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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Clingan 2182616 William
(Surname) (Number) (First Name and Initials).

Priv. Co. 9th. 354th Inf.
(Rank) (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH:

CAUSE OF DEATH:

DATE OF BURIAL: Nov. 5, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: 05.7-94.5 map Remon

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

1/2 mile from first cross road 1/4
kilom. south of Barricourt.

GRAVE NUMBER: 9

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:

Father M. Keill, Chaplain 354th Inf.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

PERSONNEL REG'D OFFICE



Div. Hdqrs.

ARMY
MAY 1918

C° M. 354th Inf.
89th Div.

CLINGAN, William E. Pvt 2182616
Home: Springfield, Mo.
R.F.D. N° 4

Killed in action Nov. 1/1918.

The informant says : "Pvt Clingan was a member of the 4th Platoon of this company which attacked an enemy machine gun position at about 4.00 PM. on Nov. 1/1918, in the region of Barriecourt, France.

Clingan was then my acting corporal and a little ahead of his squad when he was struck by a machine gun bullet in the head. Seeing him fall, Pvt Gray crawled up to him to help dress his wound and while in the course of this Pvt Gray was also hit and died instantly or a little while after he was hit and had nothing to say."

Informant : Paden, Albert J. Pfc 2845599
C° M. 354th Inf.

Home : 133 South Lawn Ave. Kansas City. Mo.

Signed : Smith H.A. Capt. C° M. 354 Inf.

Emerg. add.:

Mrs Sue Clingan:

Springfield, Mo. RFD N° 4.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name CLINGNAN, William Number: 2182616

Rank Pvt. Organization: Unknown

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group _____ Unit _____

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

24th June 1919. Grave #14, B/A Cty. Barricourt

_____ Map 35 NE E 305.68 N 294.5

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

24th June 1919. Grave 95, sec. 109 plot 2.

_____ ARGONNE AMERICAN CTY No. 1232

_____ ROMAGNE MEUSE ✓ 1232

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

Burial good Buried in uniform Body badly decomposed

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes

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

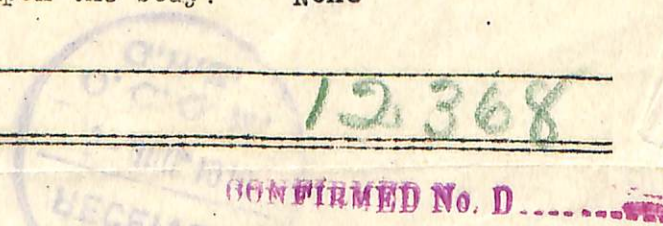
Note:

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

Supervised by Lt. Killough

H.O'K

C.O. Group _____ Unit _____



OK
Mother refers to name as *Sister* William Ellis Clingan To The A. G.

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G.R.S. Form #114-B

AUG 31 1926

Soldier's Sig.
FULL NAME CLINGAN, William ~~Ellis~~ *E. OK*

RANK Pvt., 1/c SERIAL 2182616

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION Co. M, 354th Inf.

DATE OF DEATH 11-1-18
Div - 89

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Mo

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED. none

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION. 9-27-21 1 37 G
Date Grave Row Block

1232 - Meuse-Argonne

Cemetery

Robert C. Davis
Major General
The Adjutant General.

R.M.
SEP 5 1926

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A. G. O.
SEP 1 1926
WORLD WAR DIV.

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A.G.O.
WORLD WAR DIV.

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SEP 4 26
M. & R. BRANCH
e. q. m. g.

No

Springfield Mo. June 10.

Quartermaster Gen. ^{1/2}
I regret more than I ^{1/2}
can tell you what a
disappointment it is
to me not to be able
to go to France. I
am nearly blind so
must decline going.

Respectfully,
Mrs Sue E Clingan
1303 Nichols St
Springfield Mo

Clingan Mrs Ellis (M-A).

Chg adj
filed on card
no ext



CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	CLINGAN, <i>Wm E</i>		
	<i>Cli</i>	3	3 2 9
BURIED	CEMETERY	1	1
	<i>1232</i>		
	GRAVE	2	01
	<i>1</i>		
	ROW	2	37
	<i>37</i>		
	BLOCK	1	7
	<i>g</i>		
STATE	<i>Mo</i>	2	29
RANK	<i>Priv/ce.</i>	1	2
DIVISION	<i>89</i>	2	89
ORGANIZATION	<i>354</i>	3	354
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	1
MARTIAL	<i>No</i>	1	2
Mrs. NAME	<i>Sue E Clingan</i>		
	<i>Cli</i>	3	3 2 9
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	29
	<i>Mo</i>		
	COUNTY	2	39
	<i>Greene</i>		
	CITY	3	056
	<i>Springfield</i>		
RELATION	<i>mother</i>	1	1
OTHER	<i>Sister</i>	1	2
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Yes</i>	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT	<i>Yes</i>	1	1
HEALTH	<i>Bad nearly blind</i>	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>no age</i>	1	2
29/514/PJ			77.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Clingan William Ellis (MA)

July 9 1932

Mrs Sue E Clingan
Rt 11 Box 134
Springfield Mo

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

QM 293 A-M
Clingan, William E. (MA)

January 20, 1932

Mrs. Sue Elizabeth Clingan,
Route #11, Box #134,
Springfield, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date, advising that you are unable to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private first class William E. Clingan.

It is deeply regretted that owing to your poor health and eyesight you are unable to make the pilgrimage at this time, and it is sincerely hoped that you will improve rapidly. It is possible that you might derive a measure of comfort and solace from a visit to your son's grave, and should you change your mind and desire to make the journey this year, it is requested you so notify this office.

In the absence of a reply, your name will be placed upon the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to visit the cemeteries of Europe in 1933, and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages are being arranged for that year.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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War Department
Many thanks for your
thoughtfulness I am
too blind to get
any pleasure out
of a trip to France

Mrs Sue Elizabeth Clingan
mother of William
Ellis Clingan whose
file no is 118645.

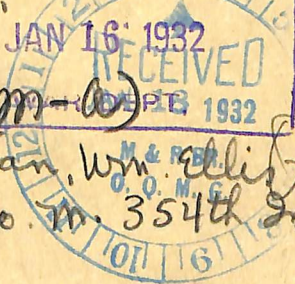
Sue E. Green Co.

(mother)
Clingan, Wm.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
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(M-6)
Clingan, Wm. Ellis
Put. Co. M. 354th St.





THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

War. Department

Washington D. C. File 118645

QM 293 A-M

Clingen, William Ellis Pvt (MA) M

December 29, 1931.

Mrs. Sue E. Clingan,
Route #11, Box #154,
Springfield, Mo.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private William Ellis Clingan. In reply to a questionnaire you advised that you did not desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer of 1932.

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

It is believed that you would experience no difficulty in making the journey, and should you later decide to visit your son's grave next summer, it is requested that you so notify this office. You are assured that not only will the pilgrimage be made at the expense of the United States, but everything possible will be provided for your comfort and welfare.

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-AM

June 16, 1931.

Clingan, William Ellis Pvt. (M-A) M

Mrs. Sue E. Clingan,
Route #11, Box #134,
Springfield, Mo.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

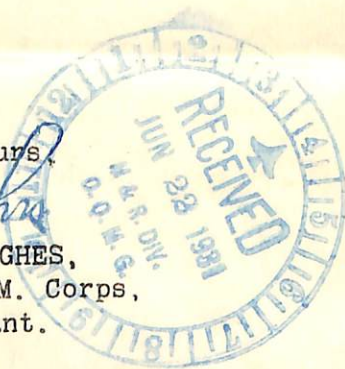
This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes

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



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

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Write answer here

Sue E. Clingan
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Clingan, William Ellis 1232-M

June 18, 1930

Mrs. Sue E. Clingan,
Rt. 11, Box 134,
Springfield, Missouri.

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.

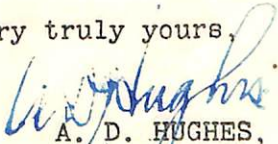
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank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

(Write answer here)



(Sign here)

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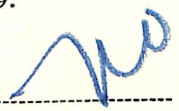
*Clayton, William
Ellis*

I decline the invitation extended
(Accept or decline)

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

Mrs. Sue E. Clingan

(Name)



R. R. 11, Box 134, Springfield, Greene Co., Mo.

(Town or City)

(State)



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S. P. M. G.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Clingan, William Ellis 1232 M.

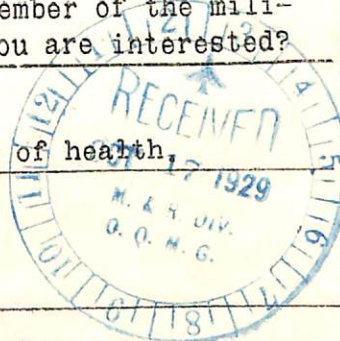
Mrs. Sue E. Clingan,
R.R. 11, Box 134,
Springfield, Mo.

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.	77 Age (Years)	Health (Good) (Poor) <u>L</u>
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes)	(No) Other language (Specify language spoken)



For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

It is wonderful in the government to extend this privilege to the mothers. Am sure mamma will never be strong enough to make the trip.

Encl. Act Envelope

QM 295 A-C
Clingan, Wm. Ellis

August 23, 1929.

Mrs. Sue E. Clingan,
R.R. 11, Box 154,
Springfield, Mo.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 24, 1929, relative to the pilgrimage of the Gold Star Mothers and Widows to Europe.

You are advised that the Act of March 2, 1929, provides that the pilgrimage shall be extended in the name of the United States to the mothers and widows for whom the pilgrimage is authorized, and it does not contain any provision for any member of the family to make the trip except the mother or unmarried widow, nor does it permit of the mother or widow being accompanied by any member of the family or a paid attendant. The War Department has been charged with the execution of this Act and its efforts therefore must be restricted to making the arrangements necessary for the transportation, entertainment, etc., of those named as eligible under the Act.

Any arrangements which are desired to be made by relatives or friends of such eligibles to visit the cemeteries in Europe must be made by them personally. The limited accommodations available in small towns in the neighborhood of the cemeteries in Europe, and the fact that it is contemplated that the War Department will utilize these accommodations to the limit for those mothers and widows eligible under the above mentioned Act make it necessary for those ineligible under the Act to make their own arrangements.

In response to your request for an explanation of the term "personnel" referred to in the Act, you are advised that it refers to those persons to be assigned by the War Department to provide for the needs and comfort of the mothers and widows making the pilgrimage. It does not mean individual personal attendants, however. You are further advised that the cabin accommodations to which you refer will in all probability be reserved for the mothers and widows for whom the pilgrimage is authorized.

QM 293 A-C
Clingan, Wm. Ellis

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Mrs. Sue E. Clingan.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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R.R. 11 Box 134

Springfield, Missouri

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War Department
Office of the Quartermaster General
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of June the twenty ninth in regard to the act of Congress providing a pilgrimage for the mothers and widows of the deceased war veterans who are interred in the cemeteries of Europe, I wish to take this means of acknowledging my deep appreciation of this act.

However, due to my age (76) and health I may not be able to take advantage of this kindness. Yet, I cannot refrain from



registering for this trip. For reasons stated above I should like to take the trip the summer of 1930.

In the act enclosed in section 2 paragraph (d) reference is made to "special" passports to personnel as maybe selected to accompany the pilgrimages. This term is not clear to me. Does it mean that these attendants are to be especially trained and selected by the government or may it refer to individual persons attendant? If this does not refer to a companion, would it be possible for a war mother to have an attendant who could have the special privileges (cabin-class accommodations - special passports and etc.)? and what would be the cost to such a one?

The last two years I have been accompanied everywhere. My daughter who is a twin sister of William E. is with me constantly when not on duty at school. If I should take the trip, it would be necessary for her to be with me. She is supervisor of home economics in the system here so we would have to go in the summer.

My son, William E. was unmarried.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Sue E. Clinger
by (Sue Clinger)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29, 1929.

Clingan, Wm. Ellis.

Mrs. Sue E. Clingan,
Box 525, RD 4,
Springfield, Mo.

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 Pvt. William Ellis Clingan, Co. M. 354th Inf. whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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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

Clingan William Ellis (MA)

July 9 1932

Mrs Sue E Clingan
Rt 11 Box 134
Springfield Mo

Dear Madam:

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

QM 293 A-M
Clingan, William E. (MA)

January 20, 1932

Mrs. Sue Elizabeth Clingan,
Route #11, Box #134,
Springfield, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

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It is deeply regretted that owing to your poor health and eyesight you are unable to make the pilgrimage at this time, and it is sincerely hoped that you will improve rapidly. It is possible that you might derive a measure of comfort and solace from a visit to your son's grave, and should you change your mind and desire to make the journey this year, it is requested you so notify this office.

In the absence of a reply, your name will be placed upon the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to visit the cemeteries of Europe in 1933, and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages are being arranged for that year.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M

Clingan, William Ellis Pvt (MA) M

December 29, 1951.

Mrs. Sue E. Clingan,
Route #11, Box #154,
Springfield, Mo.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private William Ellis Clingan. In reply to a questionnaire you advised that you did not desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer of 1952.

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

It is believed that you would experience no difficulty in making the journey, and should you later decide to visit your son's grave next summer, it is requested that you so notify this office. You are assured that not only will the pilgrimage be made at the expense of the United States, but everything possible will be provided for your comfort and welfare.

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-AM

June 16, 1931.

Clingan, William Ellis Pvt. (M-A) M

Mrs. Sue E. Clingan,
Route #11, Box #134,
Springfield, Mo.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Clingan, William Ellic 1232-M

June 19, 1930

Mrs. Sue E. Clingan,
Rt. 11, Box 134,
Springfield, Missouri.

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

Clingen, William Ellis, 1232-N

May 1, 1930

Mrs. Sue R. Clingen,
Rt. 11, Box 134,
Dear Madam: d. No.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.
Regulation.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Clingan, William Ellis 1232 N.

Mrs. Sue E. Clingan,
R.R. 11, Box 134,
Springfield, Mo.

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.

QW 295 A-C
Clingan, Wm. Ellis

August 23, 1929.

Mrs. Sue E. Clingan,
R.R. 11, Box 134,
Springfield, Mo.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 24, 1929, relative to the pilgrimage of the Gold Star Mothers and Widows to Europe.

You are advised that the Act of March 2, 1929, provides that the pilgrimage shall be extended in the name of the United States to the mothers and widows for whom the pilgrimage is authorized, and it does not contain any provision for any member of the family to make the trip except the mother or unmarried widow, nor does it permit of the mother or widow being accompanied by any member of the family or a paid attendant. The War Department has been charged with the execution of this Act and its efforts therefore must be restricted to making the arrangements necessary for the transportation, entertainment, etc., of those named as eligible under the Act.

Any arrangements which are desired to be made by relatives or friends of such eligibles to visit the cemeteries in Europe must be made by them personally. The limited accommodations available in small tours in the neighborhood of the cemeteries in Europe, and the fact that it is contemplated that the War Department will utilize these accommodations to the limit for those mothers and widows eligible under the above mentioned Act make it necessary for those ineligible under the Act to make their own arrangements.

In response to your request for an explanation of the term "personnel" referred to in the Act, you are advised that it refers to those persons to be assigned by the War Department to provide for the needs and comfort of the mothers and widows making the pilgrimage. It does not mean individual personal attendants, however. You are further advised that the cabin accommodations to which you refer will in all probability be reserved for the mothers and widows for whom the pilgrimage is authorized.

QM 293 A-C
Clingan, Wm. Ellis

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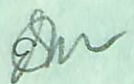
Mrs. Sue N. Clingan.

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

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

June 29, 1929.

Clingan, Wm. Ellis.

Mrs. Sue E. Clingan,
Box 525, RD 4,
Springfield, Mo.

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 Pvt. William Ellis Clingan, Co. M. 354th Inf. whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since re-married 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.

November 8, 1923.

Mrs. Sue E. Clingan,
Box 525, R.D. #4,
Springfield, Mo.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the permanent grave of Private, First Class, William Ellis Clingan, Company H, 38th Infantry, is Grave 1, Row 37, 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, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.

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

Very truly yours,

R.L. FOSTER

Assistant.

RD
YAK

Clingan,

William Ellis

2,182,616

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number)

Pvt *1/c*

e Co M

354th Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Mother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

Yes

(Yes or no.)

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

Yes at Springfield Mo

(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:

A. W. Clingan Southern Express Western Union.

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

R. F. D. 4. Box 5-25

Springfield

Mo

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Mrs. Sue E. Clingan

R. F. D. 4. Box 5-25

Springfield

Mo

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by HK

12329 Dec 109-31
5-1-28-21

check for HK

5-31-21

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File No. 62542

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name CLINGAN, William Ellis Ser. No. 2182616
(b) Rank Pvt. 1/c Organization Co. M, 354th Inf.
(c) Date of death 11/1/18 (d) Cause of death k/a
TYP. msc
CKR. B. J.

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

(a) Grave No. 95 Row -- Plot 2 Sec. 109 TYP. msc
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Sue E. Clingan, (Mother), RD #4, Springfield, Mo.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases (24. 6-1-21) CKR. B. J.

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Mrs. Sue E. Clingan (b) Relationship mother
(c) Address R.F.D. 4, Box 525, Springfield, Mo.
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? yes
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at Springfield, Mo.
(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. A. W. Clingan
R.F.D. 4, Box 525 Springfield, Mo.
Southern Exp. - W. H. Lefeb.
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S.

Examiner's Initials HR Date 5-25, 1920

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

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

Examiner's Initials Date, 1920

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

R4, Box 525, Springfield, Mo. 7-9-20
Cancels previous request body to remain abroad
(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes

Examiner's Initials HR Date 5-25, 1920

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232, Sec. 109 SHEET No. 31

Handwritten notes: 4/20/21, checked by, 06-16-210

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 JUN 9 1921, 1920

See #109

Par. 2 Not To Be Returned

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IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*8/7/21 - Mother as PRs if Argonne
Cty will be maintained permanently
as she wishes body to remain
in France - #D 8/27/21*

*8/22/21 - Insp advises that this Cty
is permanent and grave will be
perpetually cared for - #D 8/27/21*

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III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases A.L.O. 2019 2-27-20 omit serial number (L.S. 6-1-21) CKR. B.J.

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

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by Dec #109 cable on letter of transmittal on JUN 9 1921
Par. 2 Not To Be Returned men.

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

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

Table with 4 columns: Date of and source, Relationship and name, Desires, Action taken.

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

COUNTRY CEMETERY No. SHEET No.

Handwritten signature and date 11/4/2021

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF CLINMAN, WILLIAM Ellis SERIAL NUMBER 2132616
RANK Pvt. 1/e ORGANIZATION Co., M. 354th Inf.

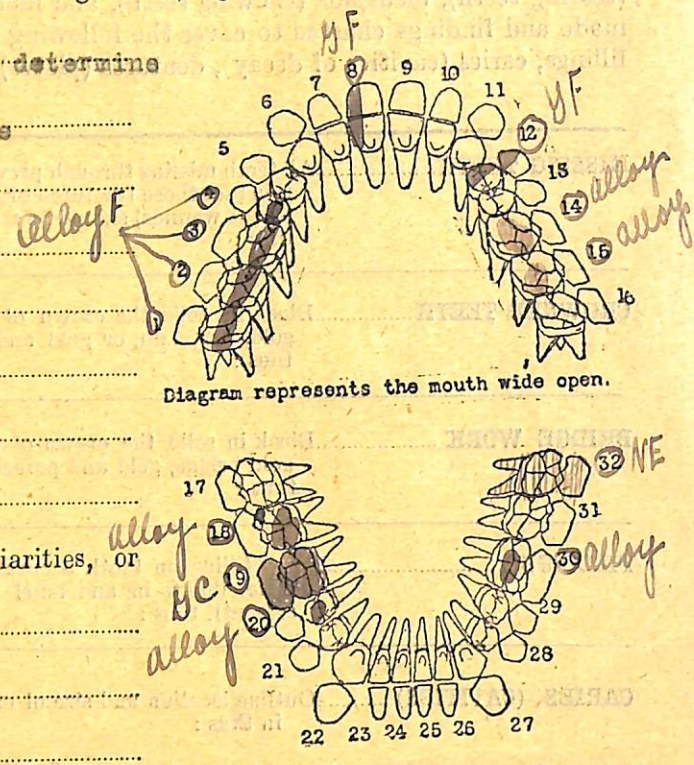
2. Disinterred (date): Sept. 22, 1921. From (give complete location):
Gr. 95 sec 109 pt 2, Meuse Argonne Cem., #1232.
By: Group Kierce Unit Sec 1

3. Reburied (date): Sept 27th 1921. In (give complete location):
Meuse Argonne Cemetery # 1232 Gr 1 block G row 37
By: Group re-burial Unit Nature of reburial unlined casket

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

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? Yes
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:
Tag on body partly corroded. G.R. plaque on body agrees with form 114-A.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items?
(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine
(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to determine
(c) Hair—Color None visible
Quantity None
Characteristics None
(d) Hair on face—Color None
Location None
Quantity None
(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) None
(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) right parietal fractured and missing.








7. Disinterment supervised by P.P. Kierce Approved: R. C. Parthington
P.P. Kierce S. M. Lt. QMC

8. Reburial supervised by W. B. Shields Approved: James W. Younger
W. B. Shields Jt. James W. Younger, Capt QMC

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

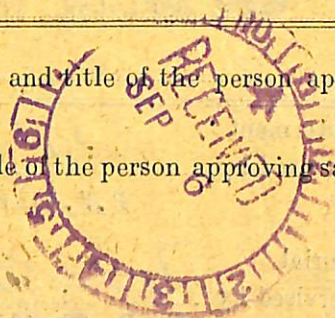
Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Question 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

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), 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.

<p>MISSING TEETH.....All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">TOOTH MISSING TOOTH MISSING</p>
<p>CROWNED TEETH.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD CROWN PORCELAIN CROWN GOLD CROWN</p>
<p>BRIDGE WORK.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD AND PORCELAIN BRIDGE GOLD BRIDGE</p>
<p>FILLINGS.....Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">SILVER FILLING GOLD FILLING GOLD FILLING GOLD FILLING</p>
<p>CARIES (CAVITIES).....Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">CAVITY DECAYED DECAYED DECAYED</p>
<p>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."</p>	

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.



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept. 22, 1921.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name Clingan, William E. Ellis
 2. No. 2182616
 3. Rank Pvt. 1/c
 4. Org. Co. M. 354th. Inf.
 5. D.D. Nov. 5th. 1, 1918
 6. C.D. K.I.A.

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 95 Sec. 109
 8. Plot 2 Row _____
 9. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
 16. Plot _____ Row _____
 17. No discrepancy.

18. Cemetery Argonne American
 20. Dept. or County Meuse
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232 Sec 109
 23. Disinterred (Date) Sept. 22, 1921.

19. Commune or town Romagne/s/Mont.
 21. Country France.
 By P. P. Kierce.

24. Inscription on grave marker:
 Name Clingan, William E.
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. 2182616
 Organization Co. M, 354th Inf.

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

P. P. Kierce
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).
Tag partly corroded. G.R.S. plaque on body agrees with 114-A.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed; features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Pine box, U.S. uniform, and burlap.

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Sept. 22, 1921. By P. P. Kierce,

31. Casket sealed by P. P. Kierce,

AUDITED BY 1025823
Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) P. P. Kierce

SHIPMENT (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. 06237

32. Designation of body: _____

Name Clifford, William E. Serial No. 2182616

Rank Private Organization Co. M. 354th Inf.

33. Consigned to:
Name of Permanent Cemetery Argonne Amer. Romagne/S/Monfaucon 1232.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Sept. 22, 1921. By P. P. Kierce,

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.C. Worthington, 1st Lt., QMC

36. Remarks _____

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Sept. 22, 1921.

To point of Concentration Meuse-Argonne Cemetery #1232.

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

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date _____ J. GERALD COLE
Captain, G.A.C.

By G.R.S. Representative _____

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date _____

To Permanent Cemetery _____

Convoyer _____ (Name) _____ Signature Shipping Officer _____

40. Received: Date Sept 22 1921

G.R.S. Representative [Signature]

41. Reinterred Meuse Argonne Cemetery # 1232 (Date) 27th 1921.

42. Grave No. 1 Section _____

43. Plot _____ Row 37

G.R.S. Representative James W. Younger

James W. Younger, Capt. QMC

jt.

CM Barricourt (Ardenne's)

(C-493) SHT 35712 COORD { E 305.7
N 294.6

Soldier's No. 2182617 62342

Name CLINGAN, WILLIAM (NONE)

(Regt.)

Rank Pvt Co. Unknown (Corps) Unknown

Date of Death _____ Cause _____

Date of Burial _____ Cemetery _____

Map VERDUN N.E. 35, 305.7 E. 294.6 N.
ARDENNES

Town or Commune _____ Dept. _____

Sketch #24

Grave No. 9 Plot _____ Sec. _____

Unknown buried with body

Tag _____ attached to Reg

Unknown

Chaplain - Burial Officer (which?) _____

J. F. KLAEBHN QM. SGT. SR. GR.

Signature _____ Rank _____

Group 2 Unit 310 G.R.S. _____

10-11-1918

Number's No

Name

Rank

Date of Death

Date of Burial

at

Town of

State of

County of

Interment



Remarks

Remarks

Remarks

Remarks

Remarks

Springfield Mass. Aug 7. 1921

War Department

Office of the Quartermaster

Sir: Some time

ago I wrote you requesting you to let the remains of my son William Ellis Ching remain in France. I still prefer it if, I am assured that the Cemetery there will still be cared for and kept up. I see they are bringing so many of the bodies home I feared they might finally fail to keep up the American Cemetery at Romagne - where my son is buried. Is there any probability of that? or will the graves be marked so the identification

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Will not be lost-: Please let me know as it often worries me to think of the probability of such a thing.

Respectfully

Mrs. Luu Elizabeth Clingan
R. H. Box 525 Springfield Mo.

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

Mrs. Sue Elizabeth Clingan, R.4, Box 525, Springfield, Mo.

Burial in France.



1. In reply to your letter of August 7th 1921, you are advised that the records of this office contain your request that the remains of your son, the late Private 1st class William Ellis Clingan, Company M, 354th Infantry, be permanently interred in their present resting place, in Grave 95, Section 109, Plot 2, Argonne American Cemetery at Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse, and instructions have been issued that your wishes be complied with.

2. The graves of our soldier dead which are to remain permanently interred in France, will be marked with appropriate headstones, and you are assured that the grave of your son will be perpetually maintained by the Government in the most careful and reverent manner.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES J. WYNNE,
Captain, Q.M.C.

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August 9, 1920.

No: 293.8-Cem. File #62542 (Clingan, William Ellis, Pvt. 1/c)
 From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)
 To: Mrs. Sue. Elizabeth Clingan, R. #4, Box 525, Springfield, Mo.
 Subject: Permanent burial in France.

1. In reply to your letter of July 9, 1920, addressed to The Adjutant General of the Army, you are advised that your former request that the body of your son, Private 1/c William Ellis Clingan, be returned to you for private interment will be cancelled and instructions will be issued that the deceased be permanently interred in the Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
 Major, U. S. Army,
 Chief, Cemeterial Division.

By:

MVB CHARLES J. WYNNE,
 Captain, Q. M. C. JEW

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Springfield Mo. July 9. 1920

Adjutant Gen of the Army

Dear Sir: Months ago the Authorities wrote me asking me if I wished the body of my son William Ellis Clingan of the 89 Division Co M. 354 Inf who was killed Nov. 1 1918. brought home for final burial. At that time I truly thought I did, but after reconsidering the matter, gaining more information concerning the burial of my son, I wish to say that I have changed my mind, and wish him to remain where he is at Romagne.

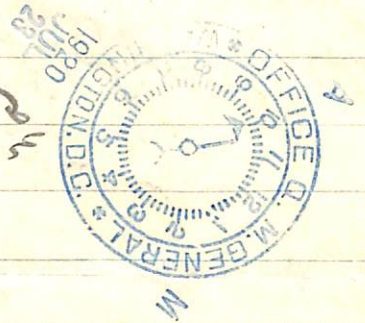
Clingan, Wm. Ellis

Respectfully
Mrs. Sue Elizabeth Clingan
R. 4. Box 525 Springfield
Mo.

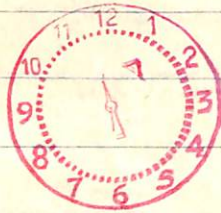
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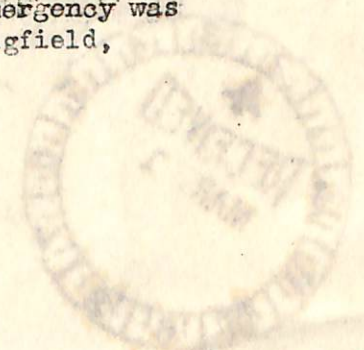
From: The Adjutant General of the Army
To: The Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington, D. C.
Subject: Date of death of Private 1st Class William Ellis
Clingan, Company M, 354th Infantry.

1. Upon investigation, it has been ascertained that the date of death of the above named man heretofore communicated to you, is erroneous, and that this soldier was killed in action November 1, 1918.

2. For purpose of identification, you are advised that the records show that the deceased was enlisted April 26, 1918, and the name of the person to be notified in case of emergency was given as: Mrs. Sue E. Clingan, mother, R.F.D. #4, Springfield, Mo.

By order of the Secretary of War:

P. C. HARRIS,
The Adjutant General.
per. *as*



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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON

February 27, 1920.

301 (Clinger, William Elzie) WW

The Adjutant General of the Army

The Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington, D. C.

Date of death of Private 1st Class William Elzie
Clinger, Company M, 384th Infantry.

1. Upon investigation, it has been ascertained that
the date of death of the above named man heretofore communicated to
you, in error, and that this soldier was killed in action
November 1, 1918.

2. For purpose of identification, you are advised
that the records show that the deceased was enlisted April 22, 1918
and the name of the person to be notified in case of emergency was
given as Mrs. Sue E. Clinger, mother, R.F.D. 4, Springfield,
Mo.

By order of the Secretary of War:



F. C. HARRIS
The Adjutant General.
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June 23, 1919

Lieut. Gove S. Wright,
Graves Registration Service,
Romagne, Meuse.

Wire Chief Graves Registration Service if body of Private William E. Clingan
Company M 354th Infantry has been buried in concentration cemetery period this
soldier previously reported buried grave number 9 American Battle Area Cemetery
comma Barricourt comma Ardennes period G 516 E period

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Springfield Mo Feb. 18. 1919.

Chief Graves Registration Service.

Hon. Sir:

I have been instructed to write to you to obtain a Photo of my sons grave, Private William E. Clingan. Co. M. 354 Infantry who was killed in action Nov 6-1918. Buried American Cemetery, Barriecourt, Ardennes France.

I most earnestly desire 2 Photos if I can get them. One by all means His No. was 2182 @14.

Respectfully
Mrs. Luc E. Clingan
R 4 Box 526 Springfield
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TO: - REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S.

Date 7-27-20

FROM: - INQUIRY BRANCH.

Please furnish information as checked (V) below regarding the following soldier:

NAME Clingan, William Ellis, Serial Number _____RANK _____ ORGANIZATION Co. M, 354th Inf.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	(1) Yes. Pvt 1/cl. #2182616
2.	Date of Death.	(2) 11-1-18,
3.	Cause and place of death.	(3) K-A,
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	(4) #336.
5.	Date buried.	(5) no record.
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	(6) Grave #14, Cty, # not given
7.	Who reported burial?	Map 35NE; E 305.681 N 294.5
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	Reburied: 6-24-19,
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	Grave #95, Sec. #109, Plot #2, Argonne Amer. Cty. #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	(10) a yes b yes
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	(11) Mrs. Suey B. Clingan, (Mother) R. D. #4, Springfield, Mo.
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	(12) 1-22-19 3-12-20 (10)
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	(14) D-23366
15.	Inquiry made by?	

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