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G.R.S. Form #114-B

To The A. G. O.

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Soldier's sig.
1. NAME BELLIS, Czell

Apr 27 1925

DATE 12-9-21

SERIAL No. 83302

RANK Pvt.

ORGANIZATION Co. I, 127th Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty., Romagne-sous-
CTY. NAME Montfaucon (Meuse) DIVISION 32nd
1232 Sec. 34 NUMBER

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Sec. 34

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GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

Gesnes

Meuse

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES

Verdun 35NE

283.4N

305.3E

CONCENTRATED TO

6/6/19

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Sec 34

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DATE

GRAVE

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CEMETERY

Meuse Argonne

1232

CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on body

Oct 12 1918

data f-1/pfb

DATE OF DEATH

Mont.

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

none of record

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

M. B. Birdseye

M. B. BIRDSEYE

1st Lt., Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION

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Block C

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

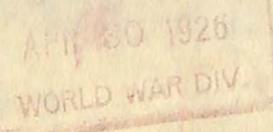
PLOT

AUDITED BY

M. M. E.
3-29-23

Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne/s Montfaucon 1232

CEMETERY



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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bellis 83302 Clell (Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

(Rank.)

(Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL.

Oct 18, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL.

Dun-sur-Meuse map

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

Ypres O.S. 5-83.45

Transvaal farm

GRAVE NUMBER.

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HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? *yes*

Headboard?

Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? *yes*

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

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

REPORTED BY:

J. Lynch, Chaplain 127th Inf
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Co. I, 127th Inf.
32nd Division

Bellis, Clell - 83302
No home address given.

Buried Oct. 18, 1918.

Location of grave: Dun sur Meuse map 1/20000 05.5-83.45 Transvaal
farm.

Informant: Lavelly, H. T. - Chaplain
127th Inf.
Home: Eau Claire, Pa.

No signature.

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Co. I, 127th Inf.
32nd Division

Bellis, Clell - Pvt. 83302
Home: Baker, Montana

Pvt. Bellis was wounded severely in the Argonne Offensive and during an advance on enemy positions near Gesnes about 3 kilometers northeast of said village near an old sunken road, on the 12th October, 1918, and about 8 o'clock A. M. He was struck in the face by a machine gun shot below right eye and lived about ten minutes. His last remark was "drag me in" meaning to take him to sunken road. He was buried near the old road by Battalion Burial Detail the same day. He was wounded on the 4th August 1918 near Fismes during the hard fighting there, and about the village; taken to Hospital from which he returned to Company at Rohecourt on the 12th September, 1918. His common remark was "You know old man Bellis." He had plans in view for taking up farming upon his return to the U. S. A. Good soldier although nervous.

Informant: Jennings, Bert - Pvt. 2006643
Co. I, 127th Division
Home: Baker, Montana
Feb. 21, 1919.
~~Signature:~~ Leon M. Gurda, 1st Lieut, 127th Inf.
Signed: Milwaukee, Wis.

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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Bellis, Clell	3	25 2
BURIED	CEMETERY 1232	1	1
	GRAVE 29	2	29
	ROW 30	2	30
	BLOCK C	1	3
STATE	Montana	2	31
RANK	Post.	1	2
DIVISION	32	2	32
ORGANIZATION	127	3	127
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARTIAL	Wb	1	2
NAME	Bellis, Emma Augusta	5	25 2
RESIDENCE	STATE Wisconsin	2	58
	COUNTY Rusk	2	54
	CITY Bruce	3	XXX
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER	Father	1	1
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY			
RACE			
ENGLISH	Yea	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	1
HEALTH	Good	1	1
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	no	1	2
29/514/PJ	age		62

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QM 293 A-M
Bellis, Clell (MA)

August 6, 1932.

Mrs. Emma Augusta Bellis,
Box 68,
Bruce, Wisconsin.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to office letter of July 7, 1932 stating that it would be impossible for you to take advantage of the offer of the Government at this time. However, it is hoped that your condition will improve, and that you will be able to visit the grave of your son before the conclusion of the pilgrimages in 1933.

In the event you health improves and you feel able to make the pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you notify this office, and arrangements will be made for you. Properly qualified personnel will be provided to care for the comfort and needs of the women making the pilgrimage, and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past three years many women who were in poor health made the trip and appeared to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received. Should you make the pilgrimage you are assured that everything possible will be done for your comfort and welfare.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Bellis Clell (MA)

July 7, 1932

Mrs Emma Augusta Bellis
Box 68
Bruce Wis

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

No. Impassable
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

August 17, 1931

Bellis, Clell, Pvt. (MA) M

Mrs. Emma Augusta Bellis,
Box 68,
Bruce, Wisc.

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
Bellis, Clell, Pvt. (M-A) M

June 11, 1931.

Mrs. Emma Augusta Bellis,
Box 68,
Bruce, Wisconsin

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



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? No

Write answer here

(Poor Health)

Mrs Emma Augusta Bellis
Sign here

Mother of Pvt. Clell Bellis

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Bellis, Clell 1232 M

January 17, 1931

Mrs. Emma Augusta Bellis,
Box 68,
Bruce, Wisconsin.

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 Clell Bellis 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,

Enclosure
Envelope

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



Dear Sir

Private Clell Bellis had No wife

Emma Augusta Bellis

Mother

Jan 25-31

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bellis, Clell - 1232 M

June 18, 1930

Mrs. Emma Augusta Bellis
Box 68
Bruce, Wisc.

Dear Madam:

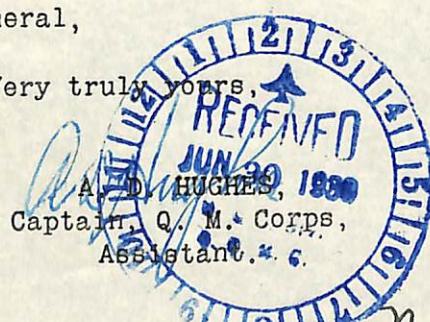
Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

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,



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? No

(Write answer here)

Mrs Emma Augusta Bellis
(Sign here)

Harding
6/14/30
1232

Bellis, Clell

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.

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Mrs. Emma Augusta Bellis

(Name)

Emma Augusta Bellis

Box 68, Bruce, Rusk County, Wisconsin.

(Town or City)

(State)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE, 1929
Box 68 Bruce Rusk County Wisconsin
Health will not permit

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Bellis, Clell, 1232 M

Mrs. Emma Augusta Bellis,
Box 68,
Bruce, Wisconsin.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes) <i>yes</i>	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <i>yes</i>	(No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes)	<i>no</i> (No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <i>62</i> in <i>November</i> (Years)	Health <i>not the Best</i> (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English English - (Yes) (No) Other language (Specify language spoken)	

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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95, M,
293, A-C.

Bruce Wisconsin

Aug 7 - 1929

Office of quarter Master General
Washington D.C.

Sir

My wife is the mother of
Clell Bellis that sleeps near
American Cemetery in France
Her name is ^{her} Emma Augusta Bellis
and our address is Bruce Wisconsin

Fred Bellis

Bruce Wisconsin

Box 68



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bellis, Clell

June 29 1929.

Mr. Fred Bellis,
Baker, Mont.

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 Pvt. Clell Bellis, Co. I, 127th 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 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

QM 293 A-M
Bellis, Clell (MA)

August 6, 1932.

Mrs. Emma Augusta Bellis,
Box 68,
Bruce, Wisconsin.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to office letter of July 7, 1932 stating that it would be impossible for you to take advantage of the offer of the Government at this time. However, it is hoped that your condition will improve, and that you will be able to visit the grave of your son before the conclusion of the pilgrimages in 1933.

In the event you health improves and you feel able to make the pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you notify this office, and arrangements will be made for you. Properly qualified personnel will be provided to care for the comfort and needs of the women making the pilgrimage, and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past three years many women who were in poor health made the trip and appeared to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received. Should you make the pilgrimage you are assured that everything possible will be done for your comfort and welfare.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

August 17, 1931

Bellis, Clell, Pvt. (MA) M

Mrs. Emma Augusta Bellis,
Box 68,
Bruce, Wise.

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

Bellis Clell (MA)

July 7, 1932

Mrs Emma Augusta Bellis
Box 68
Bruce Wis

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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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 Q.M. 203 A-M
Bellis, Clell, Pvt. (W-A) M

June 11, 1931.

Mrs. Emma Augusta Bellis,
Box 68,
Bruce, Wisconsin

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 the words "Yes", "No", or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question.

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

Write answer here

Sign here

QM 293 A-M
Bellis, Clell 1232 M

January 17, 1931

Mrs. Emma Augusta Bellis,
Box 68,
Bruce, Wisconsin.

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 Clell Bellis 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

Bellis, Clell - 1232 M

June 18, 1930

Mrs. Emma Augusta Bellis
Box 68
Bruce, Wisc.

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-6

Bellis, Clell 1232-M

March 25, 1930.

Mrs. Emma Augusta Bellis,

Box 68
Dear Madam:
Bruce, Wisconsin

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

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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.

Bellis, Clell, 1232 M

Mrs. Emma Augusta Bellis,
Box 68,
Bruce, Wisconsin.

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,

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

Encl.

Act

Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bellis, Clell

June 29 1929.

Mr. Fred Bellis,
Baker, Mont.

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 Pvt. Clell Bellis, Co. I. 127th 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.

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QM 293 A-C
(Bellis, Clell)
✓ X 293 (Sullivan, Sylvester P)

September 17, 1925.

SUBJECT: Flags.

TO: Quartermaster Supply Officer, Washington General Intermediate Depot,
Washington, D. C.

1. You are authorized to send one flag, at Government expense, to each
of the following addressees:

- (1) Mrs. Elizabeth K. Sullivan, 526 North Street, Harrisburg,
Pennsylvania, mother of Private Sylvester P. Sullivan, Co. B,
149th Machine Gun Battalion. - Notify consignee and also
Mr. Mark T. Milnor, Attorney, 1 North Third Street, Harrisburg,
Pennsylvania.
- (2) Mrs. Anna Augusta Bellis, Bruce, Rusk County, Wisconsin, mother
of Private Clell Bellis, Co. I, 127th Infantry. - Notify
consignee and also Mr. H. F. Duckart, District Attorney,
Ladysmith, Wisconsin.

By order of The Quartermaster General:



D. K. MITCHELL,
Major, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

RK *rk*
WPR *WPR*

H. F. DUCKART
DISTRICT ATTORNEY
LADYSMITH, WISCONSIN

September 8, 1925

Office, Quartermaster Gen. of the Army,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am inclosing affidavit of application of Mrs. Emma A. Bellis for a United States flag. Under an order promulgated by your department several months ago, the mother of a deceased soldier whose boy is to remain in France is entitled to receive a flag from your department.

Thanking you for your consideration of this matter, I am,

Yours truly,

First Lieut. Q.M.C. Res.



293 Bellis Bell

STATE OF WISCONSIN }
RUSK COUNTY } ss

Emma Augusta Bellis being first duly sworn, on oath deposes and says that she is a resident of the Village of Bruce, Rusk County, Wisconsin and that she is the mother of Clell Othmer Bellis; that said Clell Othmer Bellis, Army Serial No. C-118606 Company 1 127th Infantry, 32nd Division was killed in the Battle of the Argonne on October 12, 1918 and that she is informed by the Government that his remains are buried in the American Cemetery in France and that she has expressed a desire to the Government that the remains of said deceased soldier be kept in France.

That this affidavit is made for the purpose of applying for a United States flag to be kept in memory of the deceased soldier.

Mrs Emma Augusta Bellis

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 11 day of September, 1925.

H F Deekart

Notary Public, Rusk County, Wisconsin.
My Commission Expires Dec 15 1928.

In reply refer to:
293 C-R

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

O.Q.M.C.
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July 7, 1923.

293 Bellis - Bellis
Mr. Fred Bellis,
Baker,
Mont.

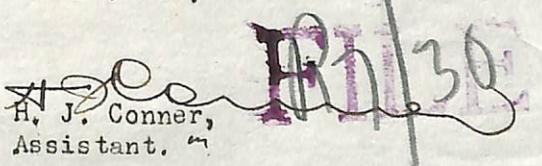
Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of **Private Clell Bellis, Company I, 127th Infantry, is Grave 29, Row 30, Block C, 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. 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 maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,


H. J. Conner,
Assistant.

RD

23/236/ARK

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

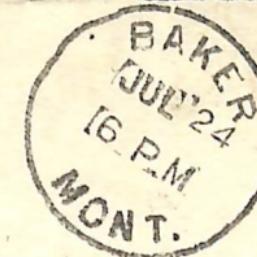


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PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300.

RECEIVE
OR
INSURE
VALUABLE MAIL



In reply refer to:
293 C-R

July 7, 1923.

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Baker,
Mont.

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H. J. Conner,
Assistant.

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File 43652

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BELLIS, C. E. Ser. No. 83302
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. I, 127th Inf.
 (c) Date of death 10-12-18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. B
 CKR. 30
 ✓ Chained
 ✓ Serial
 ✓ Argonne
 ✓ 3/25/22

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

(a) Grave No. 31 Row — Plot 1 Sec. 34 TYP. B
 (b) Emerg. Address Fred Bellis (father) Baker, Mont.

III. Files of soldiers/dying from contagious diseases 111111111111111111 CKR. 30

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

(a) Name Fred Bellis (b) Relationship Father
 (c) Address Baker, Mont.
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at France
 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. —
 (g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. —

Examiner's Initials Pf Date 4-6-, 1920

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

, dated

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

No correspondence

Examiner's Initials Pf Date 4-6-, 1920

VI. G. R. S. FILES, CORRESPONDENCE—shows as follows: Mother Mrs. Emma Bellis

Baker Mont. 3-10-19. No request for
disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to?

Yes Pf

Examiner's Initials Pf Date 4-6-, 1920

COUNTRY FRANCE

CEMETERY No. 1232-Sec. 34

SHEET No. 14

File 43652

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

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(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. I, 127th Inf.
(c) Date of death 10-12-18 (d) Cause of death K/A

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(a) Grave No. 31 Row Plot 1 Sec. 34 TYP. E
(b) Emerg. Address Fred Bellis (father) Baker, Mont.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases CKB. 30

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

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by *Section 34* cable on 4/13/, 192
letter of transmittal on 4/13/, 192
Par. 2. Not to be returned (JEW)
Beers Chell

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

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

Date of and source, Relationship and name Desires Action taken.

VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J. 192

COUNTRY

CEMETERY No. _____ SHEET No. _____

G. R. S. Form 115-A
August, 1920

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1232-Sec. 34

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FRANCE

74-5-4-16-21

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

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, _____, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by

cable on	1920
letter on	4-13-	1920

Section - 34

Car. 2. Not to be returned (gen)
Business Class

Beebe, Clell

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

G.R.S.

G.R.S. FORM #114-A.

STATION

Romagne, Cemetery #1232.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Dec. 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 BELLIS, Giell10. Name Giell Bellis2. No. 83302

11. No.

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank

4. Org. Co. I, 127th Inf.

13. Org.

5. D.D. Oct. 12th. 1918

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. KIA

(b) D.B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 51 Sec. 34

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot 1 Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. None.18. Cemetery Monsse-Argonne Amer.19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Montfaucon20. Dept. or County Monsse21. Country France22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232 Sec. 5423. Disinterred (Date) Dec. 8, 1921.By H. H. Foster.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Giell BellisSerial No. 83302Rank Pvt.Organization Co. I, 127 Inf.25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes On body? Yes

John H. Crawford.
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant
John H. Crawford.

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).

G.R.S. plaque on box checks.27. Condition of body Badly decomposed; features unrecognizable.28. Nature of burial Uniform, burlap and box.29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? See Par. 10.30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Dec. 8, 1921. By H. H. Foster.31. Casket sealed by H. H. Foster.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

N. N. Foster
H. H. Foster.

AUDITED BY

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place ... Magna 1232.

Date ... Dec 8, 1921

1. REMAINS OF BELLIS, Ciel.

SERIAL NUMBER

83302.

RANK ... Pvt.

ORGANIZATION

Co. I. 127th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) :

Dec 8, 1921

From (give complete location) :

gr 31, sec 34, plot 1. Cty. 1232.

By : Group

1

Unit

sec 1

3. Reburied (date) :

In (give complete location) :

Dec 9th 1921 Meuse Argonne Cemetery # 1232 Gr 29 block C row 30
unlined casket

By : Group re-burial S Unit Nature of reburial

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

wooden box and burlap 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 :

G.R.S. plaque on toe checks. Body tag: Bellis, Ciel 83302.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) impossible to determine.

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity fo

Characteristics do

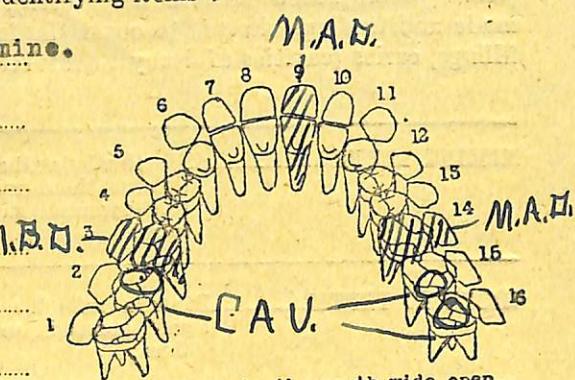
(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

Quantity do

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

missing parts) do



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) none visible.

7. Disinterment
supervised byN. N. Foster
H. H. Foster.

Approved:

G. P. Spann, Capt. Q.M.C.
(Title)

8. Reburial

supervised by

A. U. Dufault

Approved:

James W. Younger, Capt QMC.
(Title)

jt.

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.)

Box No

C-18219

32. Designation of body:

Name **Ciell Bellis**

RECEIVED
GRAVES REGISTRATION SER.

Serial No. 83302

JUL 21 1922

Rank **Pvt.**

Organization **Co. I, 127th Inf.**

33. Consigned to:

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

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **Dec. 8, 1921.** By **H. H. Foster.**

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 **G. F. Spann, Capt. QMC.**

36. Remarks **None.**

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

To point of Concentration **Morgue, Romagne.**

(Name)

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

J. Gerald Cole
GERALD COLE
Captain, C. A. C.

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 Dec 9th 1921**

(Date)

42. Grave No. **29**

Section

43. Plot Block

C

Row

30

G.R.S. Representative

James W. Younger
James W. Younger, Capt QMC.

jt.

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

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

Date 4/6/21.

File No. Requisition

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division) (SPECIAL)
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 Bellis O.K.
b. Christian name Clell or (Ciell) O.K.
c. Serial Number 83302 O.K.
d. Organization Co. I, 127th Inf. O.K.
e. Rank Pvt. O.K.
f. Date of death 10/12/18. O.K.
g. Cause of death K/A. O.K.
h. Authority (C.O.#) Fred Bellis
i. Emergency address Bakers Mtn
j. Relationship father

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

a. Age of enlistment
b. Color of eyes
c. Color of hair
d. Height
e. Weight
f. Permanent marks and No. physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)

DENTAL CHARTS

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

a. Strike out teeth missing

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
upper right upper left

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
lower right lower left

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the Pers Sec - 8-310
4-8-21

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

CEMETERY NO: 1232-Sec.34.

SHEET NO: 14

TEPED BY: I.W.

3/713/LML

BY: H. J. CONNER,
1st. Lieut. Q.M.C.

APR 8 1921

1924 WORLD WAR DIV.
APR 8 1921

Date 19th, June 1919.REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Remains of :

NAME: BELLIS, Clell

NUMBER: 83302

RANK: Unkn

ORGANIZATION: Unkn

DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL MADE BY GROUP:UNIT:

DISINTERRED: (Date)

FROM: (Give complete location)

6th, June 1919.

Grave #10 B/A Cemetery

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ROMAGNE, MEUSE.

35 NE 305.3 E 283.4 N

REBURIED (Date)

IN: (Give complete location)

6th, June 1919.

Grave #31 Sec #34 Plot #1

1232

ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY NO. 1232.

ROMAGNE, MEUSE.

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

Burial good. Buried in uniform; body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes

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

CONFIRMED NO. D

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Note:

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

Supervised by: Lt. Shelton.

H.W.

R. H. ROSENTHAL
C. O. Group Q. M. C. U. S. A.
Unit

Reference:
43652

43652
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F.
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

May 27, 1919

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.
Mrs. Emma Bellis, Baker, Montana
TO : Pvt. Clell Bellis (#63302) Co. I, 127th Inf.
SUBJECT:

With an assurance of very deep sympathy, and in reply to your letter of enquiry, you are advised that information has been filed in this office by the burial officer ~~thunderheadant~~ at ~~Battlefield~~ ~~Cemetery, a~~ ~~Belgium~~ ~~near~~ ~~Montfauxon~~ ~~in~~ ~~our~~ Department of the Meuse. His grave, which is No. 10, is marked with the regulation cross. One identification tag is buried with the body and the other attached to the grave marker.

CCP-mf

Bulletins:
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10-B

G.R.S. Form #6

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

Baker Montana

Mar 15- 1919.

Chief graves Registration Service
will you please tell me all
you can in regard to my Son
gr Pvt Clell Bellis co. 9. 127 U.S.
Dif wise, where his grave is and
I have been told we will get photographs
if so I shure want one.

his mother
Mrs Emma Bellis

Baker Mont

Bellis, Clell

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

83,302

(Army serial number.)

Pvt Co I 127 Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

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

If 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 rema'ns.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here) *Fred Bellis*

Baker Mount

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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4-6-21

1232 - Ser 34 - 14

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GRAVE LOCATION BOOK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bellis 83302 Chell

(Surname.)

(Number.)

(First Name and Initials.)

(Rank.)

(Organization)

DATE OF BURIAL

Oct 18, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL

Drie-Fontein Mine maps

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

1000000 S. 5-23.45

Transvaal farm

GRAVE NUMBER

9
33

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? Yes

Headboard?

Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes

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

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

OMME. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon
(C-280) SHT. 35 N.E. COORD {E-305.50
{N-283.45

REPORTED BY:

H. J. Farley, Chaplain 127th Inf

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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



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Annual List No.

By Report No.

43652

Hq. G. R. S. File

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

2. Soldier's No. 83302

3. Bellis Clell
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 Cemetery
B.A.C.

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

8. 10
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

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

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

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

12. "A" sketch 86
Map reference, if interment is outside of cemetery
MME.

13. (C-)SHT. COORD
Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer
GROUP No. 2 Signed Sgt. Horsley

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

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G.R.S. FORM NO. 6: Request referred to
Chaplain.

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

B.
FROM: The Chief, G.R.S.
TO: Chaplain Co. I, 127th Inf.
Sub-inspector, G.R.S.
SUBJECT: Information for relatives.

1. Information as to the circumstances connected with the death of
Pvt. Clell Bellis (#83302)
Co. I, 127th Inf.

which are not of record in this office, is desired by his mother

Mrs. Emma Bellis.
Baker, Montana

2. I am sure it will be your pleasure to give what comfort you can in writing directly to the above address, and I deeply regret that the desired information is not available for me to use, without the delay involved in this request for your aid.

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

Copy furnished for the information of the family of the deceased.

4-6-21

(Date)

FORM 115 has been compiled on the following case:-

CEMETERY NO. 1232 SECTION 3 4

FORM 115 Sheet No. 14

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(Initials)

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Form No. 1011.

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