

Bell, Walter

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

<sup>2</sup>  
288,278

*Lucas*

*Sgt.*  
Pvt

302

~~Stevedores~~

*8th Co. 311 Stevedores*

(Rank and organization.)

*A. K. Ala.*

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)

*Edwina Gray*

*R. F. D. # 3.*

*Edgefield*

*S. C.*

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by SM

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FULL NAME ..... BELL, Walter ✓

RANK ..... Sgt. ✓ SERIAL ..... 228278 ✓

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION ..... <sup>302</sup> 311th Stevedores <sup>Rpts</sup> 8th Co. ✓ *not Div*

DATE OF DEATH ..... *Sept 14/18*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME ..... *ja*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED. ✓

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION ..... 11 1 A  
Date Grave Row Block

Suresnes American Cemetery 34  
Cemetery

REC'D WORLD WAR DIV.  
AUG 29 1924

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

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LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bell ..... 228278 ..... Walter  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Sgt. .... 8th Co., 302nd Stevedores .....  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL ..... September 16, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL .....

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

American Expeditionary Forces

Cemetery No. 25 Talence, France

Section B

GRAVE NUMBER .....

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

Headboard? Yes ..... 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:

G. W. Everberg, U.S. and Lieut. G. W. Everberg, Q.M., U.S.  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE	
NAME	Bell, Walter	Bil	3	252
BURIED	CEMETERY	34	1	6
	GRAVE	11	2	11
	ROW	1	2	01
	BLOCK	a	1	1
STATE	Va.		2	54
RANK	Sgt.		1	2
DIVISION	2mc		2	57
ORGANIZATION	302		3	302
AFM	Steer. Regt.		1	2
MARITAL	(Rem. W.)	Remarried	1	3
NAME	Mrs. Kelvin Mrs. Janie		3	
RESIDENCE	1000 V. St. N. W.		2	
	Wash. D.C.		2	
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QM 298 A-M  
Bell, Walter 34

July 29, 1930

Mrs. Janie McKelvin,  
1000 V Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 22  
furnishing information concerning the mother of the late  
Sergeant Walter Bell.

In view of the fact that the mother of this late  
soldier is deceased and you, his widow, have remarried, it  
is regretted to advise that there is no one eligible, under  
the law, to make this pilgrimage at the expense of the Govern-  
ment.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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July 22 1930

washington D.C.

Dear Bureau of War Department  
I am sending the full name of Sg Bell Walter  
now here are the name

Sg Walter Bell was my husband with now has  
remarried ~~to~~ so my full name is

Mrs James McKelvin his mother's  
name is Elvira Gray she is deceased and  
~~at~~ her address was Edgefield S C R # DE 3

The late parents name was Elith Beth Hill  
she is deceased her address was Edgefield

S C  
yours truly James McKelvin  
hope this is all right



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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Bell, Walter 34-W

July 3, 1930.

Mrs. Janie McKelvin,  
1000 V St., N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

*Negro*

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

This office has no record of any person entitled under the Act mentioned to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe as the mother or widow of the above named deceased service man. To complete the list of eligibles and to assure that, if the above named man is survived by a mother or widow entitled to make a pilgrimage she receive an invitation to do so, it is requested you answer the following questions in the space provided on this letter and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

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

If so, give her name and address:

3. Is the deceased survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him according to the terms of Section 4 (a) of the enclosed Act as amended?

If so, give her name and address:

*# She ere deceased*

*Janie remarried  
1000 V St NW  
Washington D C*

*She ere deceased  
only a dopt girl her  
name Franice Johnson*

*her address Johnston*

For The Quartermaster General

Very truly yours,



Enclosures:  
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*A. D. HUGHES*  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.  
*n 218 # 4 box 55*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bell, Walter

~~1202~~ 34

September 12, 1929.

Mrs. Elvira Gray,  
R. F. D. #3, Box 7,  
Aiken, S. C.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated Aug. 31, 1929, making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

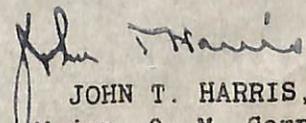
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2. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.
3. If survived by a widow or mother does she desire to make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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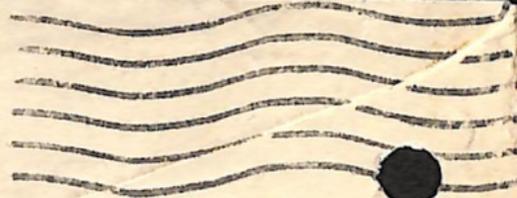
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*(Remarried Widow)*  
*Mrs. Jamie Mc K...*  
*1000 N. St., N. W.*  
*Washington, D.C.*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bell, Walter

August 31, 1929

Mrs. Elvira Gray,  
R. F. D. #3, Box 7,  
Akin, S. C.

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Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Sgt. Walter Bell, 302 Stevedores Regt., 8th Co. whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes Amer. Cty. Suresnes, Seine, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

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

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bell, Walter  
34

August 9, 1929.

Mrs. Janie Bell,  
Edgefield,  
South Carolina.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 4, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*John T. Harris*

JOHN T. HARRIS,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
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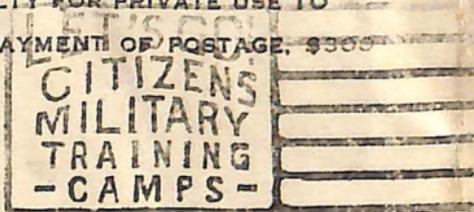
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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WORLD WAR DIVISION  
PERSONNEL RECORDS SECTION

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TO

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No application received.

Elvira Gray, Mother,  
Edgefield, S.C.

Amie Bell, Mother,  
Edgefield, ~~St.~~ S.C.

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R.F.D. #3, Box 7,  
Akin, S.C.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Bell, Walter

May 4, 1929.

Mrs. Janie Bell,  
Edgefield,  
South Carolina.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the widow of the late Sergeant Walter Bell, 302 Stevedores Regiment, 8th Company, whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, France.

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother 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.

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relationship is that of a stepmother, mother through adoption or a woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. In case you have 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.

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For The Quartermaster General,

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, Walter

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The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Sergeant Walter Bell, 302 Stevedores Regiment, 3th Company, whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, France.

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.

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Bell, Walter 34-W

July 3, 1930.

Mrs. Janie McKelvin,  
1000 V St., N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

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

This office has no record of any person entitled under the Act mentioned to make a pilgrimage to the Cemeteries in Europe as the mother or widow of the above named deceased service man. To complete the list of eligibles and to assure that, if the above named man is survived by a mother or widow entitled to make a pilgrimage she receive an invitation to do so, it is requested you answer the following questions in the space provided on this letter and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 298 A-M  
Bell, Walter 34

July 29, 1930

Mrs. Janie McKelvin,  
1000 V Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 22  
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For The Quartermaster General.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bell, Walter

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September 12, 1929.

Mrs. Elvira Gray,  
R. F. D. #3, Box 7,  
Aiken, S. C.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated **Aug. 31, 1929**, making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

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For The Quartermaster General,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bell, Walter

August 31, 1929

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bell, Walter  
34

August 9, 1929.

Mrs. Janie Bell,  
Edgefield,  
South Carolina.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 298 A-C  
Bell, Walter

May 4, 1929.

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South Carolina.

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Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Q.M.G.M. REPLY.  
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QM 035 A-M

July 16, 1930.

~~McKelvin, Janie~~

~~Bell, Walter 34~~

Mrs. Janie McKelvin,  
1000 V Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of July 9, 1930, relative to the pilgrimage of mothers and widows to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

It is requested that you furnish this office with the name, rank and organization of the deceased veteran to whom you refer, in order that the records relative to your case may be located.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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July 16, 1930.

~~McKelvin, Janie~~

Bell, Walter 34

Mrs. Janie McKelvin,  
1000 V Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of July 9, 1930, relative to the pilgrimage of mothers and widows to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

It is requested that you furnish this office with the name, rank and organization of the deceased veteran to whom you refer, in order that the records relative to your case may be located.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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July 9 / 1930

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Bill cant find

Washington D.C.

Dear Bureau of war depart  
ment, i received the letter an all  
so the affidavit to fill out an some  
how by signing it i did not put my  
name this is the first time i  
ever did like that will yo please  
make out another one at once  
so i can put the full name  
an ~~the~~ address please dont  
think hard of me so if yo dont  
mind it, make out a affidavit so  
i can fill out the mother of late  
Bell Water my hus Ban uster be  
an my full name

Jane McKeelin



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

*File*

FILE: 293.8 C-R

September 19, 1922.

SUBJECT: Permanent Grave Location of #19186

TO: Sergeant Walter Bell,  
8th Company, 311th Stevedores.  
Mrs. Janie Bell, Route #3, Edgefield, S.C.

1. The permanent grave of this soldier is No. Row  
Block 11 1,  
A, Suresnes American Cemetery at 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.

For the Quartermaster General:

GEORGE H. PENROSE,  
Assistant.

MAILED  
SEP 19 1922  
G.R.S.

CS  
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DATE 10/24/21

1. NAME Bell, Walter SERIAL No. 228278

RANK Sgt ORGANIZATION 8th Co., 311th Stevedores

GRAVE LOCATION Talence (Gironde) 25  
CTY. NAME NUMBER

155 Sec. B

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 155 Sect. B Talence Gironde  
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES \_\_\_\_\_

CONCENTRATED TO Sept. 16, 1918 155 Sect. B  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Talence 254B  
CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS \_\_\_\_\_

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR W. R. NICHOLS  
Major, C. A. C.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 10/24/21 11 1 A  
DATE GRAVE ROW Block PLOT

Suresnes American Cty # 34 Suresnes Seine  
CEMETERY

AUDITED BY  
SAB 8/23/22

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF BELL, Walter SERIAL NUMBER 228278

RANK Sgt. ORGANIZATION 8th Co. 511th Stevedores

2. Disinterred (date): Sept. 8th, 1921 From (give complete location): Gr. 15, Sec. B. Cem. 25

By: Group 2 Unit Sec. 7

3. Reburied (date): October 24th, 1921. In (give complete location): Suresnes Cemetery. - Block A - Row 1 - Grave 11.

By: Group Field Operations Branch. Unit  Nature of reburial Metal Casket and Blanket.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: Wooden box and uniform. Badly decomposed, features not recognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? Yes

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks: Body tag checks.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) Indiscernable due to decomposition.

(c) Hair—Color None

Quantity

Characteristics

(d) Hair on face—Color None

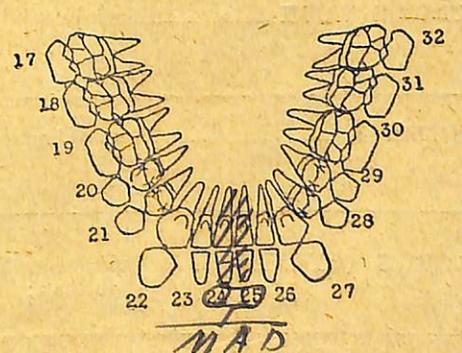
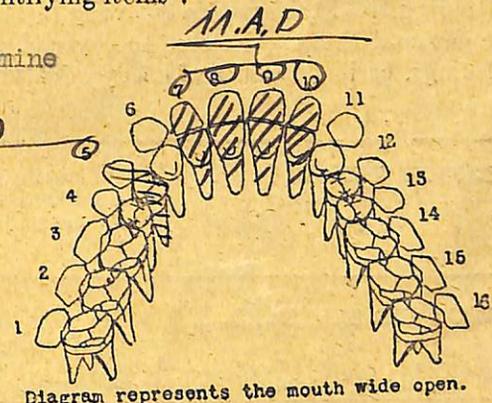
Location

Quantity

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

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) Post mortem on skull.

Geo. S. Parker, checker



7. Disinterment supervised by A. J. Harvey Approved: F. L. Tolson

A. J. Harvey, Sup. Emb. F. L. Tolson, Capt. M.C.

8. Reburial supervised by R. G. Richards Approved: R. P. Harbold

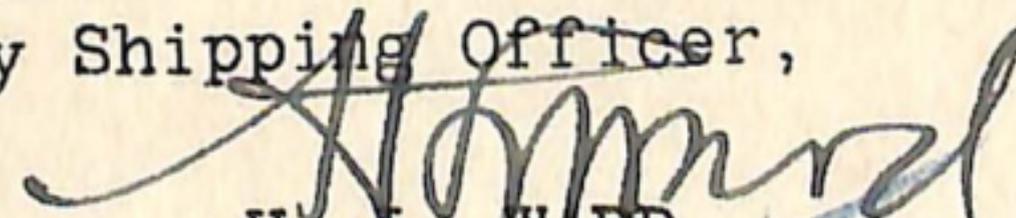
R. G. RICHARDS, 1st Lieut. Q.M.C. (Title) R. P. HARBOLD, Major, Q.M.C.

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39 (a) Received at Paris Morgue, October 17, 1921.

  
H. L. WARD,  
Major, Q.M.C.

39 (b) Shipped from Paris Morgue, ----- Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> ----- 1921. To Permanent  
Cemetery No. 34, American, Suresnes (Seine) by Shipping Officer,  
Convoysed by:

  
H. L. WARD,  
Major, Q.M.C.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept. 8th

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, Walter

10. Name

2. No. 228278

11. No.

3. Rank Sgt.

12. Rank

4. Org. 8th Co. 311th Stevedores

13. Org.

5. D.D. Sept. 14

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. DOW

(b) D.B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 155 Sec. B

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. No discrep.

18. Cemetery American

19. Commune or town Talence

20. Dept. or County Gironde

21. Country

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 25

23. Disinterred (Date) Sept. 8th, 1921

By A. J. Harvey

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Walter Bell

Serial No.

Rank Sgt.

Organization 8th Co. 311th Stevedores

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes On body? Yes

*A. J. Harvey*  
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).

Body tag found. Post mortem on skull.

27. Condition of body Body decomposed, features not recognizable.

28. Nature of burial Wooden box and uniform.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? No discrep.

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Sept. 8th, 1921 By A. J. Harvey

31. Casket sealed by A. J. Harvey

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) *A. J. Harvey*

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. 0-1853

32. Designation of body:

Name Bell, Walter Serial No. 228278

Rank Sgt. Organization 8th Co. 511th Stevedores.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery SURESNES AMERICAN CEMETERY #34

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Sept. 8th, 1921 By A. J. Harvey

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

*F. L. Herron*  
F. L. Herron, Capt., QMC.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Sept. 8th, 1921

To point of Concentration Bassens (Gironde) (Name)

Convoyer Jack Roberts Signature Shipping Officer *S. D. Campbell*

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 9 SEPT 1921 S. D. Campbell, Capt., QMC.

By G.R.S. Representative *W. R. Nichols* W. R. NICHOLS  
Major C. A. C.

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Oct 14 1921

Permanent Cemetery Paris Morgue

Convoyer Jack Roberts Signature Shipping Officer *W. R. Nichols*

Received: Date October 24th, 1921.

G.R.S. Representative *R. G. Richards* R. G. RICHARDS, 1st Lieut. Q.M.C.

Interred Suresnes Cemetery. October 24th, 1921.  
(Date)

Grave No. 11. Section

43. ~~Block~~ Block A. Row 1.

G.R.S. Representative

*R. G. Richards*  
R. G. RICHARDS,  
1st Lieut. Q.M.C.

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

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

Bell, Walter, Sgt.

25-34 Oct 19-

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

22827

8th Co. 311 Stereodons  
Date of death 9-14-18

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

War Risk telephoned

DATE

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Address

Jamie Bell

Widow

Edgefield, S.C.

S-709/MB

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File No. 19186

1. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BELL, Walter Ser. No. 228278 )  
 (b) Rank Sgt. Organization 8th Co. 302nd Stevedores ) TYP. EML  
 (d) Cause ) CKR. EP  
 (c) Date of death 9-14-18 of death DWRIA )

*OK 10/19*  
*3/16/22*  
*3/16/22*  
*for concentration*  
*Swines "34"*  
*att 3/17/22*

11. Registration Card: - (Check Reg. Card Inf. against Loc. Ind. Inf.)

(a) Grave No. 155 Row \_\_\_\_\_ Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Sect. B ) TYP. EML  
 (b) Emerg. Address Elvira Gray (Mother), RFD #3, Edgefield, S.C.

111. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; No Card ) CKR. 28

IV. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Elvira Gray (b) Relationship Mother  
 (c) Address Edgefield, S.C.  
 (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. \_\_\_\_\_

*see supplement*  
*remains*

Examiner's Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ 1920

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

dated \_\_\_\_\_, confirmed request in Par. IV. item \_\_\_\_\_, above, or requesting that \_\_\_\_\_

*No correspondence*

Examiner's Initials ewe Date 4-26 1920

VI. G.R.S. Files - Correspondence - shows as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

*No request*

*P. 29*

*for disposition*

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes aa

Examiner's Initials aa Date 4-26 1920

*checked over*  
*10-21-20*

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_, Checked by \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ 1920

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by- ( cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
( letter on MAY 7, 1920

*Par. 2 not to be returned. MB 11-21-20*

IX. CORRECTIONS

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

CONCENTRATE  
Per Office Memo 11  
SEP 1  
RB  
23

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*Telegram 6-2-20. Gives address of widow  
Telegram 6-7-20. Widow confirms former request. MB.  
E.A.W. Risk 10-19-20. gR. Widow. Faive Bell  
Edgefield S.C.*

*note*

*Let 6/6/21 advising widow that city must be abandoned & requesting she inform office whether she desires body removed to a perm Amer city or transferred to a perm French city which requires execution of #123. Mr. R. 6-10-21  
Let 6/10/21 - Ad. Thompson, atty. at law. Edgefield, S.C. - gives. F, 123 for transfer of body to perm. French City, executed by widow. In letter state widow desires body placed in perm. Amer. City in France.*

*Let 7/10/21 - Attorney requested to have widow advise this office over her signature whether or not she desires body returned to P.A.C. in order to remove discrepancy. MB 7/27/21*

*J. 6-11-20*

NAME : BELL, Walter

Cty.25 - 34.

E/A - Elvire Gray ( Mother ) RFD # 3, Edgefield, S.C.

A.G.O. - mother, Elvira Gray, Edgefield, S.C., requests that body remain in France.

Form # 120, May 10, 1920, mother, Elvira Gray, Edgefield, S.C., " I want remains to remain where they are."

Telegram 6/7/20, from widow, Elsie Bell, Edgefield, S.C. " As I do not wish to disturb the bones of my late husband Sergeant Walter Bell let him remain in France."

Letter 6/6/21, to widow, requesting she execute Form # 123.

Letter 6/18/21, A.S. Tompkins, Atty-at-Law, Edgefield, S.C., fwds Form # 123, executed by widow for transfer of body. In letter states widow desires body placed in per,Amer.Cty. in France.

Letter 7/15/21, to Atty-at-Law, requesting he have widow advise this office over her signature as to whether or not she desires body placed in per,Amer. Cty., to which no reply has been received.

Amer Cty Letter a

19186

July 15, 1921

293.8 - Can. #19186 - (Bell, Walter, Sgt.)

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

M. S. Tompkins, Attorney-at-Law, Edgefield, South Carolina.

Disposition of Remains.

JUL 15 1921

FILE

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 18th written on behalf of Mrs. Janie Bell, with reference to final disposition of the remains of the late Sergeant Walter Bell, 8th Company, 311th Stevedores.

File O.S.P.  
MH 7/27/21

2. Your letter affords the information that it is the desire of the widow of the deceased that his body be placed in a permanent American Cemetery, however the form enclosed with your communication directs that the body be removed to a nearby permanent French Cemetery. In order to remove this discrepancy it is desired that this office be advised over the signature of the widow of the deceased whether she wishes the body removed to a permanent American cemetery in France.

3. The records of this office indicate that photographs of the grave of the deceased have been forwarded to Mrs. Elvira Gray, Edgefield, South Carolina from whom it is thought you may be able to secure copies for Mrs. Janie Bell.

4. This office notes with pleasure the sentiments of appreciation expressed by the widow regarding the work of the Government with respect to caring for our soldier dead.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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MAIL UNIT

MAILED  
JUL 16 1921

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

JUL 18 1921

IV  
Cemeterial Division  
Overseas Project Subsection

Noted on Form No. 115

Date MH 7/27/21  
Copy filed in OSP.

FORWARD TO O S P

A. S. Tompkins

M. P. Wells

# Tompkins & Wells

Attorneys at Law

Edgefield, S. C.

8th Co

311th Aerodrome Bn.

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Record of Commercial  
File # 8538  
1918-21  
U.S. O. O. M. G.

18 June 1921

No 293.8 Cem-19186 Bell- Walyter Sergeant--

case of Walter Bell -Killed in France--

Hon Charles J Wynne-- Capt- Q M C--

To

Washington D C

Bell, Walter

Dear sir-- On behalf of Janie Bell the widow of the late Walter Bell- I am requested to advise you that she does not want the dead body of Walter Bell her late husband removed from France- as it is her wish to let his bones be undisturbed-- except to the extent of the enclosed affidavit of placing it in one of the permanent American Cemeteries established in France- and she will also appreciate it for you to send her a photograph of what you may have in connection with the Deceased soldier--

She also desires me to add that the United States have done very nobly both the caring for her soldiers both before and after death and she wants to put her grateful appreciation on Record--

Let me hear from you for her please----

Your ob. servant

A. S. Tompkins

Noted on Form No. 115  
Date 2016 7/27/21

Case of Sergeant Walter Bell, deceased  
Buried in Grave #155, Section B, American Cemetery, Talence,  
Gironde.

State of South Carolina  
County of Edgefield (SS AFFIDAVIT)

Jamie Bell residing at Edgefield R7d3  
State of South Carolina being duly sworn, deposes and says,  
that she is the widow  
(relationship)

and nearest living relative of said deceased.

That she desires and hereby re-  
quests that the body of said deceased be transferred to a nearby  
permanent French cemetery.

In consideration of consent by the United States to the fore-  
going request the said Jamie Bell hereby  
accepts custody of the grave and assumes all responsibility for the  
future care and maintenance thereof, and for compliance with any  
and all local laws, rules, regulations, etc. and for the payment  
of all tolls, taxes, fees, or charges of whatever nature, releas-  
ing the Government of the United States forever from any and all  
obligations of whatever kind or nature in any way relating or  
pertaining to said grave.

Jamie Bell

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18 day of

June 1920, by the said Jamie Bell  
who is personally known to me to be the identical person he re-  
presents herself to be the widow and nearest  
living relative of said Walter Bell deceased.

(SEAL)

E. M. Jones  
Notary Public.

My commission expires during pleasure of Governor

Filed on Form No. 115  
Date 21st 7/27/20

FROM: O. Q. M. C.  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
Munitions Building  
Room 1125

PLEASE  
EXPEDITE

File O.S.P. 10-21  
M 25-34

June 6, 1921.

293.8 Cem. #19186 (Bell, Walter, Sergeant)

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

Mrs. Janie Bell, Edgefield, S. C.

Case of Sergeant Walter Bell.

FILE

1. The records of this office indicate that you desire the remains of your husband, the late Sergeant Walter Bell, 8th Company, 311th Stevedore Battalion, permanently interred in their present resting place in Grave #155, Section B, American Cemetery at Valence, Department of Gironde. This is a temporary American cemetery and at the time of concentration of bodies, will be abandoned. The remains of soldiers interred therein, whose relatives have requested permanent interment abroad, will be transferred to one of the permanent American cemeteries established in France, where the graves will be perpetually cared for by the United States Government.

2. Should you so desire, the remains of your husband may be transferred to a nearby permanent French cemetery; in which event, it is requested that you execute and return to this office the enclosed G.R.S. Form #123, which releases the United States Government of the future care of the grave. This release will not become effective until the body has been removed to the permanent French cemetery, at which time, you will be advised of the new grave location and of the formal release of the remains.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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DS

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

JUN 8 1921

Cemeterial Division  
Overseas Project Sub-Section

MAILED  
JUN - 7 1921

G.R.S.

Noted on Form No. 115  
Date M 6-10-21

FORWARD TO O S P

copy filed in O S P

Oct 4 - 1920

WAR DEPARTMENT  
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington.

19186

*Special*

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

Date Oct. 8, 1920

File No. *19186* Registration.

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

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

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

- a. Surname *Bell* ✓
- b. Christian name *Walter* ✓
- c. Serial Number *228278* or *238301* ✓
- d. Organization *8th Co. 502nd Stevedores* ✓
- e. Rank *Pvt.* or Sgt. ✓
- f. Date of death *9-14-18* ✓
- g. Cause of death *DWRIA* ✓
- h. Authority (C.C.#) *25* ✓
- i. Emergency address *Annie Bell Aiken, S.C.*
- j. Relationship *mother*

BODY DESCRIPTION  
(See page #2 of the Service Record)

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

- a. Age of enlistment
  - b. Color of eyes
  - c. Color of hair
  - d. Height
  - e. Weight
  - f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)
  - a. Strike out teeth missing
- |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |             |            |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
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Checker note  
Change in*

**FILE**

Oct 13 1920

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

CIMETERY NO: *25*  
SHEET NO: *34*  
TYPED BY:

BY: *H J Conner*  
H. J. CONNER,  
Captain, Q.M.C.

S-713/MB

*Connelly H L Rogers 337 11/20  
P34*

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CLASS OF SERVICE	SYMBOL
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Day Letter	Blue
Night Message	Nite
Night Letter	N L

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GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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ROGERS *Clv*

A 161 G QUARTERMASTER GENERAL WASHINGTON DC

AS I DO NOT WISH TO DISTURB THE BONES OF MY LATE HUSBAND SERGEANT  
WALTER BELL LET HIM REMAIN IN FRANCE

JANIE BELL

R F D NO 3

203P

*Forwarded 115  
noted 6-11-20 mch*

CHARGE TO  
GOVERNMENT RATE

# WAR DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

WASHINGTON

June 3, 1920

Mrs. Janie Bell,  
.....

R. F. D. #3,  
.....

Edgfield, S. C.  
.....

Necessary that you as widow of late Sergeant Walter Bell

.....state whether you desire body returned to United States and  
buried National Cemetery, shipped to you or remain in Europe. In this case  
no other than your wish is desired. Telegram signed by you  
necessary. Wire immediately, Government expense. A-161-G

ROGERS  
Quartermaster General

OFFICIAL:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Colonel, U.S. Army,  
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

BY:  
C. D. ANNIS,  
1st Lieut. Q.M. Corps,  
Chief, Overseas Project Sub-Section.

OSP:SS

Compl. Dept.

FILE NO: 293.3-Reg.Sec.Cem.Div. ( BELL, Walter )

NIGHT



JUN 3 1920

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EDGEFIELD S C 840A JUN 2 1920

ROGERS *e/3* 3 S 25 GOVT U L W A  
QUARTERMASTER, GENL WASHN DC

THE ADDRESS OF THE WIDOW OF LATE SERGT WALTER BELL IS JANIE BELL  
EDGEFIELD SC R F D NO. 3

952A ELVIRA GRAY

*Noted Form 115  
6-21-20 - met.*

TOMPKINS & WELLS  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

EDGEFIELD, S. C.

2 June 1920

Payee: Quartermaster General,  
Washington D.C.

Honored Sir: Confirming my  
telegram as to Widow of late

Sayth. Walter Gray & Bell

a 879.4. - her address is -

Jamie Bell - Edgefield S.C.  
R.F.D. #3.

Respectfully  
Eliza Gray.

Address Reply to the  
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE & STORAGE  
Munitions Building

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE  
WASHINGTON



May 28, 1920.

W. M. Bell,

Elvira Gray,  
Edgefield, S. C.

Wire immediately, Government expense complete address of  
widow of late Sergeant Walter Bell. A-879-G

ROGERS  
Quartermaster General

NIGHT

OFFICIAL:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Colonel, U.S. Army,  
Chief, Cemeterial Div.

BY:

C.D. ANNIS,  
1st Lieut. Q.M. Corps,  
Chief, O.S.P., S.S.

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OSP:SS

Cor. Stat. Unit.

FILE NO: 293.3-Reg. Sec. Gen. Div. (BELL; Walter)

DISPATCHED  
COMMUNICATIONS  
MAY 28 1920

G.R.S. Form #120  
Shipping Inquiry.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON.

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MAY 4 1920

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.  
TO: Elvira Gray, Edgefield, S. C.  
SUBJECT: Disposition of remains of Sgt. Walter Bell.

*Push Answer*  
*Telegram 6/7/20*  
*Widow confirmed*

Records of this office show your request to be as follows:

Remains to be not returned to U. S. ~~XXXXXX~~

~~XXXXXX~~ *Don't remain to remain where they are*

If any modifications of the foregoing are desired please write same fully on the other side of this sheet.

The nearest living relative may choose between, (1) return of remains to homes for burial; (2) interment in Arlington, Va., National Cemetery; or (3) remain in France.

You are requested to fill out the following without delay and return in enclosed penalty envelope, which does not require postage.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:  
CHARLES C. PIERCE  
Colonel, U.S. Army.

*no change*

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Widow <i>Janie Bell</i>	<i>R 70-3 -</i>	<i>Edgefield,</i>	<i>S. C.</i>
Children (Name oldest first)			
Father <i>J. M. Bell</i>			
Mother <i>E. Sweet Gray</i>			
Brothers <i>Walter Gray</i>			
Sisters <i>Angie Miller</i>			

Date *May 10 1920*

Signature *Elvira Gray*  
Relationship *Mother*

Address .....

HBC  
NS-7154/MB

The transfer of bodies will be made entirely at government expense.

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WAR DEPARTMENT.

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

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

*Bell, Walter.*  
*-228278-*  
*Sgt. 302 St. Pt.*

*19186*

*Jan 15 - 1919*

WALTER, BELLA  
317, 30, 902

STEVE REGT

USATA



SGT

229278

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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bell (Surname.) 222278 (Number.) Walter (First Name and Initials.)  
Sgt. (Rank.) 8th Co., 302nd Stevedores (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL September 16, 1918

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

American Expeditionary Forces  
Cemetery No. 25 Talence, France  
Section B

GRAVE NUMBER

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?  
Headboard? Bottle?  
Yes

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:

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REPORTED BY: C. W. Everberg  
2nd Lieut. C. W. Everberg, Q.M., U.S.  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

25 SEP 1918

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

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bell 228278 Maltin  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

1st Lt. both 307 Stevedores  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH:

CAUSE OF DEATH: MIA

DATE OF BURIAL: 9/16/18

PLACE OF BURIAL: Amherst #25

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

GRAVE NUMBER: Sec B

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? yes 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?

NEAREST RELATIVE: Mrs Anna Bell

ADDRESS: Amherst D.C.

RELATIONSHIP: mother

REPORTED BY:

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

This portion to be forwarded to Central Records Office, A. G. O., A. E. F.

