

Party "R" - Itinerary - St. Mihiel Group

- Sailed August 19th, 1930 on GEORGE WASHINGTON. Capt. Arnold J. Funk in Charge. Arrived Cherbourg August 27th. Special tender arrived 11:57 am, bearing Maj. Dailey and Kinderman; Capts. Ochs, Haley, Earnest, Lambert and Stark; Lts. Yarborough, Freeman and Binns; five nurses and three civilian employees. Train left 1:37 pm; arrived Gare des Invalides, Paris, 8:00 pm. Met by Col. Ellis and members of his staff, interpreters and nurses. Taken in bus to hotel.
- August 28th: Morning devoted to transaction of personal business. Exchange of money, preparation of laundry, etc. Afternoon - Arc de Triomphe, Wreaths laid by Mrs. Seymour and Mrs. Cassels. Tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent. Dinner at hotel.
- August 29th: Morning free. Lunch at hotels. Sightseeing trip Paris - Sacre Coeur. Dinner at hotels.
- August 30th: Visited Notre Dame in morning. Lunch at hotels. Sightseeing trip Paris - Napoleon's Tomb. Dinner at hotels.
- August 31st: Left for Rozoy-en-Brie via Porte de Vincennes (rest stop Hotel du Sauvage. Left for Sezanne. Lunch Hotel de France. Left 2:30 pm for Vitry-le-Francois (rest stop Cafe Modern) and on to Bar-le-Duc. Quarters Hotel de Paris.
- September 1st: Left in morning for Thiaucourt. Lunch Hotel de Metz. Left 1:30 for St. Mihiel Cemetery and on to Nancy via St. Pierre Auberge, Pont-a-Mousson. Quarters Grand Hotel.
- September 2nd & 3rd: Trips to St. Mihiel Cemetery.
- September 4th: Left Nancy for Troyes via Toul to Neufchateau (rest stop Hotel Modern) and Bar-sur-Aube where they lunched Hotel du Commerce. Quarters in Troyes at Grand Hotel.
- September 5th: Left Troyes in morning for Paris (~~rest stop Hotel de Paris~~) via Sens (rest stop Hotel de Paris). Lunch at Hotel Legris in Fontainebleau. Dinner at hotel in Paris.
- September 6th: Morning free. Lunch at hotel. Sightseeing trip Paris - Louvre. Dinner at hotel.
- September 7th: Free or Church. Lunch at hotel. Afternoon free. Dinner at hotel. Sightseeing trip at night.
- September 8th: Morning free. Lunch at hotel. Afternoon free. Dinner at hotel.
- September 9th: Versailles in morning. Visited Chateau. Lunch at hotel in Paris. Afternoon free. Dinner at hotel.
- September 10th: Boat train left for Cherbourg 9:44 am, arrived 3:56 pm. AMERICA sailed 5:40 pm. Arrived New York September 19th.

Mrs Catherine Cassells

CASSELLS, Thomas FJ (St.M.)

(See Cassels, Patrick J. - MA)

visited 2 cemeteries

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1. NAME CASSELLS, Thomas F DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
 RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co.C., 165th Inf. SERIAL No. 89613  
 GRAVE LOCATION American Mil. Cty. Nevers, Nièvre & DIVISION 42nd CTY. NAME \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER 395

GRAVE 326 ROW \_\_\_\_\_ PLOT \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 326 NEVERS (Nièvre)  
 GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES \_\_\_\_\_

CONCENTRATED TO Not of record  
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

CEMETERY \_\_\_\_\_ CTY. NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

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

DATE OF DEATH Aug 13-18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME ny

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS Not of record  
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR W.H. Quarterman  
 W.H. QUARTERMAN, CAPT. F.A., Supervisor Area N° 4

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION June 17, 1922. 16 6 Block A  
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

AUDITED BY \_\_\_\_\_ St. Mihiel American #1233, Thiaucourt M. St. M. Robert C. Davis,  
 CEMETERY Major General.  
 The Adjutant General.  
 By mew

15 Received A. G. O. MAY 14 1923  
 18 1923

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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.

2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.

3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.

4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form 16, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF *OK*

**Cassella, 89613 Thomas F.**  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

**Private Co. "C" 165 Inf.**  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL... **August 14, 1918.**

PLACE OF BURIAL... **Military Cemetery**

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

**Hospital Center, Mars-Sur-Allier.**

GRAVE NUMBER... **10**

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? **Yes** ~~.....~~ Cross? ~~.....~~

~~Headboard? .....~~ Bottle? ~~.....~~

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: **1.**

Was one buried with body? **Yes.**

Was one fastened to name peg or **Aluminum name**  
stake used as a grave marker? **Plate.**

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

REPORTED BY

*E. C. Kaefar*  
**E. C. Kaefar, Capt. C.M.U.S.R.**  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Cassells	3	319
	Thomas 7		
	CEMETERY 1233	1	3
BURIED	GRAVE 16	2	16
	ROW 6	2	06
	BLOCK a	1	1
STATE	ny	2	37
RANK	Pvt	1	2
DIVISION	42	2	42
ORGANIZATION	165	3	165
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARITAL	no	1	2
NAME	Cassells	3	319
	Catherine		
RESIDENCE	STATE Conn	2	06
	COUNTY Hartford	2	02
	CITY Hartford	3	023
RELATION	mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Poor	1	2
NO. OF SONS	Two	1	2
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	yes	1	
	Qgr		

Paid  
 1930

Audited  
 OCT 21 1931  
 MB

NAME Cassells, Mrs. Catherine.....

ADDRESS Box B-8 Wyllys St., Hartford, Conn......

DATE .....

TO:                   Officer-In-Charge,  
                          PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

I beg to inform you that I have returned to my  
home safely and in good health.

Sincerely,

(Signed) .....

*X*  
*Mrs. Catherine Cassell*

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICIAL BUSINESS



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

**PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS**

**225 WEST 34TH STREET,**

**NEW YORK, N. Y.**

STATE

CASSELLS, THOS. F.  
CASSELLS, PATRICK J.

CONNECTICUT

M

Box B-8  
Wyllys St.,  
Hartford  
Hartford County

NAME CASSELLS, MRS. CATHERINE HOME ADDRESS

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN

Thos. Flanagan 161 Oak St.  
Hartford Conn.

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE Aug 18 HOTEL AWA ROOM NO. 2005

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE AUGUST 19, 1930 VESSEL WASHINGTON CABIN NO. 74/Bed

DESTINATION CHERBOURG, FRANCE CEMETERY S M

RETURN NEW YORK

DATE **SEP 19 1930**

Box B-8, Whllys St.

M  
NAME **Cassells, Mrs. Catherine** HOME ADDRESS **Hartford, Hartford County Connecticut**

S/S AMERICA

MCALPIN

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RETURN ON S. S. .... HOTEL ..... ROOM NO. ....

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE **9/30**

ROAD **NY N.Y.** TRAIN **50** CAR **14** BERTH or SEAT **S1**

REMARKS .....

# MEDICAL RECORD

Party R  
E. Pyrer, R.n.

Paris,

Station :

Date : Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>, 1930

Name Cassels, Mrs. Catherine

Home address 9 Willis St., Hartford, Conn.

Address of Nearest friend or relative Friend, Mr. T.F. Flanagan  
61 Oaks St., Hartford, Conn.

Religion Cath.

Age 66

History of Present complaint: Fell and cut rt ear on boat. Suture  
taken Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>, seen by Maj. Kenner. 29<sup>th</sup> headache. Suture  
removed. BP 130/90 Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> sore throat.

(over)

**INSTRUCTIONS.** — This card will be started in all cases of Pilgrims requiring medical attention by the Medical Officer or Nurse first rendering such attention. Subsequently it will be carried by the nurse in attendance upon the group to which the Pilgrim is assigned. All Medical Officers rendering any assistance in the case will make an appropriate entry which will include date, time and signature. Upon final disposition of the case the Nurse in charge will deliver the card to the Office of the Chief Surgeon. Pilgrims sent to the American Hospital will be accompanied by this card properly completed, which will be authority for admission, in which case a duplicate card will be made and sent without delay to the Office of the Chief Surgeon.

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)

Treatment and Progress: (include dates)

Aug. 29th, Aspirin gr v, Hepatic salts 30 cc, Milk of Magnesia 30 cc.

30th, trip. bromides tab. i.

31st, " "

9/1 Aspirin gargle, brandy 15 cc, Aloin pills ii.

2nd, Trip. bromides i, 3rd, repeated

5th " "

9-11-30 - Cough. Stokes Expectant - 3 ÷ q 3 L.

Disposition: (include dates)

Remarks:

9/10/30 to Cherbourg. Beach.

K. Mann (Nurse)

# MEDICAL RECORD

Party: R.

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Deck

S. S. Washington Eastbound  
~~Westbound~~  
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Name Cassels, Mrs. Catherine

Home Address 9 Wyllis St. Hartford, Conn.

Name and address of nearest relative or friend Mrs. Frank Blair  
(friend) 10 Wyllis St. Hartford, Conn.

Religion R. C.

Age 67.

History of present complaint: Headache, constipation.

8/24/30 Had fall & lacerated side of face.

Amusing  
Review  
Arthur

(OVER)

INSTRUCTIONS: This card will be prepared for each Pilgrim treated on ship, east or west bound. Cards to be included in report of Liaison Officer upon return to New York.

8/19/30

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates) Headache, constipation, laceration of rt. ear.

Treatment and Progress: (include dates) 8/19/30.

Hinkle II, Pyramidalis gr. II. 8/24/30. one silk suture in ear. 8/26/30. Weak. but improved.

Disposition: (include dates)

Remarks: 9/28/30. Suture removed. Heart + BP Normal  
an

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RETURN RECEIPT

Washington 8-19-30

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

Mrs Katharine Cassells

(Signature or name of addressee)

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_

Form 3811



U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1929

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Cassells

**Post Office Department**

**OFFICIAL BUSINESS**

**REGISTERED ARTICLE**

No. 92503

**INSURED PARCEL**

No. \_\_\_\_\_



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

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING  
OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

**Return to** Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

**Street and Number,  
or Post Office Box,** MUNITIONS BUILDING

**WASHINGTON.**

**D. C.**

3737

RETURN RECEIPT / 232

Washington 8-19-30

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

Catherine Cassella

(Signature or name of addressee)

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery

8-31, 1930

Form 3811

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1929

c 5-6116

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 92520

INSURED PARCEL

No.



POSTMARK OF DELIVERING OFFICE
AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number, }  
or Post Office Box, }  
MILBURN BUILDING

Post Office at

Rev. 3-24

05-0116

State Washington, D. C.

Washington

8/19/30

1233

✓

Cassell Thomas F  
-1233-Cassell, Patrick J.

I \_\_\_\_\_ accept *also by letter 5/29/30* the invitation extended  
(Accept or decline)

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

**Mrs. Catherine Cassells**

-----  
(Name)

**Box B-8, 9 Wyllys St., Hartford, Hartford Co.,**

-----  
(Town or City)

**Conn.**

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(State)



Cassells, Patrick J. 1232 M  
✓ Cassells, Thomas F. 1233 M

June 12, 1930.

Mrs. Catherine Cassells  
Box B-8, 9 Wyllys Street  
Hartford, Conn.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of  
June 9, 1930, relative to the pilgrimage authorized  
by the Act of March 2, 1929, amended on May 15, 1930.

In compliance with your request, there is  
enclosed herewith, a duplicate invitation to sail on  
the SS "Washington," on August 19, 1930.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Hartford Co.

June 9, 1930

accepts Wash.  
aug. 19.

Captain A. D. Hughes  
Assistant  
Quartermaster Corps  
War Department  
Washington, D. C.

*not in file*  
Re: CASSELLS, Patrick J. 1232M  
min 0. CASSELLS, Thomas F. 1233M  
Your file: QM 293 A-C

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of June 4th, please be advised that I never received a formal invitation to make the pilgrimage to the graves of my late sons.

I will be pleased to receive a duplicate invitation as I have never seen a formal invitation.

Very truly yours

Catherine Cassells  
(Mrs.) Catherine Cassells  
Box B-8, 9 Wyllys Street  
Hartford, Conn.

*Duplicate Inv. mailed  
for Washington 8/14/30*

QM 293 A-C

June 4, 1930

✓ Cassells, Patrick J. 1232 M  
Cassells, Thomas F. 1233 M

Mrs. Catherine Cassells,  
Box B-8 - 9 Wyllys Street,  
Hartford, Connecticut.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 29 advising that you have never received a formal invitation to make the pilgrimage to the graves of your sons, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

In this connection, you are advised that a formal invitation to sail on the SS "Washington" August 19, 1930, was forwarded to your old address.

In the event you have not received this invitation, it is requested that you notify this office immediately, when a duplicate invitation will be forwarded you.

Notation has been made of your change of address and all future correspondence will be directed to Box B-8, 9 Wyllys Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

KL

Patrick J. Cassells 1232 M  
Mrs. F. Cassells 1233 M

May 29, 1930

Hartford Co.

Captain A. D. Hughes  
Assistant Quartermaster General  
War Department  
Washington, D. C.

Re: CASSELLS, Thomas F.  
Your file: QM 293 A-C  
1233-M

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of May 21st stating you have never received an acceptance from me for the pilgrimage to France on the "Washington" sailing August 19th. You stated you were enclosing a card for me to sign but no card was enclosed.

Under dates of June 12, 1929 and July 10, 1929 I wrote Major Harris stating that I would be pleased to make the pilgrimage. I have never received an form of acceptance or any card inviting me officially. My mailing address has been Box #14, Farmington, Conn. I am now living at 9 Wyllys Street, Hartford, Conn., Box #B-8 and wish all future communications to come to me at the latter address.

Very truly yours

Mrs Catherine Cassells  
(Mrs.) Catherine Cassells  
Box B-8  
9 Wyllys Street  
Hartford, Conn.

Invt. was issued for  
Wash. Aug 19  
Acceptance noted -  
also change of address.

It was mailed to her  
old address.

If she has not yet  
received official engraved  
~~invitation~~, let us know  
& duplicate will be  
sent

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cassells, Thomas F. 1233-M

May 21, 1930

Mrs. Catherine Cassells,  
Box 14,  
Farmington, Conn.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the "Washington" on August 19, 1930.

In order that arrangements may be completed for the pilgrimage, it is imperative that you complete the card enclosed with the invitation signifying whether or not you accept the invitation and return the same to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before June 28, 1930, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

Should you desire to make the pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you advise this office to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Sons

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Cassells, Thomas F. 1233 M.

October 7, 1929.

Sailed  
Aug 19, 1930

Mrs. Catherine Cassells,  
Box 14,  
Farmington, Conn.

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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<del>(No)</del>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<del>(No)</del>
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?	<del>(Yes)</del>	(No) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age 65 (Years)	Health <del>(Good)</del> (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<del>(No)</del> Other language None (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General, 15 1929



Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

QM 295 A-C  
Cassells, Thomas F.  
Cassells, Patrick J.

August 23, 1929.

Mrs. Catherine Cassells,  
Box 14,  
Farmington, Conn.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 12, 1929, relative to the pilgrimage of the Gold Star Mothers and Widows to Europe.

In reply thereto you are assured that the pilgrimage provided for by the Act of March 2, 1929, will enable you to visit the graves of both of your sons, the late Thomas F. Cassells and the late Patrick J. Cassells.

Within a reasonable time prior to the beginning of the pilgrimage (May 1930) blanks will be forwarded to you upon which to make formal application for the journey. Space will be provided thereon for you to indicate the time you desire to go.

You are assured that competent personnel will be assigned by the War Department to provide for the needs and comfort of those making the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

SC/vp

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ans of 24/29  
card made

Hartford, Conn.  
June 12, 1929

Major John T. Harris,  
Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant,  
War Department,  
Washington, D.C.

File No. CASSELLS, Thomas F.  
Your File; 293; A-C

Dear Sir:

In reply to your form letter of May 31st I am writing to advise you that my late son, Thomas F. Cassells, never married. He was a private in Company C, 165th Infantry and according to your letter is buried at the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

May I state at this time that I will be pleased to make the pilgrimage to France.



Very truly yours,

*Catherine Cassells*  
(Mrs.) Catherine Cassells,  
Box 14, Street,  
Farmington, Conn.

P.S. I have another son buried in France named Patrick J. Cassells. He is buried in the Meuse-Argonne cemetery, Ronagnesous, Montfaucon, Meuse, France. Patrick was a private in Company K, 114th Infantry, 29th Division. Would it be possible for me to visit his grave also on this pilgrimage?

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cassells, Thomas F.

May 31, 1929.

Mrs. Catherine Cassells,  
Box #14,  
Farmington, Hartford Co., Conn.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Thomas F. Cassells, Co. C, 165th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

*mc*  
IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Cassells, Thomas P. 1233-M  
*4293* Cassells, P.J. 1232 -M

June 12, 1930

Mrs. Catherine Cassells,  
Box B-8, 9 Wyllys St.,  
Hartford, Conn.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-C

Casselle, Patrick J. 1232 M  
Cassells, Thomas F. 1233 M

June 12, 1930.

Mrs. Catherine Cassells  
Box B-8, 9 Wyllys Street  
Hartford, Conn.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 9, 1930, relative to the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929, amended on May 15, 1930.

In compliance with your request, there is enclosed herewith, a duplicate invitation to sail on the SS "Washington," on August 19, 1930.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

X  
293  
Casselle,  
Thomas F.

X Ref

**FILE UNDER NO.** 293. - Cassells, Thomas F. - 1233 M June 4/30

## INDEX SHEET

### SYNOPSIS

Letter -  
From - OQMG.,  
To - Mrs. Catherine Cassells,

Advising that a formal invitation for you to sail on the SS "Washington" August 19/30, was forwarded to your old address. If you receive this invitation advise this office immediately. Notation of your change of address has been made, etc.

**DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO.** 293. - Cassells, Patrick J. 1232 M

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INSTRUCTIONS.—Under "Synopsis" make brief entry showing date of communication and from whom received and synopsis sufficient to identify the papers. When these index sheets become numerous under a subject they will be entered on the consolidated index sheet and then destroyed.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cassells, Thomas F. 1253-M

May 21, 1930

Mrs. Catherine Cassells,  
Box 14,  
Farmington, Conn.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the "Washington" on August 19, 1930.

In order that arrangements may be completed for the pilgrimage, it is imperative that you complete the card enclosed with the invitation signifying whether or not you accept the invitation and return the same to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before June 28, 1930, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

Should you desire to make the pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you advise this office to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Cassells, Thomas F. 1233-M

April 30, 1930

Mrs. Catherine Cassells,  
Box 14,  
Farmington, Conn.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

and escorted to a first class hotel where reservations have been made. The duration of your stay in New York will be from 24 to 48 hours. At the proper time, you will be escorted to the 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  
Cassells, Thomas F. 1233 M.

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Catherine Cassells,  
Box 14,  
Farmington, Conn.

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.

QM 293 A-C  
Cassells, Thomas F.  
Cassells, Patrick J.

August 23, 1929.

Mrs. Catherine Cassells,  
Box 14,  
Farmington, Conn.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 12, 1929, relative to the pilgrimage of the Gold Star Mothers and Widows to Europe.

In reply thereto you are assured that the pilgrimage provided for by the Act of March 2, 1929, will enable you to visit the graves of both of your sons, the late Thomas F. Cassells and the late Patrick J. Cassells.

Within a reasonable time prior to the beginning of the pilgrimage (May 1930) blanks will be forwarded to you upon which to make formal application for the journey. Space will be provided thereon for you to indicate the time you desire to go.

You are assured that competent personnel will be assigned by the War Department to provide for the needs and comfort of those making the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

12 10 21 AM '29  
SC/vp  
D-3

→ Mrs. Cassell

DM

x



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May , 1929.

Cassells, Thomas F.

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Mrs. Catherine Cassells,  
Box #14,  
Farmington, Hartford Co., Conn.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Thomas F. Cassells, Co. C, 165th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Mourthe-et-Moselle, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

Q. M. G. M. CORPUS  
MAY 31 PM 2  
DISPATCHED

*[Handwritten initials]*

Cassells

Thomas F

89,613

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt

Co C 165th Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

*Mother*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

*no*

(Yes or no.)

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

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

*Mrs Catherine Cassells*

*Box 14*

*Farmington Conn*

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

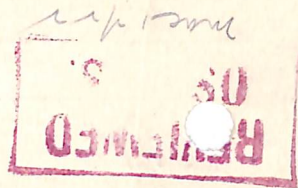
(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by J.W.

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QM 293 A-C  
CASSELLS, Thomas F. - Pvt.

November 22, 1924

Mrs. Catherine Cassells,  
Box 14, Farmington,  
Hartford County, Conn.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires to invite your attention to the inclosed card which gives the permanent cemetery location of the soldier's grave in which you are interested.

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

Please be assured that in effecting removal of the dead, the utmost reverential care was exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed this sacred duty. For the future, these graves will be perpetually maintained by the Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

R.P.HARBOLD,  
Major, Q.M.C.  
Assistant.

1-Incl.  
Record card.

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

1. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name Cassella, Thomas F. Ser. No. 89613)  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. C 165th Inf.)  
 (c) Date of death 6-13-18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA)  
 CKR E. J. J.

*7/27/22 Exhumed  
 1st Concentration  
 Sgt Michal 1233  
 att 3/10/22*

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

(a) Grave No. 326 Row ----- Plot --- -- Sect. ----) TYP. EML  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Kate Cassella (mother), Box 14, Farmington, Hartford, Conn.

111. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; NO CARD) CKR J. J. J.

IV. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt None

(a) Name Mrs. Catherine Cassella (b) Relationship Mother  
 (c) Address Box 14, Farmington, Conn.  
 (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 J. J. J. Date 5-26-1920

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

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

No correspondence

Examiner's Initials J. J. J. Date 5-27-1920

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

No correspondence

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes J. J. J.

Examiner's Initials J. J. J. Date 5-27-1920

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 8/7 1920

*Par. No. 2. Not to be returned (mact<sub>3</sub>)  
AP 12/23/20*

IX. CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*Copy form #120 Mrs Catherine Caswell (mother) 6-14-20  
Desires body to remain as per original instructions, also  
that of other son Pat. Patrick of Caswell. Please photo  
of latter grave. 7-14-20 A.P.*

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Dec. 19, 1921

8° 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 CASSELLS, Thomas F

10. Name Thos.F.Cassels

2. No. 89613

11. No. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_

4. Org. Co.C., 165th Inf.

13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_

5. D.D. Aug. 13th. 1918

14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_

6. C.D. DOW

(b) D.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 326 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_

8. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_

16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_

9. \_\_\_\_\_

17. none

18. Cemetery American Mil.

19. Commune or town Nevers

20. Dept. or County Nievre

21. Country France.

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 395

23. Disinterred (Date) Dec. 19, 1921

By W.C. RAPINE

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Thomas F. Cassells

Serial No. ---

Rank Pvt.

Organization Co.C. 165th Inf.

Gr.No. 326

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

Ray Brown  
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

RAY BROWN

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).

No effects found.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Recognition impossible.

28. Nature of burial Uniform and wooden box.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? Disc on body reads: Thos F. Cassels.

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Dec. 19, 1921 By W.C. RAPINE

31. Casket sealed by W.C. RAPINE

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

W.C. RAPINE

AUDITED BY:  
W.C.R.  
9/20/23

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-23693

32. Designation of body:

Name Thomas F. CASSELLS Serial No. 89613

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. C., 165th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel American Cty. # 1233 Thiaucourt, M-et-M.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Dec. 19, 1921 By W. CRAPINE

35. I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector

*R. L. Fain*

R. L. FAIN, CAPT. QMC

36. Remarks None

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Dec. 19, 1921

To point of Concentration Nevers, (Nievre) (Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Dec. 22, 1921

To Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel Amer Cty 1233, Thiaucourt, (MetM) gbt (Name)

Convoyer R. L. HALL Signature Shipping Officer

W. R. BUCKLEY CAPT. QMC

40. Received: Date 26 DEC. 1921

G.R.S. Representative *T. B. Daniel, Capt. 2mc*

41. Reinterred June 17th, 1922. (Date)

42. Grave No. 16 Section

43. Plot ~~167X~~ Block A. Row 6

G.R.S. Representative

*A. E. Dewey*

A. E. Dewey, 1st Lt. QMC.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place Nevers, (Nievre)

Date Dec, 19, 1921

1. REMAINS OF CASSELLS, Thomas F SERIAL NUMBER 89613

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co.C. 165th Inf

2. Disinterred (date): Dec, 19, 1921 From (give complete location): Grave 326, Amer Mil. Cty. 395, Nevers

By: Group 4 Unit Section 4

3. Reburied (date): June 17th, 1922. In (give complete location): Gr 16. Row 6. Block A.

Reburial Casket and shipping case.  
By: Group \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial \_\_\_\_\_

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
uniform and wooden box. Badly decomposed.

Recognition impossible.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:

No effects found.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Unable to determine

silver filling-3-2-4-5-14-15--

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

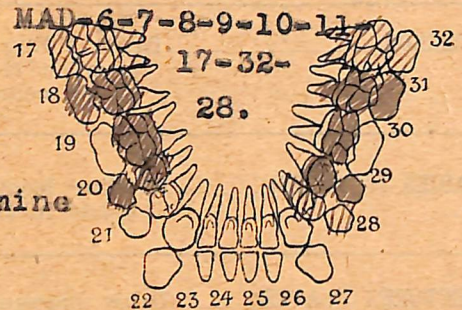
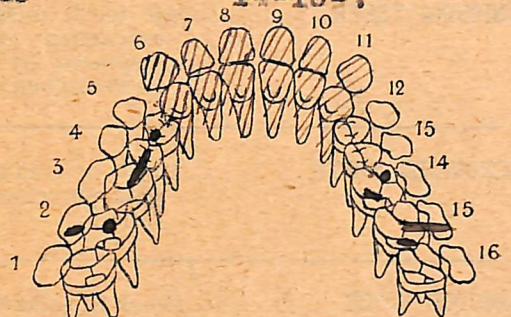
Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color none

Location none

Quantity none

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) Unable to determine



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

none

Crown. 18. 31  
gold filling 20-29:  
N.G.1-16.

gold and porc. bridge  
19. 30. work.

7. Disinterment supervised by W.C. Rapine

Approved: [Signature]

gbt W.C. RAPINE RB

(Title) R.L. FAIN  
CAPT. QMC

8. Reburial supervised by H.L. Kramer  
H. L. Kramer

Approved: [Signature]  
(Title) A. E. Dewey, 1st Lt. QMC.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPER COMPLETION OF G. R. S. FORM NO. 16-A

Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Question 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".  
(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No 6.
6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspid (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

**MISSING TEETH** ..... All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus:



**CROWNED TEETH** ..... Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:



**BRIDGE WORK** ..... Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus:



**FILLINGS** ..... Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:



**CARIES (CAVITIES)** ..... Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:



**DENTURES (PLATES)** ..... Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp"

7. Show name of person supervising the disinterment and the name and title of the person approving same.

8. Show name of person supervising the reburial and the name and title of the person approving same.

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REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

*Casella*

Name: Thomas F. Casella.

Number: 89613.

Rank: Pvt.

Organization: Co C 165. Inf.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit Detachment.

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give Complete location)

June 13 1919

Grave A 10 American. E.F.

Cemetery 85

Mars-sur-Allier Nievre

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

June 13 1919

Grave 326 American. E.F.

Cemetery 395

Nevers Nievre

395

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

Buried in strong coffin body clothed badly decomposed.

Water covered coffin.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? No question as to identity.

What other means of identification were found on the body?

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Note:

CONFIRMED No. D

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct, as is required by G. O. 170, G.H. 2, 1918., after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, G.R.S.

Supervised by:

*Harry S. Sands*  
*2nd Lt. SMC*

*Chas. S. Denny*

CHAS. S. DENNY  
1st Lieut. C. A.

C.O. Group \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

JUN 21 1920

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

395 - 67

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.

JUN 9 1920

TO: Mrs. Catherine Cassells, Box 14, Farmington, Conn.

*Push Answer*

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Thomas F. Casells.

The records of this office show that you have requested that his  
body be not returned to U. S.

*no change*

*Answer*

If these are not the correct instructions, please change them. Make changes on reverse side of this sheet.

The nearest living relative may choose between, (1) return of the body to any address in the United States; (2) interment in Arlington, Va., National Cemetery; or (3) remain in France.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Colonel, U.S. Army.

*Was soldier married? No*

NAME OF NO. & STREET TOWN STATE

Soldier's Widow

*None*

Soldier's Children 1.  
(Name oldest first) 2.  
3.

*None*

Father

*Thomas Cassells Deceased*

Mother

*Catherine Cassells*

Brothers 1. *Patrick J. Cassells Deceased*  
(Name oldest first) 2.

*None*  
Sisters *None*

Date *June 28<sup>th</sup> - 1920*

*nearest of kin sign here*  
Signature *Catherine Cassells*

Address *Farmington Conn Box 14* Relationship *Mother*

Note: - Instructions on the reverse side of this sheet should be carefully read before filling out this paper.

(OVER)

als

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

Please follow my original instructions and have  
the body of my son Thomas F. Cassell buried in  
France where he died and his brother Patrick  
J. Cassell also died and is buried in France.  
I have ~~never~~ received a photo of the grave  
of my son Private Patrick J. Cassell Co. K. - 114 Infantry  
29th Division if possible will you please  
send it to me -

June 14, 1920 - Their Mother

Mrs Catherine Cassell

Farmington Conn

Box 14

RECEIVED  
IND. BRANCH  
JUL 8 - 1920  
GENERAL  
ST. LOUIS, MO.

RECEIVED  
JUN 15 1920  
ST. LOUIS, MO.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT

1. This paper MUST be signed by the person who is the NEXT of kin in the order shown in the square on other side of this sheet.
2. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
3. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the legally appointed guardian of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.
4. If YOU are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
5. If YOU are not the nearest living relative and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.
6. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
7. Use the enclosed envelope - pay no postage.

12901

From

Job 14

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

**Cassella<sup>S</sup>**, **89613** **Thomas F.**  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

**Private** **Co. "C" 165 Inf.**  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL... **August 14, 1918.**

PLACE OF BURIAL **Military Cemetery**

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

**Hospital Center, Mars-Sur-Allier.**

GRAVE NUMBER. - - - - - **10** - - - - -

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? **Yes** - - - - - Cross? - - - - -

~~Headboard?~~ - - - - - ~~Bottle?~~ - - - - -

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: **1.**

Was one buried with body?..... **Yes.**

Was one fastened to name peg or **Aluminum name**  
stake used as a grave marker?..... **Plate.**

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

REPORTED BY: *E. C. Kaefer*  
**E. C. Kaefer, Capt. Q.M.U.S.R.**  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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**GRAVE LOCATION BLANK**

*Cassella* LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF *12901*  
*Cassella*, 89613 Thomas F.

(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Pvt. Co. C, 165th Infantry.

(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: .....

CAUSE OF DEATH: .....

DATE OF BURIAL: .....

PLACE OF BURIAL: .....

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

**FILE.**

GRAVE NUMBER: .....

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

Headboard?..... Bottle?.....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?.....

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE: .....

ADDRESS: .....

RELATIONSHIP: .....

REPORTED BY: .....

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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WAR DEPARTMENT

Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington

Adjustment Made

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

Date Feb 7, 1922

File No. 12901  
~~20614~~ Registration.

SPECIAL

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cometerial Division)  
To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.  
Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

- a. Surname ~~Passella~~ *Cassella*
- b. Christian name *Thomas F.*
- c. Serial Number *89613*
- d. Organization *Co C 165th Inf*
- e. Rank *Pvt.*
- f. Date of death *8/13/18*
- g. Cause of death *W/A* *died in action*
- h. Authority (C.O.#) *260 279*
- i. Emergency address *Mrs Kate Cassella, mother*  
*Box 14, Farmington, Conn.*
- j. Relationship *mother*

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 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

FILE

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

CEMETERY NO:

SHEET NO:

TYPED BY: *il*

REC'D MAIL SECTION  
Archives Branch, A. G. O.

BY: *Charles J. Wynne*  
Charles J. Wynne,  
Captain, C.M.C., U.S.A.

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*P. C. Harris*  
The Adjutant General  
per 00

*2/9/22 K.N.W. 2/11/22*

Address reply to

WAR DEPARTMENT  
PURCHASE, STORAGE, AND TRAFFIC DIVISION  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE  
WASHINGTON

Division

DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE  
Munitions Building

No:

From:

To:

Subject:



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TO: Inquiry Section .  
From: Overseas Project Sub-Section.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION on Cemetery No. <sup>395-</sup> (furnished by: RP) (date 7-14-20)

Data sent Overseas Body to remain  
Operations to commence (approx.) —  
Operations to be completed (approx.) —  
Bodies shipped from European Port —  
Bodies arrived at Hoboken —

II. CASE OF Cassella, Thomas F. Pat. Co. C 165-th. Inf. 89613

The following information was abstracted (Date) 7-14-20 from: Form 115

SOURCE	CLK.	in OFFICE		CLK.	in OFFICE
A. G. O. Cards	<u>FL</u>	<u>yes</u>	Shppg. Inquiry (sent <u>6-21-20</u> )		
A.G.O. Corresp.	<u>LR</u>	<u>no</u>	To <u>mother</u>	<u>RP</u>	<u>yes</u>
G.R.S. corresp. relative to disp.	<u>RP</u>	<u>yes</u>	OSP.S-S Corresp. (see Remarks.)		

DESIRES as to Disposition.

**FILE**

Name of Relative	RETURN.			
	N. C.	Pvt. Int.	REMAIN	SPECIAL
Widow				
Children (Name oldest first)				
Father				
✓ Mother <u>Mrs Catherine Cassella</u>			✓	
Brothers <u>Box 14, Farmington, Conn.</u>				
Sisters				

RP 7-14-20

Body to be shipped to \_\_\_\_\_ was shipped (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS Clg 395 forms 120 dispatched  
Copy form #120 6-14-20 noted B2, B3 7/8-20  
on form 115 - RP 7-14-20

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Copy of Form #120.

June 14, 1920.

✓ Please follow my original instructions and leave the body of my son Thomas F. Cassells buried in France where he died and his brother Patrick J. Cassells also died and is buried in France. I have never received a photo of the grave of my son Prv. Patrick J. Cassells Co. K.-114 Infantry 29th Division. If possible will you please send it to me.

Their mother,

Mrs. Catherine Cassells,  
Farmington, Conn.  
Box 14.

Remains of:

Pvt. Thomas F. Cassells  
395-67

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COPY

*Copies noted on form 115  
7-14-20 K.P.*

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE & STORAGE  
WASHINGTON

*2 Cases*

*Cassells*

ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY *7-3-20*

\_\_\_\_\_ Circumstances of Death  
(Par. #2, Bul. 10-C-W)

\_\_\_\_\_ Liberty Bonds  
(G.R.S. Form 111)

\_\_\_\_\_ Flowers, Flags, etc.  
(Par. #6, Bul. 10-C-W)

\_\_\_\_\_ War Risk Insurance  
(G.R.S. Form 111)

\_\_\_\_\_ Monument  
(Par. #6, Bul. 10-C-W)

\_\_\_\_\_ Photographs  
(Par. #11, Bul. 10-C-W)

\_\_\_\_\_ Discrepancies in Inscription  
(Par. #9, Bul. 10-C-W)

\_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Burial In  
 (a) France (G.R.S. Form 106)

\_\_\_\_\_ Personal Effects  
(G.R.S. Form 111)

\_\_\_\_\_ (b) Other Countries

\_\_\_\_\_ Accrued Pay  
(G.R.S. Form 111)

\_\_\_\_\_ Return of Bodies From  
 (a) France (G.R.S. Form 106)  
(Par. #12, Bul. 10-C-W)  
 (b) Other countries

\_\_\_\_\_ Maintenance  
(Par. #7, Bul. 10-C-W)

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: In addition to information furnished on Nos. 1, 6, 11, and 12, G.R.S. Form 101-A (Information Blank), supply data on the following:

Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15.

*✓*  
*Spal*

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**OSP SS.**

*Jaw*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Analysis Clerk.

Investigation and Adjustment Department  
WAR DEPARTMENT Investigation Unit.

Address Reply To  
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE & STORAGE  
Munitions Building  
G.R. S. Form 8-W-A  
Information requested of A.G.O.

*Qu Seas*

*12901*

Date 5/29/20

File No. Registration.

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

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

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

- a. Surname <sup>*Cassella*</sup> Cassella or Casselle f. Date of death 8/13/18
- b. Christian name Thomas F. g. Cause of death DWRIA
- c. Serial number Pvt. *89613* h. Authority (C.C.#) 279
- d. Organization Co.C.165 Inf.  i. Emergency address *Mrs. Kate Cassella  
Box 14 Farmington  
Hartford Conn*
- e. Rank Pvt.  j. Relationship *Mother*

BODY DESCRIPTION

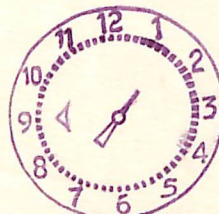
(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- a. Age at Enlistment
- b. Color of Eyes
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- d. Height
- e. Weight
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DENTAL CHART

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

- a. Strike out teeth missing
- |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |             |   |   |   |            |   |   |   |
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H. L. ROGERS,  
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.,  
Director of Purchase & Storage.

*Over*  
*Donnelly*  
*Service Section*  
*H-343*

By:

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

*Put Donnelly-7729  
H-337  
6-1-20*

*MTL*

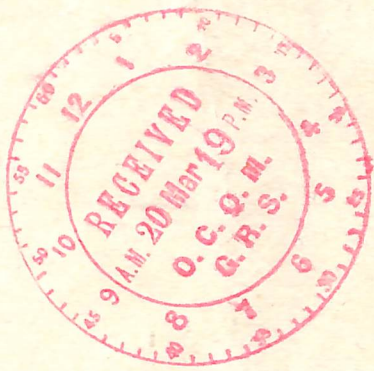
George W. Ames, City. Mass - see Allier  
Newry City 85.

BOUND

Cass Is 87613 Thomas F.

Wounded in action  
July 29, 1918 G. S. W.  
evacuated to Base Hospital.  
No further information  
has been received.

Forrest B Billings  
Capt U.S.A. 165<sup>th</sup> Infantry



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G. R. S.

G.R.S. FORM NO. 1.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

FROM : ADJUTANT GENERAL.

TO : C.O. Co.C , 165th Infantry

SUBJECT : Information for burial Register.

1. You are directed to transmit without delay to the Chief, Graves Registration Service, the information indicated on enclosed Grave Location Blank as necessary for the completion of official records.

By Command of General Pershing:

Robert C. Davis  
Adjutant General.

Note:

In case this item is checked, you will note hereon:

Nearest relative of deceased:

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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