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DEC 1 - 1925

DATE

1. NAME BOWDEN, Frank SERIAL No. 1915969

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Batt. B. 321st F.A.

& DIVISION 82

GRAVE LOCATION St. Mihiel American Cty. THIAUCOURT (M-et-M) 1233

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

48 Sec. 13 1

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 102 Millery M. et M.

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES 52SE, 224.19N, 381.85E.

Cty 473

CONCENTRATED TO 6/10/19 48 Sec. 13 1

DATE

GRAVE

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PLOT

St. Mihiel

1233

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on cross.

DATE OF DEATH Sept 15, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Pa

Data #-1

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED None

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE

GRAVE

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PLOT

CEMETERY

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GRAVE

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CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

I. H. JOFFEE, 1st Lt., A.G.O.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION July 18, 1922 16 5 Block C

DATE

GRAVE

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PLOT

AUDITED BY

St. Mihiel American No. 1233, Thiaucourt

M. CEMETERY

The Adjutant General

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1 A.G.O.  
DEC 3 1925  
WORLD WAR DIV.

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.

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Boyden 1915969 Frank*  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

*Pvt. Battery B. 321 F.*  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL *Sept. 16, 1918.*

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

*Millery Cemetery, Millery -  
Maurthe Et Moselle, France.*

C° B

GRAVE NUMBER *#102.*

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

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? *Yes.*

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

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

Frank, Pvt 1915969  
Home: 1807 Van Pelt St.  
Phila. Pa.

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Sector of the St Mihiel  
side of the Moselle River across

en, William B. Cpl 1915907  
321 F.A.  
ville, Pa.  
s, J.B. Comdg Officer.

William B. Cpl 1915907  
Feb. 19/1919

REPORTED BY:

*L. D. Williams 1st Lt. & Chaplain*  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

J.B. Conyers Commanding officer Searcher.-

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C° B. 321st F.A.  
82nd Div.

BOWDEN, Frank, Pvt I915969  
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Phila. Pa.

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Informant: Bratten, William B. Cpl I915907

Home: Blairsville, Pa.

Signed: Conyers, J.B. Comdg Officer.

Emerg. add.:  
Mrs E. Bowden:  
(above)

Informant: Bratten William B. Cpl 1915907

Co B 321 F A

Home: Blairsville Pa.

Feb. 19/1919

Feb 19-1919

J.B. Conyers Commanding officer Searcher.-

(code)  
The E. Bowden  
Home: 1915.969

SEP 19 1918



STATED : Colonel: J. B. CONYERS OFFICER.  
HOME : BLAIRSVILLE, PA.  
C. O. P. A. : BRATTEN WILLIAM B. CPT 191590A

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON D. C. JAN 6 1919  
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Batt. E. 321 Field Art.

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Co B 321 F A

F/N.  
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number as : 1915.969

J.B. Conyers Commanding officer Searcher.-

Place EUFCHATEAUDate June 14 1919.REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Remains of:

Name: BOWDEN FrankNumber 1915969Rank: Pvt.Organization Batty. B. 321 F.A.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group:

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From (Give complete location)

6 6/10/1919.Grave No. 102 B/A CemeteryMILLERY Met M 52SE. E381.75 N224.30

Reburied (Date)

In: (Give complete location)

6/10/1919.Grave No. 48 Sect. 13 Plot 1ST. MIHIEL AMERICAN CEMETERY #1253THIACOURT M et M

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

Burial good; buried in casket.Was one identification tag found upon the body? No.What other means of identification were found on the body? None

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found on bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Dept direct as is required by G.O. 170, G.M. 2, 1918, after being carefully examined for clues of identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Capt. OrbeckR. H. ROSENTHAL2nd Lieut. Q.M.G.U.S.A.G.O. Group Unit

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G.O. 170, G.M. 2, 1918

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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COILS	CODE
NAME	Bowden	3	25 1/2
	Frank	1	3
BURIED	CEMETERY 1233	2	16
	GRAVE 16	2	05
	PCW 5	1	3
	BLOCK C	2	44
STATE	Pa	1	2
RANK	Plt	2	82
DIVISION	82	3	321
ORGANIZATION	321	1	3
ARM	4A	1	2
MAPSHEET	Sister	1	
NAME	Walbridge	3	
	Laura	2	
55-3 C. Alcott St.	STATE	2	
RESIDENCE	COUNTY	2	
Phila, Pa	CITY	3	
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Head	1	6
NATIVITY	Head 2-26-20	1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

**AUDITED**

APR 4 1932

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Bowden, Frank P. +  
Battery B 321st A

PENN

STM

Date of mother's death ?

2/26/20

XC 56546  
Em  
74

~~L. P. ?~~

~~S. M. ?~~

father died 1893

Single

A.L.

S. Lane Walbridge  
553 E. Alcott St  
Philadelphia - Pa

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Bowden, Frank (StM)

April 5, 1932

Mr. Harry Bowden,  
1542 Newkirk Street,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

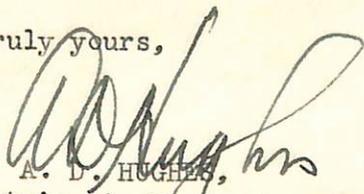
Dear Sir:

This office is making an earnest endeavor to communicate with all women who may be eligible to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

It is therefore requested that you advise whether or not the late Private Frank Bowden is survived by a stepmother or any woman who stood in loco parentis to him for a period of five years prior to his reaching the age of eighteen, and if so, her name and address. It will also be appreciated if you will furnish the date of death of the mother of this late veteran. A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:  
Envelope.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO ~~QM 293 A-C~~  
~~Bowden, Frank - 1230 Bro~~

July 8, 1930.

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1542 Newkirk St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

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.

This office has no record of any person entitled under the Act mentioned to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe as the mother or widow of the above named deceased service man. To complete the list of eligibles and to assure that, if the above named man is survived by a mother or widow entitled to make a pilgrimage she receive an invitation to do so, it is requested you answer the following questions in the space provided on this letter and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

2. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not remarried?

If so, give her name and address:

3. Is the deceased survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him according to the terms of Section 4 (a) of the enclosed Act as amended?

If so, give her name and address:

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

August 28, 1929.

Bowden, Frank  
1233

Mr. Harry Bowden,  
1542 Newkirk St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 27, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage?

Write answers in space below

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow, who has not since remarried? If so, give her complete address:

*Was not married.*

2. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

*Parents dead.*

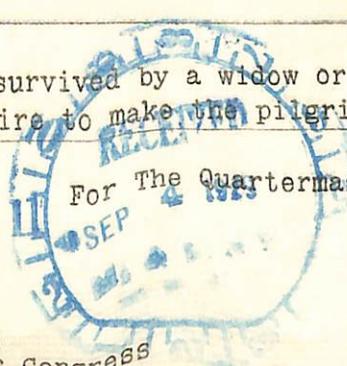
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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
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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.

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Act of Congress  
Envelope

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 Bowden, Frank 1,915,969  
(Surname.) (Christian name in full.) (Army serial number)  
 -----  
 Pvt Batty B 321st E. A.  
(Rank and organization.)  
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State your relationship to the deceased -----  
 Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? -----  
(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 informa-  
 tion below as to where they should be sent:

-----  
(Name of person to receive remains.) (Express office.) (Telegraph office.)  
 -----  
(Number and street.) (City or town.) (State.)  
 -----  
 (Sign here) -----  
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(Number and street or rural route.) (City, town, or post office.) (State.)  
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**Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.**

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DUPLICATE.

RETURNED  
 U. S. CLAIMED

QM 293 A-C

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

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

Philadelphia, Pa.

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

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1-Incl.  
Record card.

Assistant.

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LSD

C. Q. M. G.  
CENTRAL MAIL ROOM

MAR 10 1924

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 21971

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BOWDEN, Frank Ser. No. 1215969
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Baty. B. 321st F.A.
(c) Date of death 9/15/18 (d) Cause of death K/A
TYP. EK
CKR. [initials]

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

(a) Grave No. 48 Row -- Plot 1 Sec. 13 TYP. EK
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. E. Bowden (mother) 1807 Van Pelt St., Phila, Penna.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases -- -- CKR. [initials]

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt no card in file 1-31-21 card

(a) Name (b) Relationship
(c) Address
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.?
(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 Date, 1920.

V. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from Mrs Wm Scherff - sister 154 2 Newkirk St - Phila Pa, dated 11-23-18

confirming request in Par. IV., item, above, or requesting that asko if bodies are to be returned.

Examiner's Initials Date 1-31-21, 1920.

VI. G. R. S. FILES, CORRESPONDENCE—shows as follows: Let. 11/11/20 Mrs Bowden brother

1702 No. 25th St. Phila, Pa. requests blank to fill out for return of body from France to U.S.

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes - 10

Examiner's Initials Date 2-1-, 1920.

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 1233 SHEET No. 317

CARDED

FEB 26 1921

Handwritten notes and signatures at bottom right.

Vertical handwritten note on the left margin.

Large handwritten note in red ink: 'see Mrs Scherff'.



VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

RECEIVED

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_, Checked by \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

JUN 21 1921

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on FEB 18 1921 1920

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:

Note (no date) appended to our letter of 6-13-21 states Form 120 was not enclosed. states Mrs E Bowden (mother) died 2-26-20. Signed by Harry Bowden (brother) 1542 Newkirk St., Phila Pa. # 6-22-21 04.

7/8/21 F#120 Harry Bowden (brother m.k.) 1542 Newkirk St., Phila Pa requests body be left in France. # 7-12-21 ECS



REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place Thiencourt, France,

Date July 18, 1922.

1. REMAINS OF BOWDEN, Frank SERIAL NUMBER 1915969

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Bat. B. 321st P.A.

2. Disinterred (date) : July 18, 1922 From (give complete location) : Gr. 48, Sec. 13 Plot 1 Cem. 1233.

By : Group 2 Unit 1

3. Reburied (date) July 18, 1922. In (give complete location) : Gr 16, row 5, Block C. Cty. 1233, Thiencourt, France. regulation casket.

By : Group reburial Unit Nature of reburial

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment : Wooden box and uniform, 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 entirely corroded. Nothing found to disprove identity.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

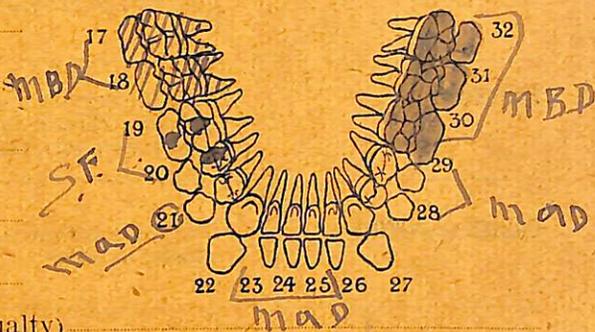
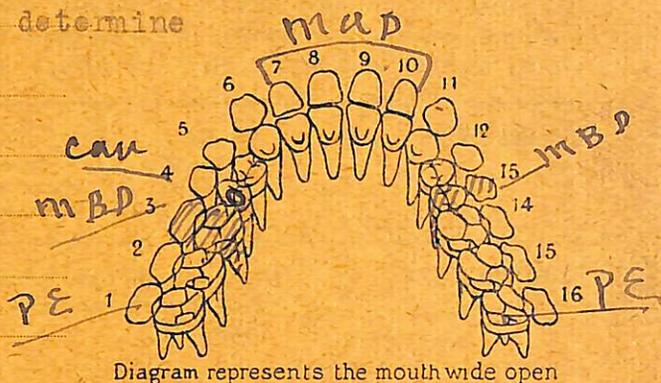
Quantity do

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

or missing parts) none visible

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

none visible



7. Disinterment supervised by A. W. Taggart

Approved : J. J. Powers  
J. J. Powers, 1st Lt., Q.M.C.  
(Title)

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

Approved : A. E. Dewey  
A. E. Dewey, 1st Lt., Q.M.C.  
(Title)

## 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.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE July 18, 1922.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters. <sup>jc.</sup>

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BOWDEN, Frank

10. Name

2. No. 1915969

11. No.

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank

4. Org. Batt. B. 321st F.A.

13. Org.

5. D.D. 9-15-18

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. KIA.

(b) D.B. None.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 48 Sec. 13

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot 1 Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. None.

18. Cemetery St. Mihiel American

19. Commune or town THIAUCOURT

20. Dept. or County M-et-M

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1233

23. Disinterred (Date) July 18, 1922.

By A.W. Taggart.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Frank Bowden

Serial No. 1915969

Rank Pvt.

Organization Batt. B. 321st F.A.

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

L.H. Allen  
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 on body entirely corroded, nothing found to disprove identity.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Wooden box and uniform.

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date July 18, 1922. By A.W. Taggart.

31. Casket sealed by A.W. Taggart.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) A.W. Taggart

AUDITED BY  
8/18  
10/29/22

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-29417

32. Designation of body:

Name Frank BOWDEN Serial No. 1915969

Rank Pvt. Organization Batt. B. 321st FA.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel American Cty. 1233, THIAUCOURT (M-et-M)

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) July 18, 1922. By A.W. Taggart.

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 J.J. Powers  
J.J. Powers, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) July 18, 1922.

To point of Concentration 1233

Convoyer None Signature Shipping Officer (Name)

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date July 18, 1922.

By G.R.S. Representative (Name)

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date July 18, 1922.

To Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel Amer 1233, Thiaucourt, France.

Convoyer None Signature Shipping Officer J.J. Powers, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

40. Received: Date July 25, 1922.

G.R.S. Representative A.E. Dewey

41. Reinterred July 18, 1922. (Date)

42. Grave No. 16 Section

43. Plot block C. Row 5.

G.R.S. Representative A.E. Dewey  
A.E. Dewey, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

File No. 293.8 Gen.Div., Cor. Br.  
(BOWDEN, Frank)

July 19th, 1921.

Mr. Harry Bowden,  
1542 Newkirk St.,  
Phila, Pa.

re: Pvt. Frank Bowden,  
Ser. No. 1915969,  
Bty. B, 321st P.A.

Dear Sir:

Your Shipping Inquiry Form #120,  
dated July 8th, 1921, requesting that the remains  
of the deceased soldier named above be left in  
France for burial in a permanent American Cemetery  
has been forwarded to the Cemeterial Division, Office  
of the Quartermaster General, Washington, D.C., for  
necessary action.

The Cemeterial Division, Washington, D.C.  
will furnish you the grave location in the permanent  
American Cemetery as soon as possible after the body  
has been placed therein.

The Department desires to renew its  
previous expression of sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. B. SHANNON,  
Captain, C.M.C.,  
Officer in Charge.

BY:

F. C. FALLAS,  
Executive Assistant.

*Handwritten initials*

*Handwritten initials JF*

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
Quartermaster Corps  
Graves Registration Service  
Pier 12, Hoboken N.J.

July 19th, 1921.

FILE NO. 293.8 Cem. Div. Cor. Br.  
(BOWDEN, Frank)

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O.C.M.G.,  
Washington, D.C.

SUBJECT: Return of Records - Cemetery #1233,  
Transmittal Memorandum H- 688.

1. The records pertaining to the following cases are returned herewith, it having been definitely determined that the bodies are to remain in Europe.

REFERENCE NO.:

317 Frank Bowden, Private, Serial Number 1915969,  
Battery B. 321st Field Artillery.

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q.M.C.,  
Officer in Charge.

BY:

  
E. C. PALLAS,  
Executive Assistant.

Incl(records)

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June 28th, 1921.

File No. 293,8 Cem.Div., Cor.Br.  
(BOWDEN, Frank)

Mr. Harry Bowden,  
1542 Newkirk St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Receipt of your communication of recent date, relative to the remains of your late brother, Frank Bowden, Private, Serial Number 1915969, Battery B, 321st Field Artillery, is acknowledged.

Pursuant to your request, attached herewith is Shipping Inquiry Form mentioned in communication dated June 13, 1921, which you are kindly requested to execute and return to this office.

Your early attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. B. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q.M.C.,  
Officer in Charge.

BY:

*F.C.*  
F. C. PALLAS,  
Executive Assistant.

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Mailed-O.F.D.  
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WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

CEMETERIAL DIVISION

WASHINGTON

June 28th, 1921.

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

To: Mr. Harry Bowden, 1542 Newkirk St., Philadelphia, Pa.

SUBJECT: Remains of Frank Bowden, Pvt. Ser. No. 1915969, Baty. B, 321st F.A.

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

*be left in France*

*g ed*

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 the 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.

GEORGE 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? *Not married*

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NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.		
Soldier's widow <i>Not married</i>					
Soldier's children. { 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ (Name oldest first.)					
Father <i>Frank Bowden</i>	<i>Deceased</i>				
Mother <i>Emma Bowden</i>	<i>"</i>				
Brothers. { 1 <i>Harry Bowden</i> 2 <i>William Bowden</i> 3 <i>Lutie Bowden Deceased</i> (Name oldest first.)	<i>1542 Newkirk St</i> <i>1816 Croshey</i> <i>Curme Bowden 1542 Newkirk</i>	<i>Philadelphia</i>	<i>P</i>		
Sisters. { 1 <i>Laura Walbridge</i> 2 <i>Bessie Milley</i> 3 <i>Carrie Schaff</i> (Name oldest first.)	<i>1511 N 11th St</i> <i>1816 Croshey St</i> <i>1542 Newkirk</i>				
<i>Edna Coulbroune</i>	<i>1853 Croshey St</i>				
Date <i>7/8/21</i>	Signature <i>Harry Bowden</i>				
Address <i>1542 Newkirk St</i>	Relationship <i>Brother</i>				

*Notes #111  
#712-21 EC8*

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship July 8, 1921

Date \_\_\_\_\_ I, the undersigned, am the Brother and nearest living next of kin of the within-named

(Relationship.)

soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:  
(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

- 1. ~~As stated on first page of this sheet.~~
- 2. ~~To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to \_\_\_\_\_ (Name.)~~  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(R. R. station.) \_\_\_\_\_ (State.)
- 3. ~~To be returned to the U. S. and buried in \_\_\_\_\_ National Cemetery.~~
- 4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

Signature Harry Bowden

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.**

- 1. If definite instructions for the disposition of a body are not received from the next of kin within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.
- 2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.
- 3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT of kin IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.
- 4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest next of kin in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
- 5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.
- 6. If YOU are not the nearest next of kin, please ask the nearest next of kin, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
- 7. If YOU are not the nearest living next of kin and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.
- 8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
- 9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

NOTE.—INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DISPOSITION OF REMAINS will be issued by this office upon the properly executed authority of the legal next of kin in each case. The widow is the first person having disposition of the remains of her husband. Should there be no widow or children, the father and, in turn (upon his decease), the mother, is the proper authority. The brothers, in order of seniority, and then the sisters in order of seniority, if there are no brothers, rank next in authority to decide. Under an opinion rendered by the Judge Advocate General of the Army, if a widow has remarried she forfeits her right, and the next of kin as given above will make decision.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
QUARTERMASTER CORPS  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
PIER 2, HOBOKEN, N. J.

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June 13, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Gen.Div.Cor.Br.  
(BOWDEN, Frank)

Mrs. E. Bowden,  
1807 Van Pelt Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete in the matter of final disposition of the remains of your late son Frank Bowden, Private, Serial Number 1915969, Battery B, 321st Field Artillery, kindly execute the enclosed Shipping Inquiry and return same to this office.

Your immediate attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

GENETRIAL DIVISION

By authority of the Quartermaster General:



R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Officer in Charge.

JUN 18 1921

BY:

*F. C. Pallas*  
F. C. PALLAS,  
Executive Assistant.

1 Incl.

*Mr R. E. Shannon*

*Dear Sir*

*This letter came, but no other paper with it. Kindly let me hear from you as soon as possible.*

*Mrs E Bowden died*

*Feb 26/1920*

*Harry Bowden (Brother)*  
*1542 Archibald St*  
*Phila Pa*

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6/30/21

June 18, 1921.

File No. 293.6 Gen.Div.Cor.Br.  
(BOWDEN, Frank)

Mrs. E. Bowden,  
1807 Van Pelt Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete in the matter of final disposition of the remains of your late son Frank Bowden, Private, Serial Number 1915969, Battery B, 321st Field Artillery, kindly execute the enclosed Shipping Inquiry and return same to this office.

Your immediate attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Officer in Charge.

BY:

F. C. PALLAS,  
Executive Assistant.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

CEMETERIAL DIVISION

WASHINGTON

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

APR 12 1921

To: Mrs. E. Bowden, 1907 Van Pelt St., Phila., Pa.

SUBJECT: Remains of Ext. Frank Bowden, Ser. No. 1915969 Btry. B. 321st F.A.

Mr. Wm. Bowden, 1702 N. 25th St., Phila. Pa. (brother) has

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

soldier be returned to the United States and (Please give definite shipping instructions)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DISPOSITION OF REMAINS OF THE SOLDIER

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 the 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.

GEORGE 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 _____			
Soldier's children. { (Name oldest first.)	1 _____		
	2 _____		
	3 _____		
Father _____			
Mother _____			
Brothers. { (Name oldest first.)	1 _____		
	2 _____		
	3 _____		
Sisters. { (Name oldest first.)	1 _____		
	2 _____		
	3 _____		

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 I, the undersigned, am the \_\_\_\_\_ and nearest living next of kin of the within-named  
 (Relationship.)

soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:  
 (Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Name.)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (R. R. station.) \_\_\_\_\_ (State.)

3. To be returned to the U. S. and buried in \_\_\_\_\_ National Cemetery.

4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.**

1. If definite instructions for the disposition of a body are not received from the next of kin within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.

2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.

3. This paper **MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT OF KIN IN THE ORDER** shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.

4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest next of kin in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.

5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the **LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN** of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.

6. If YOU are not the nearest next of kin, please ask the nearest next of kin, if living near you, to fill out this paper.

7. If YOU are not the nearest living next of kin and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper **AT ONCE** and mail to this office.

8. You are requested to return this paper **AT ONCE** in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.

9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

NOTE.—INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DISPOSITION OF REMAINS will be issued by this office upon the properly executed authority of the legal next of kin in each case. The widow is the first person having disposition of the remains of her husband. Should there be no widow or children, the father and, in turn (upon his decease), the mother, is the proper authority. The brothers, in order of seniority, and then the sisters in order of seniority, if there are no brothers, rank next in authority to decide. Under an opinion rendered by the Judge Advocate General of the Army, if a widow has remarried she forfeits her right, and the next of kin as given above will make decision.

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December 1, 1920.

293.8-Cem.#21971-(Bowden, Frank Private)

From: The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)  
To: William Bowden, 1702 North 25th St., Philadelphia, Pa.  
Subject: Concerning return of body.

1. In reply to your letter of November 11, 1920, you are advised that no particular Form is necessary on which to make a request for the return of the remains of the late Private Frank Bowden, Battery B, 321st Field Artillery. A letter from the legal next of kin addressed to this office will be sufficient authority for ordering the return of the deceased. The legal next of kin is determined in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 7, of the inclosed Cemeterial Division Bulletin No. 10-F-W.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

By:

GLENN A. ROSS,  
1st Lieut. Q.M.C.

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DEC 3 - 1920  
G.R.S.

Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. Q. M. G.  
File # 243.8 # 21971

Philade 11-11-20

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Dear Sir

Will you please send me a  
request form to fill out for the  
return of 325 body from  
France. Filed in action 9-15-18  
and oblige

W. Borden

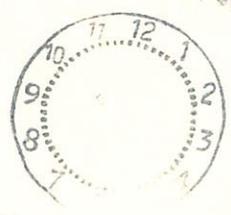
1702 N. 25 St

Philade. Pa

Borden, Frank

City 1233  
not available  
11-17-20 H.S.

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*Bowden*

G. R. S. Form #124  
Disposition Status -  
OFFICE MEMORANDUM. -

REGISTRATION SECTION  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION

File No. 21971  
OSPSS Ref. No. 1233  
Follow-up No. 3252

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

I. GENERAL INFORMATION on Cemetery No. 1233 (furnished by: FS) (date 11-17-20)

Data sent Overseas none  
Operations to commence (approx.) —  
Operations to be completed (approx.) —  
Bodies shipped from European Port —  
Bodies arrived at Hoboken — 1915969

II. CASE OF Bowden, Frank, Pvt Bat B 32179

The following information was abstracted (Date) 11-17-20 from: Files

SOURCE	CLK.	in OFFICE	Clk.	in OFFICE
A. G. O. Cards	<u>FS</u>	<u>no</u>	Shppg. Inquiry (sent <u>—</u> )	
A.G.O. Corresp.	<u>FS</u>	<u>yes</u>	To <u>—</u>	
G.R.S. Corresp. relative to disp.			OSP S-S Corresp. (see Remarks.)	

DESIRES as to Disposition.

ago correspondence

Name of Relative	RETURN			REMAIN	SPECIAL
	N. C.	Pvt.	Int.		
Widow					<u>let 11-23-18</u>
Children (Name oldest first)					<u>From Sister Mrs. Wm. Scharff desires to know if bodies of soldier dead will be transported to this country.</u>
Father					
Mother					
Brothers					
Sisters					<u>11-17-20</u>

Body to be shipped to ..... was shipped (Date) .....

REMARKS Qty 1233 not Audited, B&B 11/17-20

*The only request for deposition in OSP is that noted above - the sister's request. Note letter in OSP 2-10-20 - Mother's request. 11/23/20.*

File Number 21971

TO: REGISTRATION BRANCH, G. R. S.

Date 11-23-20

FROM: INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME: Bowden, \_\_\_\_\_ Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_

RANK: \_\_\_\_\_ ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

No.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with records?	(1) Bowden, Frank, Pvt., Bty. B, 321st FA, #1915969,
2.	Date of death.	(2) 9-15-18.
3.	Cause and place of death.	(3) K-A.
4.	Number of casualty cablegram.	(4) #268
5.	Date buried.	(5) 9-16-18.
6.	Grave location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of cemetery or commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	(6) Grave #102, Amer. Cty. #473, Mully, Meurthe-et-Moselle. ✓
7.	Who reported burial?	Reburied: 6-10-19, Grave 48, Sec 13, Plot 1, St. Michel Amer. Cty. #1233, Phigancourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle.
8.	Confirmed by G. R. S.?	
9.	Report as to grave marker.	
10.	Identification tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	
11.	Complete emergency address?	(10) a no
12.	Has been notified? (Give date.)	b yes.
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record.)	(11) Mrs. E. Bowden (Mother) 1807 Van Belk St, Phila, Penna.
14.	What is the photograph number?	(12) 12-27-18 11-19-19 — 107.
15.	Inquiry made by.	(14) D-17488. E.H.

N. B.—All proper names to be typewritten, or printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.

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Confirmed.  
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A. J. L.

G.R.S. Form No. 113.  
Reply to G. L. Inquiry.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Feb. 18, 1920.

FILES

Mrs. Emma Bowden,  
1816 Crosky Street,  
Phila. Pa.

1. In reply to your inquiry we beg to say that the records of the Graves Registration Service contain the following information as to grave location:

Case of:

Private Frank Bowden  
Bat. B, 321st *Inf.*

Place of burial:

Reburied - St Mihiel American Cemetery  
Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle,  
Grave #48, Section #13, Plot #1.

2. The grave has been registered and suitably marked for present purposes, pending the adoption of a more permanent monument by the National Fine Arts Commission, which now has the matter under consideration.

3. While it is a sad duty on our part to convey information concerning the burial of men who were our valient comrades, it is a satisfaction to answer the queries of those who suffer so grievously by the casualties of War.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

FEB 20 1920  
C. B. B. MATTHEW

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Colonel, Q. M. Corps,  
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

H.F.C.

Accepted  
Philova. 2-15-20

Grave Registration Dept

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly inform me if  
Squire Frank Bowden (deceased) buried  
in France, can be brought home to this  
country for burial. He was killed in  
action Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> 1918 Battery M. Michie.  
Awaiting for an early reply  
I am Very Respect.

Mrs. Emma Bowden

1816 Crosby St

Philova. Pa

Pvt Frank Bowden 1915769

Battery M 321<sup>st</sup> Field Artillery



TO:- REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S.

Date 2-18-20

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME *Bowden Frank*

Serial Number 1915969.

RANK *Prof.*

ORGANIZATION *Bat. 8, 321<sup>st</sup> Inf.*

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	<i>Yes.</i>
2.	Date of Death.	<i>2) 9-16-18.</i>
3.	Cause and place of death.	<i>(3) K/a</i>
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	<i>(4) 268.</i>
5.	Date buried	<i>(5) 9-16-18</i>
6.	Grave Location (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	<i>(6) Grave # 102 Amer. Ctry 473. Miller, Mouth of, Moelle</i>
7.	Who reported burial?	<i>Reburied 6-10-19.</i>
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	<i>Grave # 48, Sec 13, Plot 1</i>
9.	Report as to Grave Marker	<i>St Michael Amer. Ctry. 1233</i>
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	<i>Shannon, Mouth of, Moelle.</i>
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	<i>10/16 No</i>
12.	Has above been notified? (Give date)	<i>Yes</i>
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	<i>(11) Mrs. E. Bowden (Mother) 1807 Van Relf St. Philadelphia, Pa</i>
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	<i>(12) 12-27-18</i>
15.	Inquiry made by?	<i>Nov. 19, 1919 - 107.</i>

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WAR DEPARTMENT,  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
WASHINGTON,

August 12, 1919.

Dear Madam:

This is the second request for information concerning this matter that has been sent to you. Inasmuch as no reply has been received to the first request it is presumed you did not receive it, and as the information indicated on the inclosed card is necessary to complete the records it will be appreciated if you will fill in and return the card at the earliest practicable date.

P. C. HARRIS,  
The Adjutant General.

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Bowden, Frank

1,915,969

Pub. Kelly B, 321<sup>st</sup> F. A.

Follow up letter sent to

Mrs. J. M. Scharff,

1807 Van Bilt St.,

Philadelphia, Pa.

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**GRAVE LOCATION BLANK**

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

**Bowden** 1915969 **Frank**  
 (Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

**Pvt.** **Battery B. 321 F. Art.**  
 (Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL **Sept. 16, 1918.**

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

**Millery Cemetery, Millery**  
**Meurthe Et Moselle, France.**

GRAVE NUMBER **#102**

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? **Yes** Cross? **yes**  
 Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:  
**473**  
 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:

**FILE**

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REPORTED BY:  
**L. D. Williams 1st Lt. Chaplain**  
 (Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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- R.S. Form No. 1. Hq. G. S. File
- Soldier's No. **1915969**
- Bowden Frank**  
Surname First Name and Initials
- Pvt. "B" 321 F. A.**  
Rank Company Regt. or Corps
- Sept. 15, 1918.**  
Date of Death Cause, if known
- Sept. 16, 1918 Millery**  
Date of Burial Cemetery
- Millery**  
Town or Commune Department
- 102 2**  
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter
- Name Peg?  Cross?  Headboard?  Bottle?   
Check Method of Marking
- Buried with Body?  Attached to Grave Marker?   
Identification Tags
- If name unknown and tags missing, give marks and description.  
**473**
- Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery
- L. D. Williams 1st Lt. Chaplain**  
Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer  
Signed **Dgt. A. H. Mackey**  
Group **1** Unit **"B"** G.R.S.

5 OCT 1918

Drawn by user

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Thanking you in advance  
for this and all other mail  
which you have answered  
so promptly I am

Yours truly

Mrs H. M. Schaff

1542 Parkirk St

Phila. Pa

ASSISTANT AND CHIEF CLERK  
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1095 Schaff, Mrs. H. M. 1095 Schaff, Mrs. H. M.

MS

# 21

(Organization) *Bat B, 821. H. A.*

Embarked for duty overseas. *May 27/18.* 1918.

Casualty record. *Killed in action. Sept 13/18*

No later record at Cas Div. concerning him. ✓

Date *12/19/18* . . . . . *1918*

Remarks. *Mrs. Emma Bowden (mother)*  
*1807 Van Pelt St.,*  
*Phila. Pa*

*taken from Cas.*

*Mrs. Bowden*  
*12711*



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