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G.R.S. Form #114-B

FEB 18 1926

FULL NAME *✓* ... *BELLAND, John H.* ✓

RANK *✓* ... *Pyt.* ✓ SERIAL *✓* ... *2851035* ✓

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION *90th.* ... *Co. I, 360th Inf.* ✓

DATE OF DEATH ... *11-2-18* *Nov. 2, '18.* ✓

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME ... *Miss.* ✓

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED. *none* ✓

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION ... *10-22-21* ... *5* ... *45* ... *A*
Date Grave Row Block

1232 - Meuse-Argonne
Cemetery

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FEB 15 1926
WORLD WAR DIV.

World War Div.
MAR 30 1928

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C° I. 360 Inf.

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Belland John H. Pvt. 2851035.

Missing in action Nov. 2nd. 18.

Killed in action Nov. 1st. seen after going over the top, while advancing under heavy machine gun fire. Received machine gun bullet thru heart, death was instantaneous.

Informant: John C. Randell
90 Div,
C° I 360 Inf.

Home Address: 1327 Edmund St. St. Paul Minn.
Jan. 17th. 1919.

R.H. Kirby, Searcher. Cap. Est. 280688
Co. 1st 360th Infantry.
BRANCH, Texas;

John H. Gailor, Captain
360th Infantry

Co. "I" 360th. Infantry.
90th. Division.

BELLAND, John H., Pvt. - 2851035
HOME: WHITE BEAR LAKE, Minn.,

KILLED IN ACTION NOVEMBER 1st. 1918 CT60

Killed November 1st; 1918 on the Meuse Argonne
front. Was shot by machine gun bullet through the heart.

INFORMANT: MOORE, Cap., Sgt. 2804536
Co. "I" 360th. Infantry.
HOME: GRANGER, Texas;

Signed: John E. Calles, Captain
360th. Infantry;

Next of Kin:
Lewis Belland
LABOR ROAD
N. ST. PAUL, Minn.,

/MJM/

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name BELLAND John H Number: 2351035

Rank Unkn Organization: Unkn

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group _____ Unit _____

Disinterred (Date) _____ From: (Give complete location) _____

11th June 1919

Grave #c14 Isoltaed

BANTHEVILLE MEUSE 35NE 307.2E

Reburied (Date) _____ in: (Give complete location) _____

11th June 1919

Grave # 139 Sec 101 Plot 3

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

Burial good, buried in Uniform, body deco osed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? yes

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

CONFIRMED NO. D. 12219

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. 110, G.H.Q. 1918., after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by Lt Grove.

r/s

R. H. ROSENTHAL

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

C.O. Group _____

Unit _____

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Belland, John H. Bel	3	25-2
	CEMETERY 1232	1	1
BURIED	GRAVE 5	2	05
	ROW 43	2	43
	BLOCK a	1	1
STATE	Minn	2	27
PANK	Rut	1	2
DIVISION	90	2	90
ORGANIZATION	360	3	360
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARTIAL	no	1	2
Mrs NAME	Cordelia Belland Bel	3	25-2
	STATE Minn	2	27
RESIDENCE	COUNTY Ramsey	2	62
	CITY N. St. Paul	3	045
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Bad	1	✓
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO. YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	no	1	2
29/514/PJ	Age		70

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Belland John H (MA)

July 7, 1932

Mrs Cordelia Belland
Route #2 Box 173
N St Paul Minn

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries Of Europe during the years 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933 for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces who were lost or buried at sea or whose remains are interred in Europe.

Your attention is particularly invited to the fact that this is the last opportunity you will have to make the pilgrimage under the provisions of the above mentioned Act. Unless you take advantage of this LAST chance to make a trip in 1933 you will receive no benefit from the Act. There is no provision of law which will permit the Government to make a money allowance to any mother or widow who does not choose to make the pilgrimage.


IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU GIVE THE MATTER YOUR MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BEFORE REACHING A DECISION, BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE TRIP AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

In order to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations for the mothers and widows making the journey in 1933, reservations for steamship transportation must be made by this office several months in advance. It is requested that you answer the questions below by writing "Yes" or "No" or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question. When you have answered the question, sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. PLEASE DO NOT DELAY, as it is essential that the information be in this office promptly.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make the pilgrimage during the years 1930, 1931 or 1932. There is enclosed a circular of information WHICH YOU SHOULD READ VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING YOUR DECISION.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


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

2 Encls.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933?

No
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Mrs Cordelia Belland

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

August 17, 1931

Belland, John H. Pvt. (MA) M

Mrs. Cordelia Belland,
Rt. #2, Box 173,
N. St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter forwarded you under recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, wherein you advise that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

Competent personnel will be provided to care for the mothers and widows from the time of their arrival in New York until their return thereto. Medical attendants and all other necessities will be arranged for and in the event you decide to make a pilgrimage, you are assured everything possible will be done for your care and welfare. During the summers of 1930 and 1931 many mothers of advanced age and in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited therefrom.

Your name is being placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make a pilgrimage in 1933. However, should you change your mind in view of the above, and desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, it is requested you advise this office in order that arrangements may be made for you.

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-M
Belland, John H. Pvt. (M-A) M

June 11, 1931.

Mrs. Cordelia Belland ,
Rt. #2, Box 173,
N. St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1932 to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

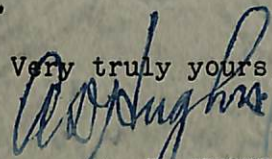
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question.

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

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932?

No

Write answer here

I am not in good enough health
Mrs Cordelia Belland

Sign here

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Belland, John H. 1232 M

January 17, 1931

Mrs. Cordelia Belland,
Route 2, Box 173,
N. St. Paul, Minnesota.

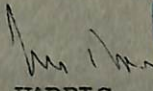
Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested that you advise whether or not the late Private John H. Belland is survived by a widow, and if so, her name and address.

For your convenience in replying, there is enclosed, herewith, a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,


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

Enclosure
Envelope



John H. Belland hasn't any widow, he never was married he always lived with his father and mother helping them get along.
(mother) Mrs. Cordelia Belland

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Belland, John H. 1232 M

June 18, 1930

Mrs. Cordelia Belland
Route 2, Box 173
N. St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

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

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

This letter is being sent to all mothers and widows who are not making the pilgrimage in 1930, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes
A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, U. S. M. Corps,
Assistant.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? Yes

(Write answer here)

I would like to make the pilgrimage but my health is not good enough.
Mrs Cordelia Belland
(Sign here)

Washington
7/23/30
1232

Belland, John

I decline the invitation extended
(Accept or decline)

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

Mrs. Cordelia Belland,
(Name)

Rt. #2, Box 173, Ramsey County, N. St. Paul, Minn
(Town or City) (State)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Belland, John H. 1232 M

Mrs. Cordelia Belland,
Route 2, Box 173,
North St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Madam:

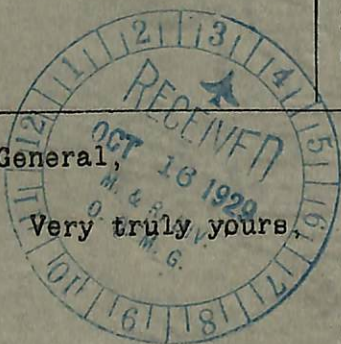
The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries,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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No)
	<i>yes</i>	
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) <i>no</i>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <i>70</i> Health <i>yes</i>	(Years) (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <i>yes</i> (No)	Other language <i>French</i> (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours



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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Belland, John H. 1232

September 9, 1929

Mrs. Cordelia Belland,
Rt. #2, Box 173,
North St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated August 12, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried? If so, give her complete address:

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

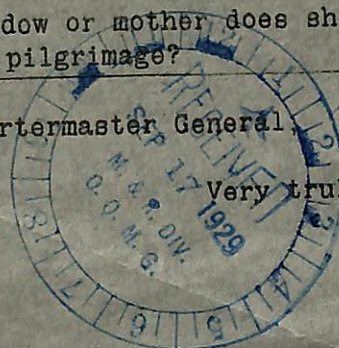
3. If survived by a widow or mother does she desire to make the pilgrimage?

Mother
Mrs Cordelia Belland
No. St. Paul Minn. #2
no

For The Quartermaster General

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope



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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bolland, John H.

August 12, 1929

Mrs. Cordelia Bolland,
Rt. # 2, Box 173,
North St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late **Private John H. Bolland, Co. I, 360th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, 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,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Belland, John H.

June 27, 1929.

Mrs. Louis Belland,
R.F.D. #2,
St. Paul, Minn.

Mother
Mrs. Cordelia Belland,
Rt. #2, Box 173,
North St Paul,
Minn.

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Dear Madam:

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

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.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Belland John H (MA)

July 7, 1932

Mrs Cordelia Belland
Route #2 Box 173
N St Paul Minn

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933? _____

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

August 17, 1931

Belland, John H. Pvt. (MA) M

Mrs. Cordelia Belland,
Rt. #2, Box 173,
N. St. Paul, Minn.

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For The Quartermaster General,

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Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Belland, John H. Pvt. (M-A) M

June 11, 1931.

Mrs. Cordelia Belland,
Rt. #2, Box 173,
N. St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1932 to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? _____
Write answer here

Sign here

QM 293 A-M
Belland, John H. 1232 M

January 17, 1931

Mrs. Cordelia Belland,
Route 2, Box 173,
N. St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested that you advise whether or not the late Private John H. Belland is survived by a widow, and if so, her name and address.

For your convenience in replying, there is enclosed, herewith, a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Belland, John H. 1232 M

June 18, 1930

Mrs. Cordelia Belland
Route 2, Box 173
W. St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

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

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

This letter is being sent to all mothers and widows who are not making the pilgrimage in 1930, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? _____

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

Bolland

Bolland, John H. 1232-N

April 4, 1930

Mrs. Cordelia Bolland,
Box 173,
Dear Madam:
Minn.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.
Regulation.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Belland, John H. 1232 M

Mrs. Cordelia Belland,
Route 2, Box 173,
North St. Paul, Minn.

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,

Encl.
Act
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Belland, John H. 1232

September 9, 1929

Mrs. Cordelia Belland,
Rt. #2, Box 173,
North St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated August 12, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried? If so, give her complete address:

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bolland, John H.

August 12, 1929

**Mrs. Cordelia Bolland,
Rt. # 2, Box 173,
North St. Paul, Minnesota**

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late **Private John H. Bolland, Co. I, 360th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, 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,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bolland, John H.

June 27 1929.

Mrs. Louis Bolland,
R.F.D. #2,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private John H. Bolland, Co. 1, 360th 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 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.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

Belland, John H.

Dup.

2,851 035

(Name.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt. Co. I 360 Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Mother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

No

(Yes or no.)

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

Yes

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Mrs. Louis W. Belland

R. F. D. # 7 - No. St. Paul. Minn.

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by HK
1232 Dec 101-12
5-13-21

check out

5-17-21

October 16, 1923.

Mr. Lewis Belland,
Lalor Road & North St.,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the permanent grave of Private John H. Belland, Company I, 360th Infantry, is Grave 5, Row 43, Block A, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.

You are assured in effecting removal of the remains, the utmost care and reverence were exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed this sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

R.L. FOSTER
Assistant.

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #84488

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BELLAND, John H. Ser. No. 2851035
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. I, 360th Inf.
(c) Date of death 11-2-18 (d) Cause of death k/a.

TYP. HWL.
CKR. [initials]

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

(a) Grave No. 139 Row - Plot 3 Sec. 101 TYP. HWL.
(b) Emerg. Address Mr. Lewis Belland (Father) Lalor Road & North St., St. Paul, Minn.

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

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Mrs. Louis W. Belland Relationship mother
(c) Address P. O. 2, No. St. Paul, Minn.
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? no
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at yes
(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S.
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S.

Examiner's Initials HP Date 5-13, 1920

V. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from
dated
confirming request in Par. IV., item
above, or requesting that

Examiner's Initials Date, 1920.

VI. G. R. S. FILES, CORRESPONDENCE—shows as follows: Louis Belland (father)
North St. Paul, Minn. 2-14-19
no request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes

Examiner's Initials HP Date 5-13, 1920

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 1232, Sec. 101. SHEET No. 12.

JUN 10 1921 14-5

Checked by [initials] 6-9-20

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept. 8. 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BELLAND, John H.

10. Name _____

2. No. 2851035

11. No. _____

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank _____

4. Org. Co. I. 360th. Inf.

13. Org. _____

5. D.D. Nov. 2.

14. (a) D.D. _____

6. C.D. KIA

(b) D.B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 139 Sec. 101

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____

8. Plot 3 Row _____

16. Plot _____ Row _____

9. _____

17. no discrep.

18. Cemetery Argonne Amer.

19. Commune or town Romagne/s/Montfaucon

20. Dept. or County Meuse

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232 Sec. 101

23. Disinterred (Date) Sept. 8. 1921 By W.G. Durisoe

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name BELLAND John H.

Serial No. 2851035

Rank Pvt.

Organization Co. I. 360th Inf.

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

F. B. Foster
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).

none.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, Unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Pine box, Uniform & burlap.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? none.

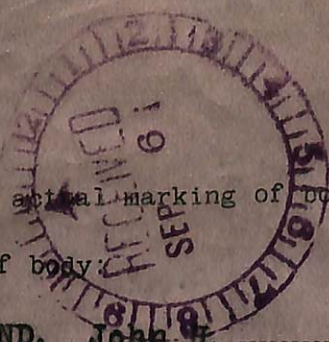
30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Sept. 8. 1921 By W.G. Durisoe

31. Casket sealed by W.G. Durisoe

AUDITED BY

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) W. G. Durisoe

M.H.H.
5/3/23



SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. **C. 5509**

32. Designation of body

Name **BELLAND, John H.** Serial No. **2851035**

Rank **Pvt.** Organization **Co I. 360th Inf.**

33. Consigned to:
Name of Permanent Cemetery **Argonne Amer. Romagn/Montfaucon 1232**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **Sept. 8. 1921** By **W.G. Durisoe**

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 *James W. Younger*
James W. Younger, Capt. Q.M.C.

36. Remarks

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

To point of Concentration **Morgue Cem. #1232.**

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer *J. Gerald Cole*
(Name) **J. GERALD COLE**

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer _____
(Name)

40. Received: Date **8 * SEP 1921**

G.R.S. Representative *Sp. Supt. Morgan*
Oct. 22, 1921 Meuse-Argonne Cty. #1232

41. Reinterred _____ (Date)

42. Grave No. _____ Section _____
xxxx Bl. A **43**

43. Plot _____ Row _____

CV

G.R.S. Representative *James W. Younger*
JAMES W. YOUNGER, CAPT., Q.M.C.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Sept. 8th 1921

1. REMAINS OF BELLAND, JOHN H. SERIAL NUMBER 2851035
RANK 1st Lt. ORGANIZATION Co., I. 360th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Sept. 3, 1921. From (give complete location):
Gr. 139 Sec. 101 Pt. 3. Meuse-Argonne Cem., 1232.
By: Group Duriso Unit Sec. 1

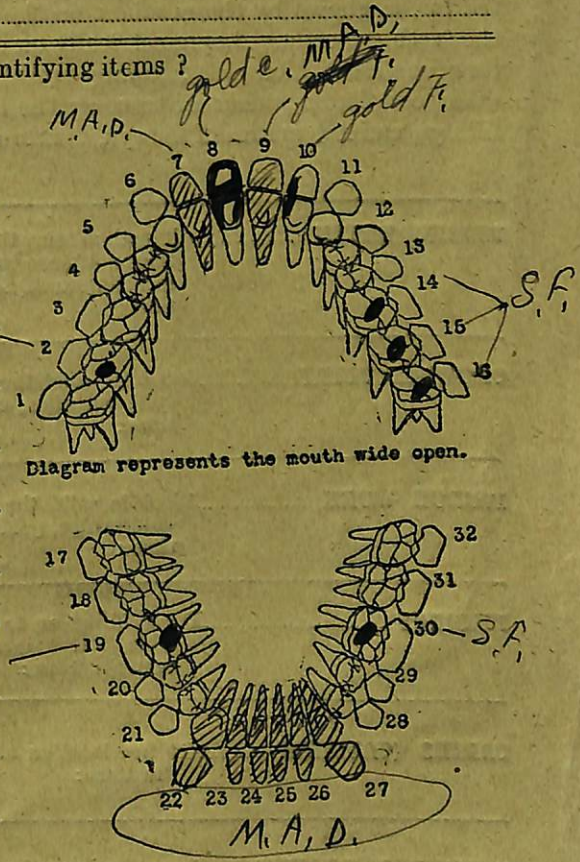
3. Reburied (date): Oct. 22-21 In (give complete location):
Concentration inf from Europe Meuse-Argonne Cem. 1232 - Gr 5 BIA Row 43
By: Group _____ Unit _____ Nature of reburial _____

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

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? Yes
Body tag reads: "John H. Belland, 2851035."
(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) Impossible to
(b) Weight (estimated) estimate
(c) Hair—Color None visible
Quantity None Characteristics None
(d) Hair on face—Color None visible
Location None Quantity None
(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) None visible
(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) None visible



7. Disinterment supervised by W.G. Duriso Approved: James Younger
W.G. Duriso S. 1 (Title) S. M. Younger Capt. G.O.C.
8. Reburial supervised by _____ Approved: _____
(Title) _____

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #84488

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name **BELLAND, John H.** Ser. N**2851035**
 (b) Rank **Pvt.** Organization **Co. I, 360th Inf.** } TYP **HWL.**
 (c) Date of death **11-2-18** (d) Cause of death **k/a.** } *[Signature]*

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

(a) Grave No **139** Row **-** Plot **3** Sec. **101** TYP. **HWL.**
 (b) Emerg. Address **Mr. Lewis Belland (Father) Lalor Road & North St., St. Paul, Minn.**

III. ~~Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases~~ CKR. *[Signature]*

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

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V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
Sec. #101 { letter of transmittal on **JUN 4 1921**, 192

Par. 2 Not To Be Returned

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., *mcN.* _____, 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

Date of and source.	Relationship and name.	Desires.	Action taken.
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VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J. _____, 192

COUNTRY _____ CEMETERY No. _____ SHEET No. _____

84488

1. G. R. S. Form No. 1

Hq. G. R. S. File

2. Soldier's No. 2851035

3. Belland John H.

Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials

4. Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. Date of Death Cause, if known

6. Date of Burial Cause, if known Isolated Cemetery

7. Ainerville Meuse Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. 83 Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

9. Name Peg? Cross? 1 Heel board? Bottle? Check Method of Marking

10. Buried with Body? 1 Attached to Grave Marker? 1 Identification Tags

11. If name unknown and tags missing give name and description.

Bantheville (Meuse) 303 35 NE SE 307.6 N 288.4

12. "A" sketch 26 Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery 288.4 N 307.6 E

13. Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer Signed Lt. Hodson

PROV. UNIT "A" GROUP 1 Group Unit G. R. S.

5-17-21
(Date)

FORM 115 has been compiled on the following case:-

CEMETERY NO. 1232 SECTION 101

FORM 115 Sheet No. 12

JH
(Initials)

OSP-SS
Form No. 1011.

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84488

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY

Reference-84488 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F. April, 10th 1919.
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE..

FROM : ~~Louis, Belland, Graves Registration Service, North Star, Minn.~~
TO : Private John H. Belland, Co., I, 360th Infantry,
American E.F.
SUBJECT :

~~Compliment of DANIEL B. DEPARTMENT OF ARMY.~~
In compliance of DANIEL B. DEPARTMENT OF ARMY, with reference to the re-
gretted death of this soldier, according to the records at these headquarters
he is buried in

By direction

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

(Enclosures G.R.S.:)
(10-B, .004.5)

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

MBD-cb



North St. Paul, Minn., R. F. D.
Feb. 14, 1919.

Chief,
Graves Registration Service,
Hdqrs. Service of Supply,
A. P. O. # 417.

Dear Sir:-

Acting on the advice of Mr. W. R. Castle, Jr., Director of Bureau of Communication, I wish you would kindly inform me of the exact location of my son's grave, Priv. John H. Belland, Co. I, 360th Inf., U. S. A., who was killed in action Nov. 8, 1918.

Thanking you in advance for your trouble in this matter, I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,
Louis Belland.