

G.R.S. Form #114 B

AUG 31 1926

12303

DATE Dec. 28, 1921.

1. NAME CATHELYN, Mell ✓

SERIAL No. 1387745

RANK PFC ✓

ORGANIZATION Co G 131st Inf ✓

GRAVE LOCATION American Cemetery Senoncourt Meuse 607

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

169

Section A

4

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Not known

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES Nothing of record

CONCENTRATED TO Not known

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 Oct. 13, 1918 ✓

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Ill ✓

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED - none

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS Nothing of record

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

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Wm M. Cline

Wm M. CLINE
Captain Q.M.G.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Dec. 28, 1921.

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DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

Block

Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse).

CEMETERY

Major General
The Adjutant General
BY CLK 1926
SEP 5 1926

8. A.G.O.
SEP 1 1926

WORLD WAR DIV.

AUDITED BY
9/5/23.
B.W.

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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 I6, 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.



Repts cc 296 4/11/18 KCSO

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF
Cathelyn 1387745 Mell

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

Pvt 1/C. Co. G, 131 Inf

(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: **Evacuation Hospital #8
Petit Maujouy, Meuse.**

CAUSE OF DEATH: **GSW Mult**

DATE OF BURIAL: **Oct. 14, 1918.**

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

**American Cemetery 1½ K east of
Senoncourt, Commune of Senoncourt,
Meuse.**

GRAVE NUMBER: **169**

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? **No** Cross? **Yes**

Headboard? **No** Bottle? **No**

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? **Yes**

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY: *Chas B Lore*

CHAS. B. LORE

(Signature) **Capt. G. M. C.** (Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Cathelyn, Mell	3	31 ¹² ₀
BURIED	CEMETERY	1	1
	GRAVE	2	38
	ROW	2	40
	BLOCK	1	7
STATE	Ill.	2	13
RANK	Private	1	2
DIVISION	33	2	33
ORGANIZATION	131	3	131
ARM	Inf.	1	1
MARITAL	No	1	2
NAME	Mrs Hortense Cathelyn	3	31 ¹² ₀
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	13
	COUNTY	2	37
	CITY	3	X X X
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER	Father	1	1
ELIGIBILITY	Yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	No	1	2
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Bad	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	NO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	no age	1	
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Cathelyn, Mell (MA)

Sept. 7, 1932

Mrs. Hortanse Cathelyn,
Box 105,
Annawan, Ill.

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")	<i>No.</i>
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: <i>66.</i> Health: <i>poor.</i>
3. Do you speak English?	<i>No.</i>
4. What other language do you speak?	<i>Belgium</i>

Mrs Hortanse Cathelyn
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
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

Cathelyn Nell (MA)

July 9 1932

Mrs Hortense Cathelyn
Box 105
Annawan Ill

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Cathelyn, Mell (MA)

November 6, 1931

Mrs. Hortanse Cathelyn,
Box #105,
Annawan, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it will be appreciated if you will advise whether or not your son, the late Private first class Mell Cathelyn, was married and is survived by a widow, and if so, her name and address.

A self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,



R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

Enclosure:
Envelope.

R. E. Shannon,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

Dear Sir:

Mell Cathelyn was never married.

Mrs Hortanse Cathelyn,
Annawan,
Ill.
Box 105.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Cathelyn, Mell (M-A) M

Oct. 13, 1931

Mrs. Hortense Cathelyn,
Box 105,
Annawan, Ill.

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Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Cathelyn, Mell (M-A) M

September 29, 1931.

Mrs. Hortanse Cathelyn,
Box 105,
Annawan, Illinois.

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.

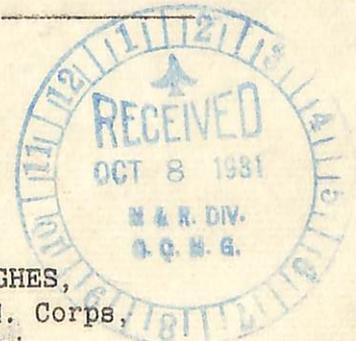
1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	<i>Unable this year.</i>
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: <i>65</i> Health: <i>Crippled.</i>
3. Do you speak English?	<i>No.</i>
4. What other language do you speak?	<i>Belgium</i>

Mrs Hortanse Cathelyn
Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



Encl:
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Cathelyn, Nell Pvt. 1 cl (MA) M^e

July 18, 1931.

Mrs. Hortense Cathelyn,
Box 105,
Annawan, Ill.

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

March 17, 1931

Cathelyn, Mell 1252 - M

Mrs. Hortense Cathelyn,
Box 105,
Annawan, Illinois
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 "President Harding" on July 8, 1931.

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 April 21, 1931, 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

Cathelyn, Mell - 1232 M

July 10, 1930.

Mrs. Hortanse Cathelyn,
Box 105,
Annawan, Ill.

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 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?

yes

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

no.

3. Please give your age and state your health.

Age

64

Condition of Health

Crippled

4. Do you speak English?

no

5. What other language do you speak?

Belgium.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:
Envelope
Act
Amendment



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

QM 298 A-M
Cathelyn, Moll 1232-M

July 11, 1930.

Mrs Clara M. Cathelyn,
Box 105,
Annawan, Ill.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 30, 1930, relative to your desire to accompany your mother on the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by Congress in the Act approved March 2, 1929.

Under the law providing for this pilgrimage the Government cannot bear any part of the expense of a relative or friend accompanying a mother or widow nor can it make any arrangements for them. This must be entirely a personal matter.

It may be possible for you to secure accommodations on the same ship and possibly at the same hotels in New York and Paris at your own expense, but in view of the limited accommodations you could not travel to the cemetery with your mother and it is doubtful if you could secure accommodations in the same town near the cemetery. The Government can assume no responsibility for relatives accompanying pilgrims and they must not expect to be included in official tours paid for by the Government.

Competent personnel has been assigned to care for the comfort and welfare of the mothers and widows and your mother need feel no hesitancy about making the pilgrimage without a member of her family accompanying her.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Annawan, Ill.

June, 30, 1930.

The Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

My mother would like to make
the pilgrimage during 1931. But is
not able to, unless I could accompany
her, she walks with the aid of
crutches. Is it possible that I could?
and under what circumstances.

Yours truly

Miss Clara M. Cathelyn
Annawan

Ill
Box 105.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cathelyn, Mell 1232-M

May 26, 1930.

Mrs. Hortanse Cathelyn,
Box 105,
Annawan, Ill.

Letter for 1931 -

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



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

If able.
(Write answer here)

Mrs Hortanse Cathelyn
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Cathelyn, Mell 1232 M.

October 7, 1929.

*Presented
1931*

Mrs. Hortanse Cathelyn,
Box 105,
Annawan, Ill.

Dear Madam:

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

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

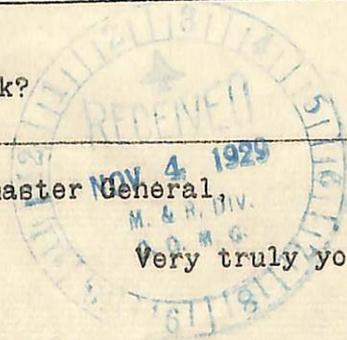
1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes) <i>yes</i>	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No) <i>no.</i>
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes)	(No) <i>no</i>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <i>63</i> Health <i>crippled</i>	(Years) (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes)	(No) <i>no</i> Other language <i>Belgium</i> (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.
Act
Envelope



Annawan, Ill.

July, 20. 1929.

The Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In regard to your letter of the 29th of June
about D. M. 293 A-C is survived by a mother
Cathelyn Mell.

Mrs Hortense Cathelyn, Annawan, Ill.
Box 105.

Very Truly yours,

Mr. Julius Cathelyn
Annawan,
Ill

Box 105.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Cathelyn, Mell

June 29, 1929.

Mr. Julius Cathelyn,
Annawan, Ill.

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 Private 1/cl. Mell Cathelyn, Co. G, 131st 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.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Sept. 7, 1932

Cathelyn, Mell (MA)

Mrs. Hortense Cathelyn,
Box 105,
Annawan, Ill.

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.

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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.

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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:
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Cathelyn Nell (MA)

July 9 1932

Mrs Hortense Cathelyn
Box 105
Annawan Ill

Dear Madam:

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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
Cathelyn, Mell (MA)

November 6, 1931

Mrs. Hortense Cathelyn,
Box #105,
Annawan, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it will be appreciated if you will advise whether or not your son, the late Private first class Mell Cathelyn, was married and is survived by a widow, and if so, her name and address.

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For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

Enclosure:
Envelope.
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Cathelyn, Mell (M-A) M

Oct. 13, 1931

Mrs. Hortanse Cathelyn,
Box 105,
Annawan, Ill.

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Dear Madam:

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

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Cathelyn, Mell (M-A) M

September 29, 1931.

Mrs. Hortanse Cathelyn,
Box 105,
Annawan, Illinois.

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,

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

Encl:
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Cathelyn, Mell Pvt. 1 cl (WA) M*

July 18, 1931.

Mrs. Hortense Cathelyn,
Box 105,
Annawan, Ill.

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

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QM 293 A-M

March 17, 1931

Cathelyn, Moll 1252 - M

Mrs. Hortense Cathelyn,
Box 105,
Annawan, Illinois
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 "President Harding" on July 8, 1931.

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 April 21, 1931, 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.

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QM 293 A-M
Cathelyn, Nell 1232-M

July 11, 1930.

Mrs. Clara M. Cathelyn,
Box 105,
Annawan, Ill.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 30, 1930, relative to your desire to accompany your mother on the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by Congress in the Act approved March 2, 1929.

Under the law providing for this pilgrimage the Government cannot bear any part of the expense of a relative or friend accompanying a mother or widow nor can it make any arrangements for them. This must be entirely a personal matter.

It may be possible for you to secure accommodations on the same ship and possibly at the same hotels in New York and Paris at your own expense, but in view of the limited accommodations you could not travel to the cemetery with your mother and it is doubtful if you could secure accommodations in the same town near the cemetery. The Government can assume no responsibility for relatives accompanying pilgrims and they must not expect to be included in official tours paid for by the Government.

Competent personnel has been assigned to care for the comfort and welfare of the mothers and widows and your mother need feel no hesitancy about making the pilgrimage without a member of her family accompanying her.

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

Cathelyn, Nell - 1232 M

July 10, 1930.

Mrs. Hortense Cathelyn,
Box 105,
Annawan, Ill.

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 **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.

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|--|----------------------------|
| 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.

Enclosures:
Envelope
Act
Amendment

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Cathelyn, Mell 1232-M

May 26, 1930.

Mrs. Hortanse Cathelyn,
Box 105,
Annawan, Ill.

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
Cathelyn, Mell 1232 M.

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Hortense Cathelyn,
Box 105,
Annawan, Ill.

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
Cathelyn, Mail

June 29, 1929.

Mr. Julius Cathelyn,
Annawan, Ill.

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 Private 1/cl. Mail Cathelyn, Co. G, 131st 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.

In reply refer to:

293.8 C-R

37687

April 5, 1923.

Mr. Julius Cathelyn,
Annawan, Ill.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of

Pvt. 1/c. Mell Cathelyn, Co. G, 131st Inf.,

is No. 38, Row 40, Block G, Meuse-Argonne American cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse) France.

This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, 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.



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37687
NAME...CATHLYN...I387745...MELL.
RANK...PVT. 1st Cl. ...CO .G..REGT. 131 INF...
DATE OF DEATH ...10--13--18.....
CAUSE.. - - - - -

PLACE### SENONCOURT. MEUSE.....

DATE OF BURIAL.....10--14--18.....

GRAVE NO. 169. PLOT NO. 4. SEC. A.....

CEMETERY.....AMERICAN MILITARY.....

IDENTIFIED BY...INDT. TAG.

FIELD RECORD MADE BY. SGT. SR. GD.

James A. Roberts,
COMPANY 301. GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE.

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NAME.....CATHRYN.....MILL.....

RANK.....PVT. 1st CL. CO. G. REGT. 131 INF.

DATE OF DEATH.....10--13--18.....

CAUSE.....

PLACE.....SHEMOCOURT, MISSOURI.....

DATE OF BURIAL.....10--14--18.....

GRAVE NO. 133. PLOT NO. 4. SEC. A.....

COUNTRY.....AMERICAN MILITARY.....

IDENTIFIED BY.....IMPT. TAG.....

FIELD RECORD MADE BY.....SGT. SR. GD.

James M. Roberts

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE.....COMPANY, 301.....



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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Cathelyn 1387745 Mell
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Pvt 1/C. Co. G, 131 Inf
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Evacuation Hospital #8
Petit Maujouy, Meuse.

CAUSE OF DEATH: GSW Malt

DATE OF BURIAL: Oct. 14, 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL:

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

American Cemetery 1 1/2 K east of
Senoncourt, Commune of Senoncourt,
Meuse.

GRAVE NUMBER: 169

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? No Cross? Yes

Headboard? No Bottle No

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY: *Chas B Lore*

CHAS. B. LORE

Capt. G. M. C.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

30 OCT 1918

FROM: C. Q. M. G.
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
Munitions Building
Room 1128

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

PLEASE
EXPEDITE

G.R.S. ~~Adjustment Made~~
8-W-A-O

Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 1-25-21

File No. ^{MAY 5 1921} Registration.

From: ³⁷⁶⁸⁷ File No. The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)

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

Subject: ^{Special} 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 **Cathelyn,** ✓
- b. Christian name **Mell** ✓
- c. Serial Number **1,387,745** ✓
- d. Organization **Co.G, 131st Inf.** ✓
- e. Rank **Pvt. or (Pvt. 1 cl)** ✓
- f. Date of death **10-13-18** ✓
- g. Cause of death **DWRIA** ✓
- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- i. Emergency address
- j. Relationship

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 | | | | |

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

BY:

H. J. Conner
H. J. CONNER,
1st. Lieut., Q.M.C.

CEMETERY NO: **607**

SHEET NO: **47**
TYPED BY:

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WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

G.R.S. Adjustment Made
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- d. Organization **Co.G, 131st Inf.** ✓
- e. Rank **Pvt. or (Pvt. 1 cl)** ✓
- f. Date of death **10-13-18** ✓
- g. Cause of death **DWRIA** ✓
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DENTAL CHARTS

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

- a. Strike out teeth missing
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upper right upper left
- 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
lower right lower left

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

CEMETERY NO:

607

BY:

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

SHEET NO:

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Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A-0
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 3/1/21.

File No. Requisition.

(SPECIAL)

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 Cathelyn ✓
- b. Christian name Mell ✓
- c. Serial Number 1387745 ✓
- d. Organization Co. G, 131st Inf. ✓
- e. Rank Pvt. (Pvt. 1/cl.) ✓
- f. Date of death 10-13-18 ✓
- g. Cause of death DWRIA ✓
- h. Authority (C.O.#) 296
- i. Emergency address Julius Cathelyn
Annaman, I.C.
- j. Relationship father

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- a. Age of enlistment
- b. Color of eyes
- c. Color of hair
- d. Height
- e. Weight
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)

DENTAL CHARTS

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

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Adjustment Made
MAR 19 1921
File No. 37687

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

BY:

H. J. Conner
H. J. CONNER,
1st. Lieut. Q.M.C.

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CEMETERY NO: 607.

SHEET NO: 47.

TYPED BY: rln.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

O.R.G. Form 8-W-4-C
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 2/1/21.

(SPECIAL)

File No. Registration
From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Comptrol Division)
To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 5th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.
Subject: Information requested for O.R.G.

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

- a. Surname Gethelgn
- b. Christian name Nell
- c. Serial Number 138726
- d. Organization Co. G, 131st Inf.
- e. Rank Pvt. (Vol.)
- f. Relationship
- g. Date of death 10-12-18
- h. Cause of death DWRIA
- i. Authority (C.O.#)
- j. Agency address

BODY DESCRIPTION
(See page 2 of the Service Record)

1. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks) _____

2. Weight _____

3. Height _____

4. Color of hair _____

5. Color of eyes _____

6. Age at enlistment _____

7. Adjustment Made _____

8. Strike out teeth missing _____

9. Examination prior to enlistment (See Physical report of _____)

10. Dental charts _____

11. Lower jaw _____

12. Lower right _____

13. Lower left _____

14. Upper jaw _____

15. Upper right _____

16. Upper left _____

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

MAR 7 1921

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BACKING SHEET

Duplicate. ✓

Cathelyn, Mell

1,387,745

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt. *1cl* Co. G, 131st. Infantry.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased.

Father

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.)

Amman

all

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Cathelyn

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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Schubert

Drawn by mks
607-47
1-24-21

President Harding

7-8-31

1232 M

Cathelyn. Mell, Pvt.1cl

I decline the invitation extended
(Accept or decline)

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

Mrs. Hortanse Cathelyn

(Name)

Box 105, Annawan, Henry County, Illinois

(Town or City)

(State)



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MAR 25 1981

M & R. DIV.
O. Q. M. G.

Place SENONCOURT, (Meuse).

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date November 10th, 1921

1. REMAINS OF CATHELYN, Mell SERIAL NUMBER 1387745

RANK Pvt. 1/cl. ORGANIZATION Co. G., 131st Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Nov. 10, 1921 From (give complete location):

Grave 169, Plot 4, Section A., Cemetery 607.

By: Group 4 Unit Field Section 3.

3. Reburied (date): In (give complete location):

Dec. 28th, 1921. Grave 38, Row 40, Block G, Cemetery 1232.

By: Group Reburial S Unit Lined Casket
Nature of reburial

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

Blanket. Under cross.

Badly decomposed; recognition impossible.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? No

(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) Impossible to determine

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(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to determine

(c) Hair—Color Impossible to determine

Quantity Impossible to determine

Characteristics Impossible to determine

(d) Hair on face—Color Impossible to determine

Location Impossible to determine

Quantity Impossible to determine

(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

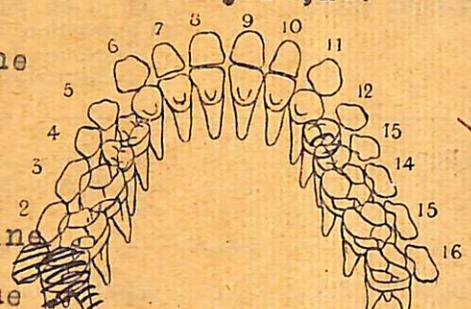
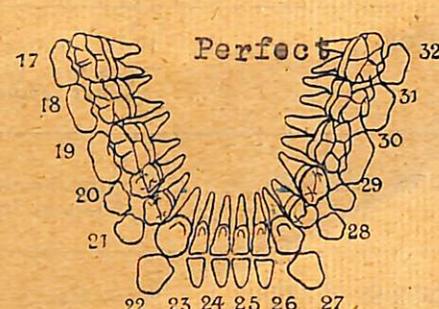


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



Perfect

7. Disinterment supervised by

W.J. LOGAN.

Approved:

B.L. MALONEY, Capt. Q.M.C.
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by JEL

A.U. Dufault,

Approved:

JAMES W. YOUNGER,
(Title) Captain Q.M.C.

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), bicuspids (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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To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE November 10-21

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 Cathelyn, Moll
 2. No. 1587745
 3. Rank Pvt. 1st. cl
 4. Org. Co. G. 131st Inf
 5. D.D. Oct. 13
 6. C.D. DOW

10. Name _____
 11. No. _____
 12. Rank _____
 13. Org. _____
 14. (a) D.D. _____
 (b) D.B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 169 Sec. A
 8. Plot _____ Row _____
 9. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
 16. Plot _____ Row _____
 17. None.

18. Cemetery Amer.
 20. Dept. or County Meuse
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 607

19. Commune or town Senonecourt
 21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) November 10-21
 24. Inscription on grave marker:

By W.J. Logan

Name Moll Cathelyn
 Rank Pvt. 1st. cl.

Serial No. _____
 Organization Co. G. 131st Inf.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? No On body? Yes

W. J. Logan
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).

no effects found.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed recognition impossible.

28. Nature of burial Blanket under cross.

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 Nov. 10- 1 By J. Logan

31. Casket sealed by _____
 Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

W. J. Logan
W. J. Logan

AUDITED

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. _____

32. Designation of body: _____

Name Cathelyn, Nell _____

Rank Pvt. 1st. cl Organization Co. G. 151st Inf _____

33. Consigned to: Officer in Charge Operations, _____

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse Arg. Amer. Cty. #1232 Remagne-sous-Montfaucon _____

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) November 10-21 By W.J. Logan _____

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 B.L. Maloney Capt. QMC

36. Remarks _____

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) November 10-21 _____

To point of Concentration Verdun, Meuse., _____ (Name B.L. Maloney)

Convoyer James Flynn Signature Shipping Officer B.L. Maloney Capt. QMC _____

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date November 10-21 _____

By G.R.S. Representative I. Luke Capt. F.A. _____

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Nov. 24, 1921 _____

To Permanent Cemetery Meuse Argonne 1232 _____ (Name R. Richards)

Convoyer O. Seeliger Signature Shipping Officer R. Richards, 1st Lt. QMC _____

40. Received: Date _____

G.R.S. Representative _____

41. Reinterred Meuse Argonne Cemetery 1232. Dec. 28th, 1921. _____

(Date) _____

42. Grave No. 38 _____ Section _____

43. Plot Block G _____ Row 40 _____

G.R.S. Representative James W. Younger, Captain Q.M.C.

JEL



COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 37687

*Exhumed 1-26-22
Concentrations
Men-Argonne 1232
Att 7/15/22*

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name CATHELYN, Mell Ser. No. 1387745
(b) Rank Pvt. 1/c (OK 3-8-21-B) Organization Co. G, 131st Inf.
(c) Date of death 10-13-18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA

TYP. DB
CKR. B.J.

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

(a) Grave No. 169 Row - Plot 4 Sec. A TYP. DB
(b) Emerg. Address Julius Cathelyn, (Father) Annawan, Ill.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases -- CKR. B.J.

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt -

(a) Name Julius Cathelyn (b) Relationship Father
(c) Address Annawan - Ill
(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 mkS Date 1-24-21, 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 mkS Date 1-24-21, 1920.

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

No Request for Disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes

Examiner's Initials mkS Date 1-24-21, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE

CEMETERY No. 607

SHEET No. 47

G. R. S. Form No. 115
Amended April 6, 1920

Make Form No. 114

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

MAR 10 1921 *R.L.*

CARDED

*Checked
3-8-21 B*

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

A. G. O. Card & Corr. *Stevens*

Discrepancies *1-24-21*

Name

Rank *✓*

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

G. R. S. Corr.

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

Checkers

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No. *8000 sent*

Org. *1-25-21*

Remarks

*Checked
1-27-21
AK*

WAR DEPARTMENT
 OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
 CEMETERIAL DIVISION
 WASHINGTON.

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FROM: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O.Q.M.G.

APR 7 1921

TO: Mr. Julius Cathelyn, Annawan, Ill.

SUBJECT: Remains of ~~Pvt. 1/c Nell Cathelyn, Ser. No. 1387745, Co. G. 131st I~~

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above named _____

soldier to remain in France

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

GEO. H. PENROSE,
 Colonel, Q.M.C.

If all blank spaces below are not filled out, it will necessitate a return of this paper and a SERIOUS DELAY in the shipment of this body. State in each case WHETHER or not these relatives are STILL LIVING.

Was soldier married? _____

NAME OF	NO. AND STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's widow			
1			
Soldier's children (Name oldest first)			
2			
3			
Father			
Mother			
1			
Brothers, (Name oldest first)			
2			
3			
1			
Sisters, (Name oldest first)			
2			
3			

Date _____ Signature _____

Address _____ Relationship _____

Important - CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper

U.S. Army
Shipping Office
(at of Jan., 1921)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CEREMONIAL DIVISION
WASHINGTON

APR 7 1921

FROM: Chief, Ceremonial Division, O.C.M.G.

TO: Mr. Julius Gethelg, Amman, Ill.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. J. H. Gethelg, Ser. No. 1587765, Co. B, 131st I. B.
The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above named

soldier to remain in France

If these are not the correct instructions, please correct them. Make corrections on reverse side of this sheet.
The nearest next of kin may choose between (1) return of body to any address in the United States; (2) interment in the National Cemetery, Arlington, Va., or any other National Cemetery; or (3) body to remain in Europe.

ED. H. PEMROSE,
Colonel, O.C.M.G.

If all blank spaces below are not filled out, it will necessitate a return of this paper and a SERVICE TAG in the shipment of this body. State in each case WHERE or NOT these relatives are STILL LIVING.

Was soldier married?

NAME OF	NO. AND STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's widow			
Soldier's children (Name and last)			
1			
2			
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RECEIVED

AUG 30 1921

Date

Signature

Relationship

Center

Important - CAREFULLY read instructions below in ...

COMPLETION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 37687

*See Form 115
Att 2/15/22*

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name CATHELYN, Mell Ser. No. 1387745 TYP. DB
 (b) Rank Pvt. 1/c Organization Col. G. 131st Inf. 13. J.
 (c) Date of death 10-13-18 Cause of death DWARIA

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

(a) Grave No. 169 Row - Plot 4 Sect. A TYP. DB
 (b) Emerg. Address Julius Cathelyn, (Father) Annawan, Ill.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases. OKR 13. J.

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

A. G. O. Card - Julius Cathelyn (father) Annawan, Ill. requests body not to be returned to U. S. no 3/10/21

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by - (cable on 192)
 (letter of transmittal on JAN 29 1921)

Par. #2, Not To Be Returned

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. MAR 12 1921 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken

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

COUNTRY
 G.R.S. FORM 115-A
 August, 1920

CEMETERY NO.

SHEET NO.

S-666/MB FRANCE

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MAR 10 1921 *R.L.*