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G.R.S. Form #114-B

To The A. G. O.

MAY 14 1926

DATE 10-29-21

1. NAME BOWDEN, James

SERIAL No. 2175460

RANK Pvt.

ORGANIZATION Co. B. 140th Infantry.

DIVISION

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne Amer.Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse. 1232 - 52

CTY. NAME NUMBER

22 Sec. 52. 1

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 41 BAC Exermont Ardennes

GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES 35SE 279.68N 302.28E

CONCENTRATED TO 5/8/19 22 52 1

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Meuse Argonne 1232

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 and body data f-1/pfb

DATE OF DEATH Sept 27/18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Kans

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

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M. B. BIRDSEE

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR Ist Lt., Q.M. Corps,

Received MAY 20 1926 M. & R. BRANCH Q.Q.M.G.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 10-29-21 19 44 Block D.

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

AUDITED BY M. M. 8. 4-13-23

Meuse-Argonne Amer.Cty.1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

CEMETERY

Major General, The Adjutant General. A.G.O. By Iva MAY 15 1926

MAY 19 1926

Mr Rienard

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

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

Co. B, 140th Inf.
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL 10/11/18

PLACE OF BURIAL Chaudrons Farm

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

coordinates 79.75 - 02.25

Chaudron Ferme, Beaumont Road

GRAVE NUMBER 41

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? yes

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

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

REPORTED BY:

Chaplain King, 18th Inf.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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Co. WDEN James Pvt. 2175460

r 27th, 1918.

ried October 10, 1918. Road
by Chaplain King, 18th Inf.

.R.C. Central Records Office,
PO 902.

arch 20th, 1919.

ter, A.P.O. 714.

Rptd: M.I.H. 9/27 cc 326 Jy 12/10

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Bowden (Surname,) (Number.) James (First Name and Initials.)

Co B 140 Inf (Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL Oct 10 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL

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Co. B. 140th Inf. 35 BOWDEN James Pvt. 2175460

Missing in action September 27th, 1918.

Now reported killed in action 9/27/18. Buried October 10, 1918. Road Chandron farm Exermont, Argonne. Reported by Chaplain King, 18th Inf.

Informant: A.R.C. Central Records Office,
APO 902.
March 20th, 1919.

SH Enquirer: Sgt. O. H. Worrall,
Hdq. Co. 302 ~~Amm~~ & Tank Center, A.P.O. 714.

Co B I40th Inf. 32 BOWDEN M James Pvt 2I75460

Missing in action Sept 27th

Buried at Exermont (Ardennes) (Amer Cemet. Grave 4I Plot I3 - Sketch 22 - 279.9 N - 302.I E. Lambert (35) S.E. South edge fo woods - I kilom. S of Exermont I kilom. N of Chaudron Fram - 2 kilom N.E. of Fleville - Varennes Road -

C.M. Daugherby, Searcher
Group 2. Unit 306.

J.L.

Enquirer: Sergeant A.H. Worrall, Hdqrs Co 302 Tank Center APO 7I4

Bowden, James.
Pot.

WESTERN MILITARY BUREAU

ROUTE AND SCHEDULE

EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE SAILING FROM NEW YORK CITY August 5, 1931.

Jackson County, State of Missouri.

Name Bowden, Mrs Elizabeth (O-6)

Address 2921 Michigan Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri.

Route going: CMStP&P Chicago, N Y C ~~New York.~~

Return: Same route.

			Road	Train	Time	Date
Itinerary going	Lv	Kansas City	CMStP&P	26	6:00 PM	Aug. 1
	Ar	Chicago	"	8	8:15 AM	" 2
	Lv	"	N Y C	10	10:35 AM	" "
	Ar	New York	"	142	3:50 PM	" 3
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Accommodations: Standard Sleeper Kansas City, Missouri to Chicago, Illinois and Chicago, Illinois to New York, New York - transportation request to be drawn on CMStP&P RR.

Elapsed Time: 44 Hrs: 50 min.

Extra Fare:

Party "O" - Itinerary - Meuse-Argonne Group.

Bowden, James -

Sailed August 6, 1931 on ""SS PRES. HARDING", Major J. F. Cottrell in charge. Arrived in Cherbourg at 6:30AM August 13th. Special tender arrived 8:30AM bearing Major Francis M. Fitts, Capts. Hubert W. Boyette, Frank L. Burns, Byron J. Gamsay, Lts. James C. Fry, Wm. C. Lucas and Noble J. Willey, Miss Blanche S. Hulon, Capt. A.N.C., three nurses and two civilian employees. Train left Cherbourg at 9:00AM and arrived at the Gare des Invalides at 3:15PM where it was met by Colonel Ellis and members of the Paris staff. Taken in busses to hotels.

August 14th	Morning free - Conference with Commanding Officer. Lunch at hotel. Afternoon - Arc de Triomphe. Wreath laid by Mrs. E. N. Dearing for party. Tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent. Dinner at hotel.
August 15th	10:00AM Sacre Coeur. Lunch at hotel. PM free. Dinner at hotel.
August 16th	Morning church or free. Lunch at hotel. PM free (pack)
August 17th	7:15AM Depart Paris via Porte de Pantin. 10:00 Arrive Montmirail, rest stop Hotel Vert Gallant. 1:00PM Arrive Chalons s/Marne - Lunch Haute-Mere-Dieu. 3:45PM Arrive Verdun Hotel Nouvel.
August 18, 19, 20th	Daily visits to cemetery. All lunches at cemetery, all dinners at Verdun.
August 21st	7:30AM Depart Verdun via E.N. S. Arrive St. Menehould 8:45 Rest Moderne Hotel. 9:15AM Depart St. Menehould via Suippes. 12:00 Noon, Reims - Lunch Hotel Bristol Crystal. 3:15PM Depart Reims Arrive Chateau-Thierry - Rest Hostellerie du Bonheur. Leave via Mill 204 and Montreuil. Dinner at hotel, Paris.
August 22nd	Morning free. Lunch at hotel. PM free. Dinner at hotel. 9:00 - 11:00PM Night sightseeing trip.
August 23rd	Morning free or church. Lunch at hotel. 2:30PM Paris sightseeing Dinner at hotel.
August 24th	9:15AM Depart for Colonial Exposition. Lunch at hotel. 2:30PM Napoleon's Tomb. Dinner at hotel.
August 25th	9:00AM Shopping or free. Store: Bon Marche. Lunch at hotel. 2:15PM Depart for Versailles. Dinner at hotel, Paris.
August 26th	10:00AM Notre Dame. 12:00 Noon, Lunch at hotel. 2:30PM Louvre or free (pack). Dinner at hotel.
August 27th	Leave Gare des Invalides 2:15PM. Arrived Cherbourg 8:30PM. Arrived NY September 4th.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bowden

RPB—2-17-31—8M

WAR DEPARTMENT

PILGRIMAGE WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 West 34th. St. New York, N.Y.

Party "O"

Number 1449

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATIONS.

Bowden, Mrs. Elizabeth
Name of Pilgrim

2921 Michigan Ave.
City Home Address County

Kansas City, Mo.
State

Destination of Ticket Kansas City, Mo.

via NYC to Chicago - CMSTP&P to Kansas City

Sept. 6, 1931
Date of Departure

Actual cost of Through Pullman at the Lower Berth Rate.

New York, to Kansas City, Mo.

$ 13.00

Oct. 10, 1931
Expiration Date of Ticket

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower Seat or Coach	Car	U.S.G. Order No.	Actual Cost
Lv. NY.	NYC	7	9/5	2.04P.				
Ar. Chicago			9/6	4.58P.	Lo 6	187		9.00
Lv. "	CMSTP	7	"	6.00P.				
Ar. Kansas City			9/7	8.00a	Lo 6	26	1027420	~~4.00~~
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Excess Fare New York, to. Cost $ Total

Stop Over Through Rate

Escorted to train by Capt. Carter B. McLennan Excess

PARTY "O"
July 17th, 1931

Mrs. Elizabeth Bowden,
2921 Michigan Avenue,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Madam:

There are enclosed herewith two tags and four identification pasters which have been prepared for the purpose of protecting your baggage while in transit, and to insure its safe arrival at the hotel where you are to stop in New York City. Please attach the tags to the handle of each piece of your baggage and place a paster on each end of each piece of your baggage before leaving your home.

Upon your arrival in New York City, you will be met at the railroad station by an Army Officer who will be in uniform. During your sojourn in New York before sailing for Europe, and upon your return from Europe, you will stop at the Hotel Pennsylvania, 33rd Street and 7th Avenue, New York City.

All mail intended to reach you between August 5th, 1931, the day you sail from the United States, and August 27th, 1931, the day you leave Europe, should be addressed to you in care of American Pilgrimage, 146 Avenue des Champs Elysees, Paris, France; for example:

Mrs. Mary Smith,
c/o American Pilgrimage,
146 Avenue des Champs Elysees,
Paris, France.

In making reservations for your journey home from New York City, it is necessary for this office to furnish the railroads with the exact time and date of your departure. The party you are to travel with will be disbanded in New York City on the day following your return from Europe and all arrangements for your accomodations will be made with the railroads by this office accordingly. Upon your return from Europe, it will therefore be necessary for you to remain in the hotel over night as a guest of the United States Government.

There is also enclosed herewith information relative to the cemeteries in Europe.

met by Capt Carter R McLennan
2 bags

Very truly yours,

George F. R. Taylor

GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR,
1st Lieut. Q.M.C. (DOL)

7 Incl:
2 Baggage Tags
4 Baggage Pasters
1 Copy Cemeterial Information

Bowden, James

WESTERN UNION

Mr. James Bowden
2921 Michigan Ave
Kansas City, Missouri

Sept. 4, 1931

MRS. ELIZABETH BOWDEN WILL ARRIVE EIGHT OCLOCK MONDAY MORNING SEPTEMBER SEVENTH VIA C M ST P & P RAILROAD PLEASE MEET HER.

MAJOR HALPINE

OO-6

Name BOWDEN, Mrs. Elizabeth

Paris Hôtel HOTEL LUTÉTIA
BOULEVARD RASPAIL

Home address 2921 Michigan Ave, Kansas City, Jackson Co., Missouri
See over

Party 0 Group Unit SS. HARDING

Date of arrival August 13, 1931 Date of departure SS. AMERICA, August 27, 1931

Relationship MOTHER, age 70

Name of deceased BOWDEN, James

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. B, 140th Inf.

Cemetery Meuse-Argonne G 19 - II - R 44

REMARKS

Desires to make a personal trip to England and Ireland.

Wishes to visit Liverpool, in England, also Belfast, in Ireland,

To leave her party on Aug.15 to go to Verdun at own expense and take a personal tour to Liverpool and Belfast Aug. 16 or 17th. to rejoin her group at Southampton, England, on Aug. 27. Passport delivered to Pilgrim. No visa necessary. Tickets arranged by Pilgrims Forwarding address: Mr. Wm.Gunning "Inglenock, Lanville Rd. Aigburth, Liverpool.

Elizabeth Bowden

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PARTY "O" FILE NO. 1449

NAME Bowden, Mrs. Elizabeth
2921 Michigan Ave.,
Kansas City, Mo.

ROUTE OF TICKET

NYC to Chicago
C.M. & P.P. to Kansas City
to
to
to
to
to
to
to
to

Expiration date Oct. 10, 1931

The following stop overs are requested.

T. M.

(Signature of Pilgrim)

RPB—2-17-31—5M

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME Bowden, James	Bow.	3	2 0 5 12 3
BURIED	CEMETERY 1232	1	1
	GRAVE 19	2	19
	ROW 44	2	44
	BLOCK D	1	4
STATE	Kans.	2	18
RANK	Pvt.	1	2
DIVISION	35	2	35
ORGANIZATION	140	3	140
ARM	Inf.	1	1
MARTIAL	No	1	2
NAME Bowden Mrs. Elizabeth	Bow	3	2 0 5 12 3
RESIDENCE	STATE Missouri	2	29
	COUNTY Jackson	2	48
	CITY Kans. City	3	030
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER	Father	1	1
ELIGIBILITY	Previous Trip	1	3
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Good	1	1
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR. 1931	1	2
ACCEPTANCE	yes	1	1
29/514/PJ.	Age 70		70

Sailed Aug. 5, 1931

AUDITED NOV 4 1931 RS

Bowden, Jane - MA

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From CHRONOLOGICAL REPORT PARTY "O" 1931

Mrs. Seagraves travelled by rail to Verdun but returned to Paris by bus.

Mrs. McCord and Mrs. Mason accompanied by Miss Duink, nurse, travelled to Soissons by automobile and returned to Paris by bus.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bowden visited Meuse-Argonne Cemetery August 15 at her own expense, returned to Paris same day and left Aug 16 for London and Ireland at own expense, sailing on S. S. "America" August 27 from Southampton and rejoining her party on board at Cherbourg same date.

Bowden, James 1232

From NARRATIVE REPORT PARTY "O" EAST 1931 O-6

Mrs. E. Bowden, Kansas City, Mo., reported that she had sent a dress to the hotel cleaner and that it had not been returned to her on the morning of sailing. This matter was taken up with the management of the hotel and a check for $16.00, the value claimed by Mrs. Bowden, was drawn in her favor by the hotel. This check was turned over to the steamship Liaison Officer with instructions to investigate after sailing and if the dress was not found, to deliver the check to her.

Thornton

Mrs. Cora ~~Thompson~~ who was not in very good physical condition but who was suffering mainly from homesickness, on the advice of the Medical Supervisor was returned to her home where she arrived safely on August 5th.

In the case of Mrs. Edith W. Johnson who was not identified as a pilgrim on her arrival at the station and who paid her own taxicab and porter tip to the hotel, it is recommended that if possible, the amount of $1.35 which she spent for this purpose be refunded to her.

(NOTE: Capt. Shannon says lay off until she writes in - Should have been settled in New York.)

Bowden, James 1232

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From LIAISON REPORT PARTY "O" EAST 1931

Mrs. E. E. Bleckley and Mrs. J. W. Harner elected to represent party in throwing wreath and bottle into sea.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bowden was questioned as to the loss of her dress at the Hotel Pennsylvania and gave the following description of the dress: - New dark blue crepe de Chine with long sleeves and a fall of lace at the front of neck. It was trimmed with small buttons with blue center and white rim and its value was $16.00. Mrs. Bowden gave a very straightforward story of having sent the dress to ~~the~~ be cleaned along with others belonging to her roommates and of its not having been returned. This story was supported in every respect by Mrs. W. M. McGee who was one of her roommates at the Hotel Pennsylvania and as a result, the check for $16.00 drawn by the Hotel Pennsylvania in favor of Mrs. Bowden and given to me by Major Halpine was delivered by me to Mrs. Bowden in the presence of Mrs. McGee. Mrs. Bowden stated that if the dress in question was found and returned to her in good condition she would be glad to return the $16.00.

Early in the afternoon, Mrs. Minnie C. Mason was reported to have a badly swollen right leg and was put to bed by the nurse. Doctor diagnosed case as popiteal aneurysm of rt. leg above knee and directed that patient be kept in bed until further orders. He also stated she would be a wheel chair case on landing at Cherbourg.

Mrs. Emma M. Brewer reported she had left a pair of black satin bedroom slippers with rose lining in Room 1600 at the Hotel Pennsylvania and stated that she would write a letter to the Hotel mailing it on the ship.

Aug. 8th - Mrs. Minnie C. Mason was moved from 205 to a vacant berth in 124 in order that this bed patient might have a more pleasant room and easy access to the bath.

Mrs. Martha Snipes, severe headache - put to bed. (See Med. Record)

MEDICAL RECORD

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Party: O Hotel PENNSYLVANIA S. S. HARDING AMERICA Eastbound Westbound

Name Bowden, Mrs. Elizabeth, (Pvt. James Bowden, 19, 44, D.)

Home Address 2921 Michigan Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

Name and address of nearest relative or friend James Bowden,

2921 Michigan St., Kansas City, Mo.

Religion Age 70-M

History of present complaint:

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

RPB—3-3-31—2,750

(OVER)

PARTY 0

EASTBOUND

STATE ..... MISSOURI .....

GROUP ..... MA .....

70-M

Mrs. Bowden, Elizabeth (Name of Pilgrim) Address 2921 Michigan Ave., Kansas City (Street & No.) (City or Town)

Missouri (State) Jackson (County)

James Bowden (Name of Nearest Kin) Address 2921 Michigan Ave. Kansas City (Street & No.) (City or Town)

Missouri (State) Jackson (County)

ARRIVAL NEW YORK

VIA. R.R. N.Y.C. Train No. 142 Date Aug. 3, 1931 - 3:50 PM E.S.T.

Hotel Pennsylvania Room No. 1510-A

Roomed with Mrs. Sallie Gustine

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

Date August 5, 1931 Vessel HARDING Cabin No. 115 A

In Cabin with Mrs. Anna Smith & L. E. K. Simpson

(Over Westbound)

RPB—2-17-31—4M

WESTBOUND

ARRIVAL NEW YORK

Date Sept. 5, 1931 Vessel AMERICA Cabin No. 301 C

In Cabin with Mrs. Anna Smith

Hotel Pennsylvania Room No. 1572

Roomed with Mrs. Anna Smith

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

VIA. R.R. NYC Train No. 7 Space L 6 Car No. 187 Date 9-5-31

REMARKS

(C Eastbound)

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NAME BOWDEN, MRS. ELIZABETH

ADDRESS 2921 Michigan Ave., Kansas City, Missouri

DATE Sept-8-31

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

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

Sincerely,

(Signed) Elizabeth Bowden

RPB—7-22-30—5M

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1232

RETURN RECEIPT

S. S. Harding 8-5-31

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

Son Lawrence Reynolds

(Signature or name of addressee)

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery 7/13, 19 31

Form 3811

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Bowden S.

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 926287

INSURED PARCEL

No.

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

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

KANSAS CITY MO. JUL 13 2 PM 1918

Q. M. GENERAL

Return to MUNITIONS BUILDING

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number, or Post Office Box,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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1232

RETURN RECEIPT

S. S. Kaiserin 8-5-31

Deliver to addressee only

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

Frau Elisabeth Boucken

(Signature or name of addressee)

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery 7/12, 19 31

Form 3811

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

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Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 926332

INSURED PARCEL

No.

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

KANSAS CITY
JUL 13
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POSTMARK OF DELIVERING OFFICE

1931

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number, or Post Office Box, MUNITIONS BUILDING

WASHINGTON, D. C.

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bowden, James M-A July 14, 1931

Mrs. Elizabeth Bowden,
2921 Michigan Ave.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements have been completed for your transportation to New York City on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe. One week before your departure the railroad ticket agent, of the first road shown below, will deliver your railroad and pullman ticket to you. Your route to New York will be as follows:

Lv. Kansas City	CMStP&P	Train	No.26	6.00 P.M.	Aug. 1
Ar. Chicago	"	"	" 8	8.15 A.M.	Aug. 2
Lv. Chicago	NYC	"	" 10	10.35 A.M.	Aug. 2
Ar. New York (Gr Cent Sta)	"	"	" 142	3.50 P.M.	Aug. 5

Accommodations: Standard sleeper Kansas City, Mo. to Chicago, Ill. and Chicago, Ill. to New York, N.Y.

All railroad employees have been instructed by their officials to see that you are shown every courtesy and given assistance, particularly at points where it is necessary to change cars.

Should you not receive your ticket six days before the date shown for your departure please take up at once with the ticket agent and if he does not have your ticket, telegraph this office, collect, to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bowden, James Pvt. (M-A) M

July 9, 1931.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bowden,
2921 Michigan Ave.,
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. 671,640 in the amount of $ 17.50, to pay for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST THIS CHECK BE CASHED AND USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT SPECIFIED.

If for any reason, you are not able to sail on the date mentioned in your invitation, the check must be returned to this office immediately.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

1 Incl.
Check No.

QM 293 A-M
Bowden, James 1232 M

February 28, 1931

Mrs. Elizabeth Bowden,
2921 Michigan Street,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your recent letter in connection with a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, to visit the grave of your son, the late Private James Bowden.

The mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimage are assigned to parties according to States and the cemeteries to be visited. As the party from Missouri scheduled to visit the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery is to sail on the PRESIDENT HARDING, August 5, 1931, an invitation was mailed to you to sail on this date.

If you would prefer to make the journey with your friend who is to sail July 16th, it is requested that you advise this office, giving her name and address and also the name of her deceased son or husband in whose honor she will make the journey, and if found practicable your sailing date will be changed to July 16th. Your invitation for sailing August 5th will then be cancelled and you will be forwarded an invitation to make the pilgrimage on the AMERICA, July 16, 1931.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

LM EPL

QM 293 AM
Bowden, James 1252 E

January 19, 1931.

Mrs. Elizabeth G. Bowden,
2921 Michigan St.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter recently sent you by this office, relative to stop-overs on your return from your pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929 as amended May 15, 1930.

In connection with your desire to visit England and Ireland, it is suggested that you take the matter up with Col. Richard T. Ellis, O.A.G.R.S., Headquarters in Europe, American Pilgrimage Gold Star Mothers and Widows, 146 Avenue des Champs Elysees, Paris, France, upon your arrival in Europe. Col. Ellis is in charge of European arrangements for the pilgrimage, and if time permits, it may be possible for him to make arrangements for you to go to England and Ireland, returning in time to join your party on its return home.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

MDT
EDT

copy
mailed
Col Ellis
mrs

President Harding
8-5-7
1232

Bowden, James
Pvt.

I Accept 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. Elizabeth Bowden
(Name)

2921 Michigan Ave., Kansas City, Jackson Co., Mo.
(Town or City) (State)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1930 J116256

Mrs Elizabeth Bowden 2921 Michigan Ave Kansas City Mo

Mrs. Bowden, (M-A)

Invitation for Harding Aug 5

mailed 2-21-31

~~Shall we change her to July 16 - or write to the first ? 1929~~

Ask her to furnish name, address & Cemetery of friend, if she wishes to change to July 16 -

123rd

War Department — 2920 Michigan & area of City Mo

Office of the Quartermaster General
Washington

Jackson Co.

Inst for

(43)

Dear Sir Harding Aug 5, 1931

mailed 2/21/31

I received 9th Jan 1931 letter

in reference to visiting my son's grave in France I returned 2 form letters and I have heard no more from the government One of my friends got her invitation Tuesday to sail July 16th I wish you could arrange it so I could go along with her on U.S. America

Respectfully
Elizabeth G. Bowden
2921 Michigan Street
Kansas City
Mo

RECEIVED
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Bowden, James
Pvt Co. B, 140th Inf.

IF YOU DESIR STOPOVER ON YOUR RETURN FROM ! OPE PLEASE READ CAREFULLY THE ARAGRAPH, "STOPOVERS IN THE UNI. .D STATES", ON PAGE 3 OF THE ENCLOSED LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS, FILL IN THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN IT TO THIS OFFICE.

No ship assigned

Bowden, James 1232 Mo. Jackson County
Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

On my return from the pilgrimage to American Cemeteries in Europe, I desire to stop over at the point, or points, listed below, for the number of days shown after the name of the town. If these stopovers will cause me any expense I am to be advised of the amount and may then withdraw this request if I so desire.

Cities where I desire to stopover:	No. of days
I merely wish to visit	
my son's grave in	
Argonne cemetery	
and then cross to England for	two days
then cross to Ireland	
for balance of time	
before sailing of	
Ship that brings me back home again	

Very truly yours, all at my own expense

Elizabeth G. Bowden
(Your name)

Kansas City

2921 Michigan Street K. C. Mo
(Your address)

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

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PLEASE FILL IN THE INFORMATION CALLED FOR BELOW, AND MAIL THIS LETTER PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE WHICH REQUIRES NO POSTAGE.

Bowden, James 1232 Mo. Jackson County

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Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In the blank space below you will find the name and address of the person in the United States whom I desire to be notified in case I become seriously ill or other emergency arises while I am making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

James Bowden Husband
Name

2921 Michigan Street Kans City Mo
Address

Very truly yours,

(Your name) Elizabeth G. Bowden

(Your address) 2921 Michigan Street
Kansas City
Mo

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bowden, James - 1232 M

July 29, 1930.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bowden,
2921 Michigan Ave.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	Yes
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	Yes
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age 70 yrs Condition of Health Good
4. Do you speak English?	Yes
5. What other language do you speak?	None

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 9, 1930

Bowden, James 1232-M

Mrs. Elizabeth Bowden
2921 Michigan Ave.
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Madam:

The Act of March 2, 1929 excluded from its benefits those mothers and widows who had made former visits to the graves of their loved ones in Europe. On May 15, 1930 that Act was amended to remove this restriction. Therefore, you are now eligible to make the pilgrimage at the expense of the Government.

arrangements are being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, and to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation 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 have previously visited their sons' or husbands' graves, 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.

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W. D. Q. M. G.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? Yes
(Write answer here)

Mrs Elizabeth Bowden
(Sign here)

#1232
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QM 293 A-C
Bowden, James

August 20, 1929.

Mrs. Elizabeth G. Bowden,
2921 Michigan Ave.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date relative to the Pilgrimage of the Gold Star Mothers and Widows to Europe.

I am sorry that your request to visit the grave of your son, the late Private James Bowden in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, France cannot be granted, but it has been held that the obvious purpose of Section 2, (b) of the Act of March 2, 1929 was to exclude those mothers and widows who had previously visited the graves of their sons or husbands in the cemeteries in Europe, regardless of the fact that work on the cemeteries had not been completed at the time of such visit or that the body of the soldier had been removed to a cemetery other than the one visited.

As you previously visited the grave of your son in France, it is regretted to advise that you are ineligible to make the pilgrimage under the law with the Gold Star Mothers and Widows.

The grave of your son in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, France, has been marked with a permanent white marble cross inscribed with his name, rank, organization, date of death, and state from which he came, and will be perpetually cared for by the Government in a manner befitting the sacrifice which he made. The Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery is now in splendid condition, having been beautified with trees, shrubs, lawns and walks to make it a fitting resting place for the heroes buried there.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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A 232
6-29-25

2921 Michigan Ave
Kansas City
Mo

When the government started bringing home the bodies of our soldier boys I asked the government to bring home my son's body to. my husband was opposed to that plan and he took me to France Argonne Cemetery so I could see for myself how things were there. I canceled the order to bring his body home that-

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visit my son's grave before
I go.

Respectfully
Elizabeth G Bowden

Formerly 733 Sandusky
Ol C Kansas

was in June 1920. To pay
our expenses I used a little
insurance money our boy
had left us. so the government
was not out anything.
now I am heart broken and
disappointed if that trip
makes one eneligeble.
I am 69 yrs old and have
not much longer to live
and it would be a bright
spot in my life if I could

Kansas City, Missouri
July 9th , 1929

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Re- James Bowden
Co. B. 140 Inf.

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

Dear Sir :

I am in receipt of your communication in which you inquire if my son James Bowden who was killed in the World War and whose remains are interred in the Meuse Argonne Cemetery is survived by a mother or widow .

My son was unmarried but his mother Elizabeth G. Bowden survives him and is living at 2921 Michigan Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri .

My wife , the mother of James Bowden would like to make a pilgrimage to visit the cemetery . However she visited the cemetery where our son is buried in the summer of 1920 at our own expenses . Do I understand that this will prohibit her from making the pilgrimage as sponsored by the U.S. Government ?

Very truly yours,

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James Bowden
2921 Michigan Avenue
Kansas City, Missouri .

Answered aug. 16/29
letter addressed
to Mrs. Bowden.
D. G. C.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bowden, James

June 29 1929.

Mr. James Bowden,
733 Sandusky Ave.,
Kansas City, Kans.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Pvt. James Bodwen, Co. B, 140th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bowden, James M-A

July 14, 1931

Mrs. Elizabeth Bowden,
2921 Michigan Ave.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements have been completed for your transportation to New York City on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe. One week before your departure the railroad ticket agent, of the first road shown below, will deliver your railroad and pullman ticket to you. Your route to New York will be as follows:

Lv. Kansas City	CRI&P	Train	No. 26	6.00 P.M.	Aug. 1
Ar. Chicago	"	"	" 8	8.15 A.M.	Aug. 2
Lv. Chicago	NYC	"	" 10	10.35 A.M.	Aug. 2
Ar. New York (Gr Cent Sta)	"	"	" 142	3.50 P.M.	Aug. 3

Accommodations: Standard sleeper Kansas City, Mo. to Chicago, Ill. and Chicago, Ill. to New York, N.Y.

All railroad employees have been instructed by their officials to see that you are shown every courtesy and given assistance, particularly at points where it is necessary to change cars.

Should you not receive your ticket six days before the date shown for your departure please take up at once with the ticket agent and if he does not have your ticket, telegraph this office, collect, to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,
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 ~~Howdon, James Pvt.~~ (M-A) M

July 9, 1931.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bowden,
2921 Michigan Ave.,
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. 071,640 in the amount of $ 17.50, to pay for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST THIS CHECK BE CASHED AND USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT SPECIFIED.

If for any reason, you are not able to sail on the date mentioned in your invitation, the check must be returned to this office immediately.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Check No.

QM 293 A-M
Bowden, James 1232 M

February 28, 1931

Mrs. Elizabeth Bowden,
2921 Michigan Street,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your recent letter in connection with a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, to visit the grave of your son, the late Private James Bowden.

The mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimage are assigned to parties according to States and the cemeteries to be visited. As the party from Missouri scheduled to visit the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery is to sail on the PRESIDENT HARDING, August 5, 1931, an invitation was mailed to you to sail on this date.

If you would prefer to make the journey with your friend who is to sail July 16th, it is requested that you advise this office, giving her name and address and also the name of her deceased son or husband in whose honor she will make the journey, and if found practicable your sailing date will be changed to July 16th. Your invitation for sailing August 5th will then be cancelled and you will be forwarded an invitation to make the pilgrimage on the AMERICA, July 16, 1931.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 AM
Bowden, James 1232 M

January 19, 1931.

Mrs. Elizabeth G. Bowden,
2921 Michigan St.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter recently sent you by this office, relative to stop-overs on your return from your pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929 as amended May 15, 1930.

In connection with your desire to visit England and Ireland, it is suggested that you take the matter up with Col. Richard T. Ellis, O.A.G.R.S., Headquarters in Europe, American Pilgrimage Gold Star Mothers and Widows, 146 Avenue des Champs Elysees, Paris, France, upon your arrival in Europe. Col. Ellis is in charge of European arrangements for the pilgrimage, and if time permits, it may be possible for him to make arrangements for you to go to England and Ireland, returning in time to join your party on its return home.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bowden, James - 1232 M

July 29, 1930.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bowden,
2921 Michigan Ave.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 9, 1930

Bowden, James 1232-M

Mrs. Elizabeth Bowden
2021 Michigan Ave.
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Madam:

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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)

QM 293 A-C
Bowden, James

August 20, 1929.

Mrs. Elizabeth G. Bowden,
2921 Michigan Ave.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date relative to the Pilgrimage of the Gold Star Mothers and Widows to Europe.

I am sorry that your request to visit the grave of your son, the late Private James Bowden in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, France cannot be granted, but it has been held that the obvious purpose of Section 2, (b) of the Act of March 2, 1929 was to exclude those mothers and widows who had previously visited the graves of their sons or husbands in the cemeteries in Europe, regardless of the fact that work on the cemeteries had not been completed at the time of such visit or that the body of the soldier had been removed to a cemetery other than the one visited.

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The grave of your son in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, France, has been marked with a permanent white marble cross inscribed with his name, rank, organization, date of death, and state from which he came, and will be perpetually cared for by the Government in a manner befitting the sacrifice which he made. The Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery is now in splendid condition, having been beautified with trees, shrubs, lawns and walks to make it a fitting resting place for the heroes buried there.

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
Bowden, James

June 29, 1929.

Mr. James Bowden,
733 Sandusky Ave.,
Kansas City, Kans.

Dear Sir:

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For The Quartermaster General,

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

In reply refer to:
QM - 293 C-R

Sept. 6, 1923.

Mr. James Bowden,
733 Sandusky Ave.,
Kansas City, Kans.

Dear Sir:

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

Private James Bowden, Company B, 140th Infantry,

is Grave 19, Row 44, Block D, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, one of the permanent American military cemeteries to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be marked by headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. The headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.

In effecting removal, the utmost care and reverence were exacted and more than willingly accorded by those performing this sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

H. H. CHEAL,
H. J. Conner,
Assistant.

In

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Bowden, James 2,175,460
(Surname.) (Christian name in full.) (Army serial number.)

Pvt Co B 140 Inf
(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased Father

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? no
(Yes or no.)

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

James Bowden, Wells-Fargo, Western Union
(Name of person to receive remains.) (Express office.) (Telegraph office.)

733 Sandusky Street Kansas City Kansas
(Number and street.) (City or town.) (State.)

(Sign here) James Bowden, Sr.

733 Sandusky street Kansas City Kansas
(Number and street or rural route.) (City, town, or post office.) (State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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DUPLICATE.

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Drawn PM
1232 Sec 52-15
4-30-21
checked by CL
5-2-21

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

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I. Location Index Card:

(a) Name BOWDEN, James Ser. No. 2175460

(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. B, 140th Inf.

(c) Date of death 9-27-18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. EW

CKR.

2/8/22 Exhumed for Identification Meuse-Argonne 1232 at 7/27/22

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

(a) Grave No. 22 Row - Plot 1 Sec. 52 TYP.

(b) Emerg. Address Mr. James Bowden (father) 733 Sandusky Ave., Kansas City, Kans.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases CKR.

IV. A. G. O. Disposition Card: Date of receipt —

(a) Name James Bowden, Sr. (b) Relationship Father

(c) Address 733 Sandusky St., Kansas City, Kansas

(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? yes

(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at No

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. James Bowden, 733 Sandusky St., Kansas City, Kans. (Wells Fargo Exp + W. U. Tele., Kansas City, Kans.)

(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. —

Examiner's Initials PM Date 4-30-21, 1920.

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

, dated

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

Examiner's Initials Date , 1920.

VI. G. R. S. Files, Correspondence—shows as follows: Parents, Mr. + Mrs. James Bowden, 733 Sandusky Ave., Kansas City, Kans., 7-12-20, cancel former request. Desire body to remain undisturbed

(a) Cancellation memos referred to?

Examiner's Initials PM Date 4-30-21, 1920.

COUNTRY France Cemetery No. 1232-Sec.52 Sheet No. 15

G. R. S. Form No. 115 Amended April 6, 1920 3—7729 Make Form No. 114

MAY 27 1921

H.S.

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 5/12/21, 1920 }

Section # 52

Par # 3 - Not to be disturbed - RP

IX. **CORRECTIONS**

Change of Advice.	Action Taken.
Desires body be	.....
.....	.....
Body to be shipped to	.....
.....	.....
.....	.....
.....	.....

X. Suspension Remarks: .....

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See Form 115 Att 2/27/22

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

85560

I. Location Index Card:

(a) Name BOWDEN, James Ser. No. 2175460

(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. B, 140th Inf.

(c) Date of death 9-27-18 (d) Cause of death K/A

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

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by cable on ....., 192 / letter of transmittal on 5/12/21, 192

Section #52 Per # 3 - Not to be disturbed - AR

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

VII. Supplementary Requests.

Date of and source.	Relationship and name.	Desires.	Action taken.

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

COUNTRY Cemetery No. ..... Sheet No. .....

G. R. S. Form 115-A
August, 1920

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France 1232-Sec.52 15

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G. R. S. Form. No. 16-A

Place Romagne Sous Montfaucon

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Oct. 29, 1921.

1. Remains of BOWDEN JAMES Serial Number 2175460

Rank Pvt. Organization Co., B. 140th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Oct. 29, 1921. From (give complete location):

Gr. 22 sec 52 pt 1 Cem., #1232.

By: Group 7 Unit Sec. 1

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

Oct. 29, 1921 Meuse-Argonne Cty. 1232 Gr. 19, Block D, row 44

By: Group Reburial S Unit Nature of reburial Unlined Casket.

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

uniform burlap and goden box, 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 and marker agree with record. gold watch found on bodt. No effects.

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

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

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

Quantity do

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) do

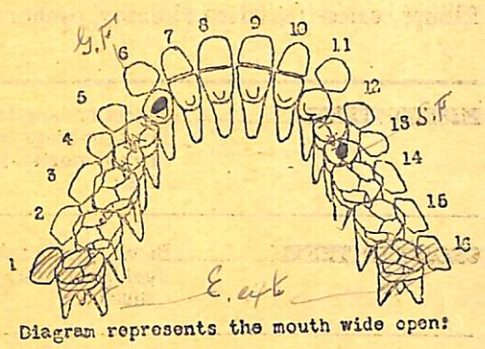
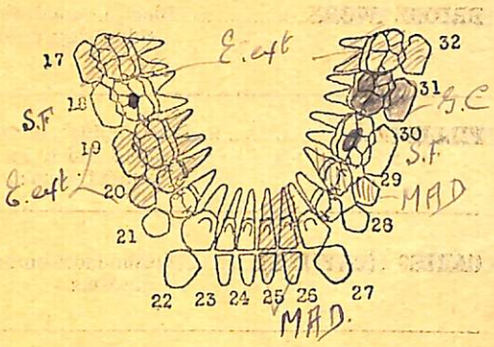


Diagram represents the mouth wide open:



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

right and left tibia and fibia fractured.

7. Disinterment supervised by E. J. Renouard S. E. Approved: A. E. Dewey 1st. Lt. QMC (Title)

8. Reburial supervised by A. U. Dufault. concentration Approved: James W. Younger (Title) James W. Younger, Capt., Q.M.C.

G.R.S. FORM #114-A. STATION Romagne 1232

To be prepared in triplicate. DATE Oct 29 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

new DISINTERMENT COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.	Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body
1. Name BOWDEN, James	10. Name
2. No. 2175460	11. No.
3. Rank Pvt.	12. Rank
4. Org. Co. B. 140th Infantry.	13. Org.
5. D.D. 9/27/18	14. (a) D.D.
6. C.D. KIA	(b) D.B. None

	Discrepancy found upon disinterment
7. Grave No. 22 Sec. 52	15. Grave No. Sec.
8. Plot 1 Row	16. Plot Row
9.	17. None

18. Cemetery Meuse- Argonne American 19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Montfaucon

20. Dept. or County Meuse. 21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. Cty.1232, Sec.52.

23. Disinterred (Date) Oct 29 1921 By E J Renouard

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name James Bowden Serial No. ----------

Rank Pvt Organization Co B 140 Inf

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

Lorraine L Hughes
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).

Tags on body and marker agree. Gold watch found on body.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable

28. Nature of burial Uniform, burlap and wooden box

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 Oct 29 1921 By E J Renouard

31. Casket sealed by E J Renouard

AUDITED BY

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) E J Renouard

This is recorded as a "Do not Disturb" Case.

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SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-14063

32. Designation of body:

Name BOWDEN. James Serial No. 2175460

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. B. 140th Infantry.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer.Cty.1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Oct 29 1921 By ~~xxxx~~ E. J. Renouard

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 A E Dewey

A E Dewey Lt QMC

36. Remarks

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37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Oct 29 1921 CC

To point of Concentration Morgue Romagne

Convoyer W J Royed Signature Shipping Officer (Name G F Spann

G F Spann, Capt QMC

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer (Name

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred Oct. 29, 1921 Meuse-Argonne Cty. 1232 (Date

42. Grave No. 19 Section

43. Plot ~~xxx~~ Bl. D Row 44

G.R.S. Representative James W. Younger

James W. Younger, Capt., J.M.C

BFS

G.P.S. B[illegible]
No[illegible]

[illegible]CHATEAU

Date 12th., June, 1919

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REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Remains of:

Name: BOWDEN, James Number 2175460

Rank: Unkn Organization Unkn

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group: Unit

Disinterred (Date) From (Give complete location)

6 8th., May, 1919 Grave #41 B.A.Cty. EXERMONT. ARDENNES

Map. 35 S.E. E. 302.28 N. 279.68

Reburied (Date) In: (Give complete Location)

8th., May, 1919 Grave #22 Sec. #52 Plot #1

ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY. #1232

ROMAGNE. MEUSE

1232

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

Burial good. Buried in uniform. Badly decomposed

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes

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

CONFIRMED No. D 10246

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Note:

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

Supervised by: Lt. Wilson.

R. H. ROSENTHAL
2nd Lieut. Q.M.C.U.S.A.

C.O. Group Unit

GHD.

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bo[illegible]ten James
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Co B 140 Inf 4
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL Oct 10 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL

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

Road Chaudron Farm Exermont

coord 79.75 02.25

Argonne Map 1:50 000 US 29 Eng

GRAVE NUMBER 41

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? yes Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: Exermont (Ardennes) 209 35 N.E. E-302.25 N-279.75

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:

Cem. C. 209 Exermont (Ardennes)
Map 35 N.E. E. 302.25
N. 279.75

REPORTED BY:

Chaplain King 18 Inf 4
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

This portion to be sent to Chief of Graves Registration Service

CMME (C-209) SPT. COORD
30 OCT

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

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

Co. B. 140th Inf.
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL 10/11/18

PLACE OF BURIAL Chaudrons Farm

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

coordinates 79.75 - 02.25

Chaudron Ferme, Exermont Road

GRAVE NUMBER 41

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? yes

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

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

REPORTED BY:

Chaplain King, 18th Inf.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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

2. Soldier's No. 2175460

3. BOWDEN JAMES
Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials

4. ..... Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. ..... Date of Death Cause, if known

6. American
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. EXERMONT ARDENNES
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. 41 13
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

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

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

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

Sketch No.22

12. 279.9.N.302.1.E.Lambert (35) S.E.
Map reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

Southedge of woods.1K.S.of Exermont.1K.N.of Chaudron Fme.2K.N.E.Flevville.Varennes road

13. .....
Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed C.M.Daugherty

Group 2 Unit 306 G. R. S.

R.B. 1127

FILE

August 3, 1920.

NO: 293.8 Cem. #85560 (Bowden, James, Pvt.)

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

TO: Mr. & Mrs. James Bowden, 733 Sandusky Ave., Kansas City, Kans.

SUBJECT: Permanent Burial in France.

1. Your letter of July 20, 1920, addressed to the Secretary of War, has been referred to this office with instructions to reply to same. You are advised that cancellation has been made of your request for the return of the remains of your son, Private James Bowden, Company B, 140th Infantry, to this country for final interment, and your desire that this body be retained permanently in France will be complied with.

2. You are further advised that the Secretary of War has designated the Argonne American Cemetery at Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse, as one of the three permanent American cemeteries or "National Fields of Honor" to be established in France.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

DS By: JTG

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

Mail
AUG 3 - 1920

WAR DEPARTMENT,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

MEMORANDUM.

Travers Registration Service

For direct reply

Brig. J. Fiske

ASSISTANT AND CHIEF CLERK
JUL 23 1920
WAR DEPT.

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INQ. BRANCH
10 a.m.
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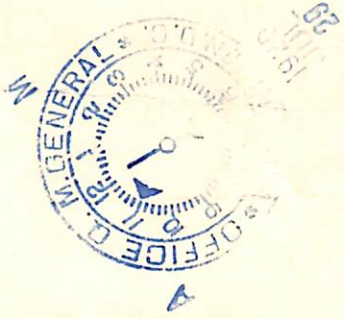
JUL 29 1920

G. K. S.



A. & C. TALLY

July 12/20

Secretary Baker

SECRETARY'S OFFICE
JUL 26 1920
WAR DEPARTMENT

Dear Sir

I have been to Argonne Cemetery and visited the grave of our boy who was killed in action Sept-27/18

His father and I was so pleased with the whole situation. that we wish to cancel the contract for the return of his body. We are very pleased to let it remain where it is and feel sure it will never be neglected

over

Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. Q. M. G.
File # 293.8 855 60

CEMETERIAL
Div. Q. M. G.

our Sons name and
number James Bowden
Serial No 2175460
Pvt- Co. B. 140 Inf

I shall put a piece
in the home paper for the benefit
of other mothers who have
not been so fortunate
as I have been to visit the
graves of their sons and
shall advise them to let
them lie in peace where
they are. I think it would
be desecration to remove
one single body from the
beautiful whole
We are now visiting in the
north of Ireland but our
home address is
Mr - Mrs James Bowden
733 Sandusky Ave
Kansas City
Kansas

Y. S. A

Reference #85560

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AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F.
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE.

March 6, 1919.

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.

TO: Mrs. J. Bowden, 733 Sandusky Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas.

SUBJECT: Private James Bowden, Co. B., 140th Infantry.

In reply to your letter of inquiry, with reference to the regretted death of this soldier, according to the records at these headquarters he is buried in Grave 241, Plot [illegible], in the AMERICAN CEMETERY of CHATEL-CHEHERY, in the DEPARTMENT of the ARDENNES. The grave is marked with the regulation cross.

By direction

CHARLES C. PIERCE
Lieut. Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.

Per MAURICE B. DIX
Captain, American Red Cross
Representative assigned to
Graves Registration Service.

MBD/im.

733 Sandusky Ave
K. C. Kansas
Jan 8 1919

Colonel Pierce.

1/30/19

Dear Sir

I received official notice from the government that my son Private James Bowden Co B 140 Infantry was killed in action September 27th If you know where his grave is located would you kindly inform me by mail and you will have the blessing of a heartbroken mother

Hoping to hear from you soon

Respectfully yrs

Mrs. J. Bowden