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DATE 12/17/21

1. NAME BOOMGARDEN, Kelly ✓ *See name* SERIAL No. 3129164 ✓
 RANK Pvt. ✓ ORGANIZATION Co.E., 159th Inf. ✓
 & DIVISION 28 ✓
 GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Arg.Amer.Cty.Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse) 1232.Sec.40
 CTY. NAME NUMBER

GRAVE 121 ROW Sec.40 PLOT 3
 2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 9 *9* Boureuilles Meuse
 GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.
 COORDINATES Verdun 35SE 269.9N 300.9E
 CONCENTRATED TO 6/5/19 121 Sec 40 3
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT
 Meuse Argonne 1 232
 CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on body data f-1/pfb



SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS DATE OF DEATH *Sept 29, 18* ✓
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY
 STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME *Missouri*
 MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED *none* ✓
 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 12/17/21 9 17 Block E.
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery #1232. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon. Meuse.

AUDITED BY *M.H.E.*
 4-6-23
 Rec'd World War Div. N 9 1928
 APR 2 1928 WORLD WAR DIV

Robert C. Davis,
 Major General,
 The Adjutant General.
 By *RD* JUN 10 1926

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Boongarden	3	2 0 0
	Stelly		5 5
BURIED	CEMETERY	1	1
	GRAVE	2	09
	ROW	2	17
	BLOCK	1	5
STATE	Minw	2	27
RANK	Pvt	1	2
DIVISION	28	2	28
ORGANIZATION	111	3	111
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARTIAL	No	1	2
NAME	Boongarden	5	2 0 0
	Mrs. Cornelia		5 5
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	27
	COUNTY	2	67
	CITY	3	xxx
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER	Father	1	1
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Bad	1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
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	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	Age No	1	2
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IN REPLY
REFER TO

QM 293 A-M

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON

SPECIAL

October 12, 1932.

Boomgarden, Kelly (MA)

Mrs. Cornelia Boomgarden,
Ashcreek, Minn.

Dear Madam:

Your Government has provided an opportunity for all Mothers and Widows of deceased members of the American Forces who were lost, buried at sea, or whose remains are now interred in Europe, to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. This was done in the hope that all who may make the pilgrimage will derive a measure of comfort and solace from the visit.

You are numbered among those who are privileged to make this pilgrimage.

During July and September of this year, inquiries were addressed to you as to whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage to Europe. To these inquiries no reply has been received from you.

You probably do not realize how important it is that a reply be received from you. If we do not receive replies, it becomes very difficult to make the necessary and proper arrangements for those who are to make the trip, as everything must be arranged in advance. Consequently, it is just as important for the Government to know the names of those who do not desire to take advantage of its offer as it is to know the names of those who do.

Will you please devote a few moments of your time to write either the word "YES" or "NO" in the following space 720 thus indicating whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage during 1933 and sign your name here Cornelia Boomgarden. Use the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage, and return this sheet.

This reply will assure your Government that no worthy Mother or Widow has failed to receive its offer in commemoration of a loved one departed, and will greatly assist in making the necessary preparations for those of them who wish to take advantage of the privilege.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


 CHAS. W. DIETZ

 Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Sept. 6, 1932.

Boomgarden, Kelly (MA)

Mrs. Cornelia Boomgarden,
Ashcreek, Minn.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

In order that your desires may be of record, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage
in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")

2. Please state your age and condition
of health:

Age:
Health:

3. Do you speak English?

4. What other language do you speak?

Sign here

NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE
PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Boongarden Kelly (MA)

July 8 1932

Mrs Cornelia Boongarden
Ashoreek 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,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

QM 293 A-M
Boomgarden, Kelly Pvt. (M-A) M

March 22, 1932.

Mrs. Cornelia Boomgarden,
Ashcreek,
Minnesota.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Kelly Boomgarden.

It is noted you previously stated your health was poor, and in this connection you are assured that should you make a pilgrimage competent personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past two years many mothers who were in poor health and of advanced age made the pilgrimage and appeared to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

Should you reconsider and desire to visit the grave of your son during the coming summer, it is requested that you notify this office at the earliest practicable date. You are assured the journey will not only be made at the expense of the United States, but everything possible for your comfort and welfare will be provided.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Boomgarden, Kelly (M-A) M

September 29, 1931. AL

Mrs. Cornelia Boomgarden,
Ashcreek, Minn.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

In order that the records may be complete, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name, and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Boomgarden, Kelly Pvt. (M-A) M

June 11, 1931.

Mrs. Cornelis Boomgarden,
Ashoreek, 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? _____

Write answer here

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Boomgarden, Kelly Pvt. 1232-W

April 4, 1931.

Mrs. Cornelia Boomgarden,
Ashcreek, Minnesota

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the ~~widow~~ ^{Natural Mother} of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?

No

2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?

No

3. Please give your age and state your health.

Age 72

Condition of Health *poorly*

4. Do you speak English?

yes.

5. What other language do you speak?

German.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes

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

Enclosures:
Envelope
Act
Amendment



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO — QM 293 A-M

Boomgarden, Kelly Pvt. 1232-W

April 4, 1931.

Mrs. Cornelia Boomgarden,
Ashcreek, Minnesota

Dear Madam:

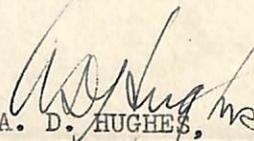
In order that your desires may be properly recorded and arrangements made for you accordingly, it is requested that you complete and return the enclosed questionnaire at your earliest convenience.

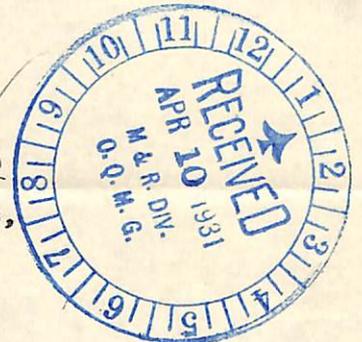
Kindly advise as to whether or not the late Private Kelly Boomgarden is survived by a natural mother, stepmother or any woman who stood in loco parentis to him, and if so, the name, address and relationship of each.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,


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



Enclosures:
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*The above is natural mother
Kelly Boomgarden was never married.*

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Boomgarden, Kelly 1232

Sept. 4, 1929.

Mr. Klaas Boomgarden,
Steen, Minn.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 29, 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:

*Cornelia Boomgarden
Ashcroft Minn*

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?

No - is unable to go

For The Quartermaster General

Very truly yours,



2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

John 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
Boomgarden, Kelly,

June 29 1929.

Mr. Klaas Boomgarden,
Steen, Minn.

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. Kelly Boomgarden, Co. B, 111th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Boomgarden, Kelly (MA)

Sept. 6, 1932.

Mrs. Cornelia Boomgarden,
Ashcreek, Minn.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

In order that your desires may be of record, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Boongarden Kelly (MA)

July 8 1932

Mrs Cornelia Boongarden
Ashereek 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,
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) _____

QM 293 A-M
Boongarden, Kelly Pvt. (M-A) M

March 22, 1932.

Mrs. Cornelia Boongarden,
Ashcreek,
Minnesota.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Kelly Boongarden.

It is noted you previously stated your health was poor, and in this connection you are assured that should you make a pilgrimage competent personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past two years many mothers who were in poor health and of advanced age made the pilgrimage and appeared to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

Should you reconsider and desire to visit the grave of your son during the coming summer, it is requested that you notify this office at the earliest practicable date. You are assured the journey will not only be made at the expense of the United States, but everything possible for your comfort and welfare will be provided.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Boomgarden, Kelly (M-A) M

September 29, 1931. AL

Mrs. Cornelia Boomgarden,
Ashoreek, Minn.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

In order that the records may be complete, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name, and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

June 11, 1931.

Boomgarden, Kelly Pvt. (M-A) M

Mrs. Cornelis Boomgarden,
Ashcreek, 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? _____

Write answer here

Sign here

QM 293 A-M
Boongarden, Kelly Pvt. 1232-W

April 4, 1931.

Mrs. Cornelia Boongarden,
Ashcreek, Minnesota

Dear Madam:

In order that your desires may be properly recorded and arrangements made for you accordingly, it is requested that you complete and return the enclosed questionnaire at your earliest convenience.

Kindly advise as to whether or not the late Private Kelly Boongarden is survived by a natural mother, stepmother or any woman who stood in loco parentis to him, and if so, the name, address and relationship of each.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Boomgarden, Kelly Pvt. 1232-W

April 4, 1931.

Mrs. Cornelia Boomgarden,
Ashoreek, Minnesota

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the ^{widow} of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?

2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?

3. Please give your age and state your health.

Age
Condition of Health

4. Do you speak English?

5. What other language do you speak?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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October 10, 1930

Boomgarden, Kelly Pvt 1232 W

Mrs. Cornelia Boomgarden
Ashcreek
Minnesota

Dear Madam:

A reply has not been received to office letter of recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages in 1931, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age Condition of health
4. Do you speak English?	
5. What other language do you speak?	

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Boomgarden, Kelly 1252 W

June 7, 1930

Mrs. Cornelia Boomgarden
Ashoreek, Minnesota.

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

October 7, 1929.

Boomgarden, Kelly 1232 W

Mrs. Cornelia Boomgarden,
Ashcreek, Mim.

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
Boomgarden, Kelly

Sept. 4, 1929.

Mr. Klaas Boomgarden,
Steen, Minn.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 29, 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
Boomgarden, Kelly,

June 29 1929.

Mr. Klaas Boomgarden,
Steen, Mimm.

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. Kelly Boomgarden, Co. B, 111th 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.

Boomgarden,

(Surname.)

Kelly

(Christian name in full.)

3,129,164

(Army number.)

Pvt.

Co. E, 111th Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Father & 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?

no.

(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:

of person to receive remains.

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Klaas Boomgarden
no. 1 Steen Minn

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by - BOR

1232- Dec 40-19

4-9-21

checked H H

4-9-21

In reply refer to:
QM - 293 C-R

July 24, 1923.

Mr. Klaas Boongarden,
Steen,
Mim.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of Private Kelly Boongarden, Company E, 111th Infantry, is Grave 9, Row 17, Block E, 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 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.

Q. Q. M. G.
Central Mail & Files Branch



JUL 24 1923
C. E. H.

RD

*File
J. J.
11/29/26*

Date 18th June 1919

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Remains of:

Name: BOOMGARDEN, Kelly

Number 3129164

Rank: Unkn

Organization Unkn

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group:

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From (Give complete location)

6 5th June 1919

B A Cty Grave 9 BOURLEULLES MEUSE

35 SE E 300.9 N 269.9

Reburied (Date)

In: (Give complete location)

5th June 1919

Grave No 121 Sec 40 Plot 3

ARGENTE AMER. CEMETERY NO. 1232

ROMAGNE MEUSE

Report on the nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment.

Burial poor; buried in uniform; body badly decomposed.

Was the identification tag found upon the body? Yes

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

Notes:

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.S. 2, 1918, after being carefully examined for clues of identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Lt Lewis

JMB

R. H. ROSENTHAL

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

G.O. Group Unit

1232

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

SUBJECT: Identification of body.

TO: The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.

1. You are informed that the investigation in the case of the soldier named above has been successful. His body was reburied from the following location as an Unknown American Soldier:

2. The remains are now interred in Grave Row Block

For The Quartermaster General:

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

RECEIVED

IDENTIFICATION OF BODY

The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.

You are informed that the following information was received from

C° E. IIIth Inf.
28th Div.

BOOMGARDEN, Kelley, Pvt 3129164
Home ?..

"Was hit in the back and evidently mortally wounded Sept 27th 1918
in the Argonne. Was placed on stretcher and carried to first
aid station."

Informant : Goscenski, Walter, Sgt I244228
C° E. IIIth Inf.

Home : 152 Findlay Ave. Carnegie. Pa.

Searcher : Johnson, F.C. 1st Lt III th Inf.

2/20/18

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FILE

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 30569

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BOOMGARDEN, Kelly Ser. No. 3129164
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. E, 111th Inf.
 (c) Date of death 9-29-18 (d) Cause of death k/a

TYP. ob
 CKR. gp

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

(a) Grave No. 121 Row - Plot 3 Sec. 40 TYP. ob
 (b) Emerg. Address Klaas Boomgarden, (Father), Steen, Minn.

III. ~~Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases~~ CKR. gp

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt 4-11-21
 (a) Name Klaas Boomgarden (b) Relationship Father & Mother
 (c) Address R#1 Steen, Minn.
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No.
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at _____
 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. _____
 (g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. _____

Examiner's Initials BR Date 4-9-, 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 BR Date 4-9-, 1920.

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

Klaas Boomgarden, Mother, Steen, Minn., 10-15-20
no request for disposition
 (a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes

Examiner's Initials BR Date 4-9-, 1920.

COUNTRY France. CEMETERY No. 1232-Sec. 40 SHEET No. 19

*checked yes
4-11-21*

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Dec 16 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

5c

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BOOMGARDEN, Kelly

10. Name

2. No. 3129164

11. No.

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank

4. Org. Co. E., 159th Inf.

13. Org.

5. D.D. Sept. 29th. 1918

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. KIA

(b) D.B. None



Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 121 Sec. 40

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot 3 Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. None

18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne American

19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Montfaucon

20. Dept. or County Meuse

21. Country France.

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232, Sec. 40

23. Disinterred (Date) Dec 16 1921

By H L Haky

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Kelly Boomgarden

Serial No. 3129164

Rank Pvt

Organization Co E 159 Inf

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

C. T. Brown
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

C T Brown

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, features unrecognizable

28. Nature of burial Wooden box burlap uniform

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Dec 16 1921 By J L Haky

31. Casket sealed by J L Haky

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

J L Haky
J L Haky

AUDITED BY

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-18389

32. Designation of body:

Name Kelly BOOMGARDEN Serial No. 3129164

Rank Pvt. Organization Co.F., 159th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

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

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Dec 16 1921 By J L Haky

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 H S Harpole

H S Harpole 1st Lt. QMC

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Dec 16 1921 cc

To point of Concentration Morgue Romagne

Convoyer W J Royed Signature Shipping Officer J. Gerald Cole
J. 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

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer (Name)

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred: Meuse-Argonne Cemetery 1232, Dec. 17, 1921.

42. Grave No. 9 (Date) Section

43. ~~Block~~ Block. E Row 17

G.R.S. Representative James W. Younger

James W. Younger,
Captain, Q.M.C.

PFB

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REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Dec. 16, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF BOOMGARDEN KELLY SERIAL NUMBER 3129164
 RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co., E. 159th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Dec. 16, 1921. From (give complete location):
Gr. 121 sec 40 pt 3 Cem., #1232.

By: Group 3 Unit Sec. 1

3. Reburied (date): Dec. 17, 1921, Grave 9, Block E, Row 17, Cemetery 1232.
 In (give complete location):

By: Group Reburial Sec. Unit Nature of reburial Unlined casket

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

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:
None

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Imp to det.

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

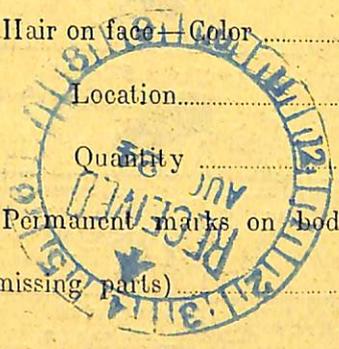
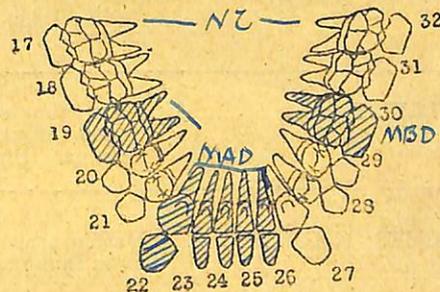
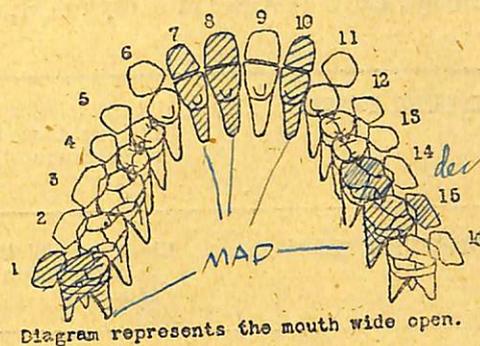
(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

Quantity do

(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 J. L. Haky
J. L. Haky

Approved: H. Harpole
 H. (Title) Harpole 1st Lt. OMC

8. Reburial supervised by A. U. Dufault
A. U. Dufault concentration

Approved: James W. Younger
 (Title) Captain, Q.M.C.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 30569

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BOOMGARDEN, Kelly Ser. No. 3129164
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. E, 111th Inf. } TYP. ob
 (c) Date of death 9-29-18 (d) Cause of death k/a } 30

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

(a) Grave No. 121 Row - Plot 3 Sec. 40 TYP. ob
 (b) Emerg. Address Klass Boomgarden, (Father), Steen, Minn.

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

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
 { letter of transmittal on 4/19, 192
See 40
Par 2 not to be returned SW

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

COUNTRY CEMETERY No. SHEET No.

H.S. 4-22-21

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BOOM GARDEN 3129164 KELLEY
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Private C E 111th Reg.
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL Sept 27, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL 70.85-00.6

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

Forest St Argonne 10000

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GRAVE NUMBER.....

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

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:

(Morne)
Vienna-le-Chateau
275 SHT. 35 S. W. COORD. {E-300.6}
{N-270.9}

REPORTED BY:
Charles Conaty 111th Reg.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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1. G. R. S. Form No. 1. Hq. G. R. S. File

2. Soldier's No. 3129164

3. BOOMARDEN KELLY
Surname (In Block Letters) First Name and Initials

4. UNKNOWN H 111 INF
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. Unknown In Action
Date of Death Cause, if known

6. Unknown
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. Town or Commune (In Block Letters) Department

8. 24
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

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

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

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

VIENNE-LE-CHATEAU (MARNE)

275 33 SE COORD { E-299.7 }
{ N-270.9 }

12. MAP Verdun SE 35 270.9 N 299.7 E
Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

SKETCH 8

13. Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

R Bosh
1247

Signed 2ND LIEUT. Q. M. C. U.S.A.

Group 1 Unit 305 G. R. S.

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FILE

4-9-21

(Date)

FORM 115 has been compiled on the following case:-

CEMETERY NO. 1232 SECTION 40

FORM 115 Sheet No. 17

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(Initials)

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Form No. 1011.

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November 2, 1920.

No: 295.8 Gen. #30569 (Boongarden, Kelly Pvt.)
From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cometorial Division)
To: Chief, Effects Bureau, 539 Greenwich St., New York, N. Y.
Subject: In Re Personal Effects of Private Kelly Boongarden.

1. The attached copy of letter from Mr. Klaas Boongarden, relative to the personal effects of his son, the late Private Kelly Boongarden, Company E, 111th Infantry, is forwarded for your attention.
2. The writer has been advised of this reference.

H. L. ROGERS
Quartermaster General

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DB

By:

ANW

M. N. GREELEY
Captain, C. M. C.

BMM

1 Incl:
Copy of letter.

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Recorded, Cemetery Div., O. O. M. G.
File # 2938
30569

Steen Min

10/15/20

Quartermasters Dept.

Dear Sir: The newspapers stated the other day that there were quite a few articles of deceased soldiers that was uncalled for and one that did not received theres should let them know. Our son Edly Boongarder had upon person a silver watch, finger ring and about forty dollars in french money wich we did not received yet.

Rev. Charles Conathy was chaplain of his company and he wrote us about his death and there articles.

Cty 1032 not audited

Brown & ...

He turned it all over to the
Quartermasters Dept. in France
the time he was buried.

So if there is any thing
that can be done to locate
it we would be very much
pleased to have it done.

He was in the 2nd. Battalion
111th. Infantry - in the 28th.
Division

Yours Truly
Klaas Boonsgarden.

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OCT 13 1917