machine Gun
Company, 326th Infantry, is Grave 21, Row 46, Block A, Meuse-Argonne
~~This Cemetery of the American Expeditionary Forces~~
to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be
marked by headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with
name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State
from which he came. The headstones will be placed at all graves in
connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as
possible and without waiting for special action or request on the
part of relatives.

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

Very truly yours,

H. J. Conner,
Assistant.

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COMPILED OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File 58173

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name	BELL, Virgil T.	Ser. No.	—	✓ 2/22 Exhumed X Cremated ✓ Buried - Burial X Burial - Burial X 1/232 after 3/10/22
(b) Rank	2nd Lt.	Organization	M.G. Co., 326th Inf.	
(c) Date of death	10-15-18	(d) Cause of death	dwria	

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

(a) Grave No.	112	Row	—	Plot	3	Sec.	55	TYP.	b
(b) Emerg. Address	Mr. Frank Bell (brother) Woodstock, Ga.								

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases/ / /

CKR M

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt

(a) Name	Frank C. Bell	(b) Relationship	Father
(c) Address	RFD #3, Woodstock, Ga.		
(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 Br Date 5-26-21, 192

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

—, dated —

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

Examiner's Initials — Date —, 192

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to?

Examiner's Initials Br Date 5-26-21, 192

COUNTRY FRANCE

CEMETERY No. 1232 Sec. 55 SHEET No. 10

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made _____, 192

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 192

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by

Sec. #55-	cable on _____, 192
	letter on <u>JUN 7 1921</u> , 192

Par. 2 Not To Be Returned

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IX.

REMARKS

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Nov 1 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

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Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BELL, Virgil T.10. Name Virgil T Bell2. No. -----11. No. -----3. Rank 2nd Lieut.12. Rank -----4. Org. MG Co, 326th Inf.13. Org. -----5. D.D. Oct 15th, -1814. (a) D.D. -----6. C.D. DOWRIA(b) D.B. -----

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 112 Sec. 5515. Grave No. ----- Sec. -----8. Plot 3 Row -----16. Plot ----- Row -----9. -----17. -----None18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne, Amer.19. Commune or town ROMAGNE-sous-MONTFAUCON20. Dept. or County Meuse21. Country France22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. #1232 sec 55By W.G. Durisoe23. Disinterred (Date) Nov 1 1921

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Virgil T BellSerial No. -----Rank 2nd LtOrganization MG Co 326th Inf

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker?

On body?

YesYesSignature Junior Technical Assistant W.G. Durisoe

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 box

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

See Item 1030. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Nov 1 1921 By W.G. Durisoe31. Casket sealed by W.G. Durisoe

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

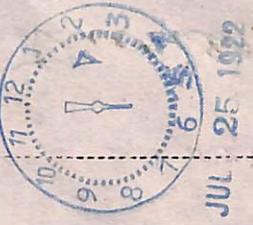
W.G. Durisoe

AUDIT BY

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.)

Box No. **C-14162**

RECEIVED
GRAVES REGISTRATION SER



32. Designation of body:

Name **BELL, Virgil T.**

Serial No. -----

Rank **2nd Lt.** Organization **MG Co., 326th Inf.**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **Meuse-Argonne, Amer. Cty., #1232, ROMAGNE-sous-MONTFAUCON (Meuse)**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **Nov 1 1921** By **W. G. Daffisoe**

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

R. C. Worthington

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) **Nov 1 1921** **cc**

To point of Concentration **Morgue Romagne**

(Name)

Convoyer **W. J. Royed** Signature Shipping Officer

G. F. Spann, Capt. QMC.

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

(Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred **Meuse-Argonne Cemetery #1232** **Nov. 1, 1921**
(Date)

42. Grave No. **21** Section

43. Plot **Block A** Row **46**

G.R.S. Representative

James W. Younger
James W. Younger
Captain, QMC

mr

Place Romagne sous Montfaucon

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

BELL MIRGIL T.

Date Nov, 1, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF

SERIAL NUMBER

2nd Lieut

ORGANIZATION

M. G. Co., 326th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Nov, 1, 1921.

From (give complete location):

Gr. 112 sec 55 pt 3 Cem., #1232.

By : Group

Durisoe

Unit

Sec. 1

3. Reburied (date):

In (give complete location):

Nov. 1, 1921

Meuse-Argonne Cemetery #1232. Gr 21, Row 46, Block A
unlined

By : Group Re-burial S

Unit

Nature of reburial casket

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

In U.S. uniform burlap and pine box, badly decomposed features unrecognizable

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? Yes
body tag reads: " Vergil R. Bell 2nd Lt. M. G. Co., 326th Inf.

(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) Weigh, (estimated) Imp to det.

(c) Hair—Color None

Quantity None

Characteristics None

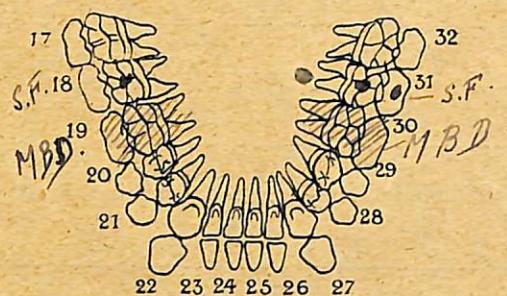
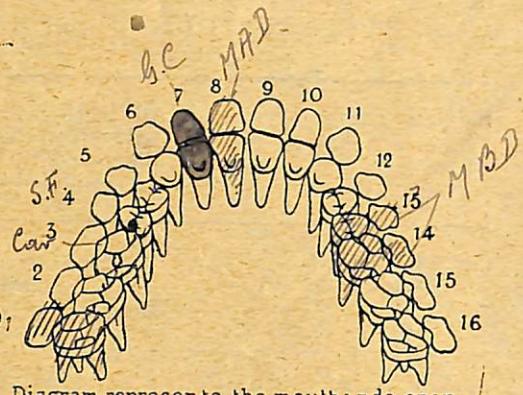
(d) Hair on face—Color None

Location None

Quantity None

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities,

or missing parts) Imp to det.



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

None visible

7. Disinterment
supervised by

W. G. Durisoe approved; R. G. Worthington 1st. Lt. QMC

8. Reburial

Supervised by

W. G. Durisoe S. E.

R. G. Worthington 1st. Lt. QMC

A. U. Dufault

Approved: James W. Younger
concentration (Title) Captain, QMC
mr

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Bell, Virgil
2nd Lt. 2nd m.g. (Corps) 376 Inf
Date of Death Oct 15 18

Place.....

Cause, C

Date of Burial Oct 17/18

Grave No. 144

Cemetery Cemetery Henry - au - line

Identified by (Tags) (Day) Cross
Clothing

List of Effects

Chaplain 34 hite
28 Sands Regt

Field Record Made by

Company 301 Graves Registration Ser.

For additional data use reverse side.

G.R.S Form No. 8-W; Central Records
Cards Sec. #3. *3* Liaison.

2/24/20

Memo For: *W.A.* G.R.S. representative, C.R.O.
Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

1. Items checked are to be completed:

✓ Surname: Bell
 ✓ Number:
 ✓ First name: Virgil T.
 ✓ Rank: 2nd Lt.
 ✓ Company: M. G.
 ✓ Organization: 326th Inf.
 ✓ Date of death: Oct 15-18
 ✓ Cause: died of wounds rec. in action
 ✓ Place:

 ✓ Location of hospital: ✓

 ✓ Number " "
 ✓ Class " "
 ✓ Emergency address: Frank Bell
 ✓ Relationship: woodstock, Sa.
 ✓ Brother

 ✓ Authority:
 ✓ Cablegram No: 327-19-6.
 ✓ Telegram from:

dated:
 Reported to Washington:
 C.C.Nos. ✓

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

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

NS-3404/MB

✓ HM *Whe*

Reference:

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

May 15, 1919.

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.

TO: Miss Yvonne Krabbe, 12, Rue Duphot, Paris 1er Arrt.

SUBJECT: 2nd Lieut. Virgil T. Bell, M.G.C. 326th Infantry.

1. Replying to your request for photograph of the grave of Lieut. Virgil T. Bell. The enclosed bulletin will give you detailed information as to the rules governing the photographing of the graves of our dead, and will explain to you why it is impossible to grant your request for special photograph and film of this grave.

By direction.

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

MBD/lw.

Enc. G.R.S. .004.5.
Bulletin # 10.

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

Cher Monsieur vous faire Paris - le Jeudi 30 Janvier 1919 -
plus de à une petite guerre
en espérant une bonne
réponse je vous demande
à l'avance et vous croire
l'assurance de mes sentiments
distingues

Yves Lefèvre

12 rue Duphot

Paris

1^{er} arr^{te}

Monsieur,

J'avais écrit au médecin chef
de l'hôpital d'évacuation 114 de
Fléury sur Aire (Meuse) pour
demander si parmi ses officiers
ou soldats, il n'y en avait
pas un qui voudrait bien
me photographier le tombeau
du 2nd Sergt J Bell. A. E. F.
326 Inf. m. 4th Company enterré
vers fin Octobre à Fléury faire



Il me répond ce matin
qu'ils n'ont pas d'appareil
photographique dans le camp
Mais de m'adresser à vous
et que vous voudrez bien
m'accorder ce qu'il me faut?
J'espère Monsieur que vous
voudrez bien m'envoyer la
photo de cette bombe car
je voudrais l'envoyer à la
famille du Lieutenant Bell
ami de la mienne, et faire

une, une petite fois dans leur
chagrin à une famille une
et allié dans le même
Vous pourrez également
m'en envoyer la même
Et je le ferai mettre sur
papier dans une boîte
de photographie à Paris, et
la prendre en deux fois
différentes afin qu'on la
voit bien - Enfin vous ferez
pour le mieux je suis

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Paris, January 30th 1919.

✓

Sir.-

I had written to Chief Doctor, Evacuation Hospital 114 of Fleury sur Aire (Meuse) asking him if one of the officers or soldiers could photograph the grave of 2nd Lt. Virgil L. BELL, A.E.F. 326th Infantry M. G. Company who was buried end of October at Fleury sur Aire - I received a reply from him this morning informing me that they had no kodak in the camp and requesting me to write to you - I hope, Sir, you will send me a photograph of this grave as I would like to send it to Lt. Bell's family friends of mine to please them as they are in trouble.

You could send only the film and I could have it reproduced - kindly photograph the grave in in two different ways to see it better - but of course I am sure you will do everything necessary to please a little French Lady.

Hoping to receive a favorable reply - I thank you in advance.

Very truly yours,

Signed: Yvonne KRABBE

12, Rue Duphot
Paris 1er Arrt.

Yvonne

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

FILE NUMBER

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FROM:-

DATE: 4-29-19

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME Bell, Virgil T. NUMBER
 RANK 2nd Lt. ORGANIZATION M. S. Co 326 Inf

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes
2.	Date of Death.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 10-15-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> WIA
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 327
5.	Date buried.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 10-17-18
6.	Grave Location (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Cty 766, Cem. (Amer) Fleury-sur-Aire (Meuse) Grave number not given
7.	Who reported burial:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Chap T.R. WHITE
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Cross
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 1 tag to marker
11.	Who is nearest relative?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No address
12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record).	
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	
	N.B. All Proper names to be printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.	

Re
4/29/19