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WESTERN MILITARY BUREAU

*Bower, Elmer M.  
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ROUTE AND SCHEDULE

EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE SAILING FROM NEW YORK CITY June 3, 1931 ~~1930~~

Los Angeles County, State of California

Name Bower, Mrs Ina L (F-13)

Address 126 E 84th St., Los Angeles, Calif

Route going: AT&SF Chicago, G T Suspension Bridge, L V New York

Return: L V Suspension Bridge, G T Chicago, CMStP&P Kansas City, via Marion, AT&SF Los Angeles

Stopover at Chicago, Ill., Cedar Rapids, Ia. and Kansas City, Mo.

		ROAD	TRAIN	TIME	DATE	
Itinerary going	✓ Lv	Los Angeles	AT&SF	24	12:30 PM	May 28
	✓ Ar	Chicago	"	"	7:05 AM	" 31
	✓ Lv	"	G T	8	12:45 PM	" "
	✓ Ar	New York	L V	"	5:45 PM	June 1
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Accommodations: Standard sleeper Los Angeles, Calif. to Chicago, Ill. and Chicago, Ill. to New York, N Y

Elapsed Time: 98 hrs:15 min. *ct 1/4*

Extra Fare:

*H.H.H. all*

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Return: LV Suspension Bridge, G.T., Chicago, ~~AT&SF~~, Kansas City (via Marion), AT&SF.

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See Revised Routing sheet attached.

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Washington, D. C., April 15, 1931

Mr. H. W. Siddall, Chairman  
Western Military Bureau  
516 W. Jackson Blvd.,  
Chicago, Illinois

INA L BOWER LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA REPUBLIC JUNE THIRD PAGE THIRTEEN NOW  
DESIRES STOPOVER CEDAR RAPIDS IOWA AND KANSAS CITY MISSOURI IN ADDITION TO  
CHICAGO ADVISE RETURN ROUTE FORWARD REVISED ROUTING SHEET GQM 2098

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

QM 523.091 A-M  
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SIGNAL CORPS, UNITED STATES ARMY

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH CO.

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THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL -  
UNITED STATES WAR DEPARTMENT -

GSM TWENTY NINETY EIGHT RETURN ROUTE LEHIGH VALLEY SUSPENSION BRIDGE  
GRAND TRUNK CHICAGO MILWAUKEE ROAD KANSAS CITY VIA MARION SANTAFE STOP  
REVISED ROUTING SHEET MAIL TODAY B FIFTY FIVE -

H W SIDDALL 553PM.

Mothers' & Widows' Pilgrimage

Stopovers on return

Name: *Bowers, Mrs. Ina L.*

Address: *Los Angeles, Calif.*

Party: *F-13*

Stopovers desired at: *Chicago, Ill., Cedar Rapids, Iowa and Kansas City, Mo.*

Rail

Excess

*none*

Pullman

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Value</u>
<i>ny</i>	<i>Chicago, Ill.</i>	<i>LB</i>	<i>9.00</i>
<i>Chicago -</i>	<i>Cedar Rapids, Iowa</i>	<i>LB</i>	<i>3.00</i>
<i>Cedar Rapids -</i>	<i>Kansas City, Mo.</i>	<i>LB</i>	<i>3.75</i>
<i>Kansas City -</i>	<i>Los Angeles, Calif.</i>	<i>LB</i>	<i>19.88</i>

Total: *35.63*  
Thru Pullman Fare: *32.63*  
Excess: *3.00*

Amounts shown as "excess" have been collected by the Quartermaster General and remitted to the Finance Officer, Washington, D.C.

Party "F" - Itinerary - St. Mihiel Group

Sailed June 3, 1931, on REPUBLIC. Captl Edward Busch in charge. Arrived Cherbourg June 13th, 1:15 pm. Special tender arrived 2:00 pm, bearing Maj. F.M.Fitts; Capts. W.C.Louisell, M.J.Conway, and J.P.Lake; Lts. W.L.Barriger and H.C.Mewshaw; 2nd Lt. B.M.Greeley; five nurses and one civilian employee. Train left Cherbourg 3:45 pm, arrived Gare des Invalides, Paris, 9:50 pm. Met by Col. Bartlett and members of the staff of the Paris Office.

- June 14th: Church or rest. Lunch at hotel. Paris sightseeing - Sacre Coeur. Dinner at hotel.
- June 15th: Conference with Conducting Officer. Lunch at hotel. Afternoon - Arc de Triomphe - wreath laid by Mrs. Mary Jane Grimesey. Tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent. Dinner at hotel.
- June 16th: Notre Dame. Lunch at hotel. Afternoon free. Dinner at hotel.
- June 17th: Left for Verdun via Porte de Pantin to Montmirail (rest stop Hotel Vert Gallant) and Chalons s/Marne (lunch Haute-Mere-Dieu). Quarters in Verdun at Hotel Nouvel.
- June 18th, 19th & 20th: Daily visits to St. Mihiel Cemetery. Lunch at Cemetery Thursday and Saturday. Friday Lunch at Nancy - Grand Hotel. All dinners at Verdun hotel.
- June 21st: Left for Paris via St. Menehould (rest stop Moderne Hotel), Suippes, Reims (lunch Hotel Bristol Crystal), Chateau Thierry (rest stop Hostellerie du Bonhomme). Dinner at hotel, Paris.
- June 22nd: Free. Lunch at hotel. Afternoon free. Dinner at hotel. Night sightseeing trip.
- June 23rd: Visited Colonial Exposition. Lunch at hotel. Afternoon - Napoleon's Tomb. Dinner at hotel.
- June 24th: Louvre or free. Lunch at hotel. Visited Versailles in afternoon. Dinner at hotel.
- June 25th: Boat train for Cherbourg left 10:25 am, arrived 4:13 pm. PRESIDENT HARDING sailed 6:00 Pm. Arrived New York July 3, 1931.

Mrs Ina L Bower

BOWER, ELMER M

*Name* ..... BOWER, Mrs. Ina I.

*Paris Hôtel* ..... HOTEL PIERRE 1<sup>er</sup>  
..... AVENUE PIERRE 1<sup>er</sup> DE SERBIE

*Home address* ..... 126 E. 84th St.  
..... ~~109 E. 83rd St.~~ Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co., California

*Party* ..... F ..... *Group* ..... *Unit* SS. REPUBLIC

*Date of arrival* ..... June 13, 1931 ..... *Date of departure* ..... SS. PRES. HARDING, June 26, 1931

*Relationship* ..... Step Mother, age 58

*Name of deceased* ..... BOWER, Elmer M.

*Rank* ..... Pvt., ..... *Organization* Bty. 3, Bat. C, 340th F.A.

*Cemetery* ..... St. Mihiel ..... G 14 - I - 13

REMARKS

Quarters with Mrs. Edith M. West, Sunny Isles, N. Miami Beach, Dade  
Co., Fla. Group M A "Unlocated"



**WAR DEPARTMENT**  
**PILGRIMAGE WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS**  
 225 West 34th. St. New York, N.Y.

Party F  
 Number 644

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATIONS.

Bower, Mrs. Ina I.  
 Name of Pilgrim  
126 E. 84th St., Los Angeles  
 City Home Address County  
California  
 State

Actual cost of  
 Through Pullman at the  
 Lower Berth Rate.  
 New York, to Los Angeles, Calif.

Destination of Ticket Los Angeles, Calif.  
 via L.V. to Suspension Bridge - GRAND TRUNK to Chicago - ~~SANTA FE~~ to Kansas City -  
SANTA FE to Albuquerque - SANTA FE to Los Angeles, Calif.

*CM&P.P.*

July 4, 1931

Date of Departure

October 31, 1931

Expiration Date of Ticket

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower Seat or Coach	Car	U.S.G. Order No.	Actual Cost
1 { Lv. <u>New York</u>	<u>L.V.</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>7/5/31</u>	<u>6:35 P.M.</u>	<u>Lower</u>			<u>9.00</u>
Ar. <u>Chicago</u>	<u>C.N.</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>7/5</u>	<u>8:25 P.M.</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>1.026.211</u>	
<i>Suggested schedule from Chicago</i>								
Lv. <u>Chicago</u>	<u>S.F.</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9:05 P.M.</u>	<u>Lower</u>			<u>2.25</u>
Ar. <u>Los Angeles</u>	<u>✓</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8:15 A.M.</u>				
2 { Lv. <u>Chicago</u>	<u>CM&amp;P</u>	<u>3-11</u>	<u>DES</u>	<u>10:30 P.M.</u>				<u>3.50</u>
Ar. <u>Monroe</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>4:30 A.M.</u>				
Lv. <u>Monroe</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>5:01 A.M.</u>				
Ar. <u>Cedar Rapids</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>5:20 A.M.</u>	<u>L.B</u>		<u>11026.212</u>	<u>3.00</u>
Lv. <u>Cedar Rapids</u>	<u>CM&amp;P</u>	<u>197</u>	<u>DES</u>	<u>7:00 A.M.</u>				
Ar. <u>Ottumwa</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>10:27 A.M.</u>				
3 { Lv. <u>Ottumwa</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>Daily</u>	<u>10:45 A.M.</u>	<u>L.B</u>			
Ar. <u>Kansas City</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>6:00 P.M.</u>			<u>1.026.213</u>	<u>3.75</u>
4 { Lv. <u>Kansas City</u>	<u>S.F.E.</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>8:45 A.M.</u>	<u>1st day</u>			
Ar. <u>Los Angeles</u>	<u>S.F.E.</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>8:15 A.M.</u>	<u>3rd day</u>		<u>1.026.214</u>	<u>19.88</u>
Lv.								
Ar								

5 { Excess Fare New York, to Chicago Cost \$ 1.20 11026.215 Total

Stop Over Chicago, Ill. - Cedar Rapids, Ia. - Kansas City, Mo. Through Rate

Escorted to train by Capt. Olgan Excess

Mothers' & Widows' Pilgrimage  
Stopovers on return

Name: Bower, Mrs. Ina L.

Address: Los Angeles, California

Party: F-13

Stopovers desired at: Chicago, Ill., Cedar Rapids, Iowa and Kansas City, Mo.

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Rail

*S.W.*

		<u>Excess</u>	<u>None</u>
<u>Pullman</u>			
<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Value</u>
New York City, N.Y.	Chicago, Ill.	L.B.	9.00
Chicago, Ill.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	L.B.	3.00
Cedar Rapids, Iowa	Kansas City, Mo.	L.B.	3.75
Kansas City, Mo.	Los Angeles, Calif.	L.B.	19.88
		Total:	35.63
		Thru Pullman Fare:	32.63
		Excess:	3.00

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3.00

PARTY ..... F..... FILE NO. ....

NAME **Bower, Mrs. Ina L.**  
**126 E. 84th St. Los Angeles, Cal.**

**ROUTE OF TICKET**

*L. J.* ..... to *Suspension Bridge*  
*Grand trunk* ..... to *Chicago*  
*C.M. + St. P.* ..... to *Kansas City*  
*Santa Fe* ..... to *Albuquerque*  
*Santa Fe* ..... to *Los Angeles, Cal.*

..... to .....

Expiration date ..... *Oct 31-31* .....

The following stop overs are requested.

**Chicago, Ill.**

*Redon Rapids Ia*  
*Kansas City Mo*

(Signature of Pilgrim)

*T. M.*

Bower, Mrs. J. L.

FOR TELEGRAMS AND CABLEGRAMS

CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
DOMESTIC	CABLE
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	WEEK END LETTER

Patrons should check class of service desired; otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication.

# WESTERN UNION

CHECK
ACCT'G INFMN.
TIME FILED

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

19

To J. V. Bower  
 Street and No. 811 North Jackson  
 Place Frankegan, Illinois

Arrive Chicago 8.25 P.M. Sunday  
Via Canadian National.

Mother.

8:25 p m

Mrs Ina Bower

6 + 7 - 7/5

*Bower, Edward M.*

*GM*

*George Hank*  
*George Hank*

J. V. Bower  
811 North Jackson St  
Waukegan, Illinois

July 4. 1931

MRS. INA BOWER WILL ARRIVE EIGHT TWENTY FIVE P M JULY FIFTH  
VIA C & N RAILROAD PLEASE MEET HER.

COLONEL POPE

FF-109

*2 Bags*  
*met by Capt apgar*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Bower, Elmer M. St-M

May 25, 1931

SUBJECT: Baggage Tags

TO: Officer in Charge, Pilgrimage Port of Embarkation,  
225 West 34th Street, New York City.

1. The following telegram from Mrs. Ina L. Bower,  
126 E. 84th Street, (formerly 109 E. 83rd St.), Los Angeles,  
California, a pilgrim scheduled to sail on the REPUBLIC,  
June 3rd, (F-13), is quoted for your information and action:

"Have not received tags for baggage".

For The Quartermaster General.

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



*Mailed  
5/28*

*201 Bower, Mrs. I. L.*

PARTY "F"  
May 20th, 1931

Mrs. Ina L. Bower,  
126 East 84th St.,  
~~Chicago, Ill.~~  
Dear Madam:

*Los Angeles, Cal.*

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 McAlpin, Broadway and 34th Street, New York City.

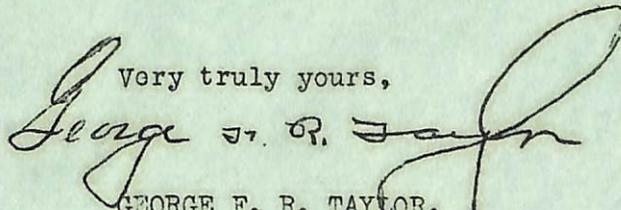
All mail intended to reach you between June 4th, 1931, the day you sail from the United States, and June 26th, 1931, the day you leave Europe, should be addressed to you in care of American Pilgrimage, 146 Avenue des Champs Elysees, Paris, France; for example:

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 accommodations 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.

Very truly yours,



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

- 7 Incl:
- 2 Baggage Tags
  - 4 Baggage Pastors
  - 1 Copy Cemeterial Information

G.R.S. Form #114 B

DEC 18 1925

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jc.

DATE

1. NAME BOWER, Elmer M.

SERIAL No. 2814646

RANK Pvt.

ORGANIZATION Co. C. 840th F.A.

*By 3rd Bat C, 340th & DIVISION 89*

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

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

89 Sec. 1

2

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

52

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

*Bouillonville, Meuse 785*

COORDINATES 52NE, 240.3N, 361.3E

CONCENTRATED TO

5/10/19

89

sec. 1

2

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

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 body and cross.

DATE OF DEATH

*Oct 9, 1918*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

*Ill*

Data 1-1

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

*None*

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY



DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

I. H. JOFFE, 1st Lt., 42nd C.

*[Signature]*

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Aug. 1, 1922

14

13

Block D

DATE

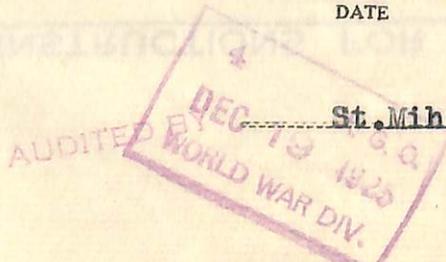
GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

St. Mihiel American No. 1233, Thiaucourt

CEMETERY



Major General, The Adjutant General

DEC 23 1925

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	BOWER	3	2 05 13
	Elmer M.		
BURIED	CEMETERY 1233	1	3
	GRAVE 14	2	14
	ROW 13	2	13
	BLOCK D	1	4
STATE	Ill	2	13
RANK	Port	1	2
DIVISION	89	2	89
ORGANIZATION	340	3	340
ARM	7a	1	3
MARITAL	no	1	
NAME	Bower	3	2 05 13
	Mrs. Ina L.		
RESIDENCE	STATE Calif.	2	04
	COUNTY Los Angeles	2	19
	CITY Los Angeles	3	036
RELATION	Step-mother	1	3
OTHER	Father	1	1
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Good	1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR. 1931	1	
ACCEPTANCE	yes	1	
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	age		

June 3-1931  
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AUDITED  
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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	BOWER	3	2 0 12 5 3
BURIED	Elmer M		
	CEMETERY 1233	1	3
	GRAVE 14	2	14
	ROW 13	2	13
	BLOCK D	1	4
STATE	Ill	2	13
RANK	Pvt	1	2
DIVISION	89	2	89
ORGANIZATION	340	3	340
ARM	7 A	1	3
MARITAL	No	1	2
NAME		3	
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	
	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Dead	1	6
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
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**AUDITED**  
KPS  
NOV 9 1931

QM 293 AM

Bower, Elmer M. St. M.

March 3, 1932

Mrs. Ina L. Bower,  
126 E. 84th St.,  
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Madam:

On your return from the pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe, you were furnished at New York with the following requests for use in obtaining parlor car seat or sleeping car berth on your way home:

WQ-1,026,213 for sleeping car berth from Cedar Rapids, Ia.  
to Kansas City, Mo.

The Pullman Company has never submitted a bill for the above and as it is desired to close these items will you please return this letter showing opposite the above by "Yes" or "No", whether you were furnished the accommodations shown. If they were not furnished and the requests are in your possession, please return them, or if they have been lost or destroyed write "Lost" after the word "No", so they may be cancelled.

The inclosed envelope may be used for reply.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

"I did not use this. -

Ina L. Bower  
133 W. 83" St. L. A."

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

1 Incl.  
Env.

31/904

Post Office Department  
OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 776 516

INSURED PARCEL

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

Return to Q. M. GENERAL

Street and Number  
or Post Office Box,

(NAME OF SENDER)  
MUNITIONS BUILDING

WASHINGTON,

Bower, Elmer M. St-M

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

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING  
OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

# RETURN RECEIPT

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

*Mrs. Ina L. Bann.*

(Signature or name of addressee)

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of Delivery

*1/8/32*, 19*32*

Form 381

QM 293 AM  
Bower, Elmer M. St-M

February 3, 1932

Mrs. Ina L. Bower,  
126 E. 84th Street,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Madam:

In the final settlement of accounts the Finance Officer advises that you are entitled to a refund in the amount of \$3.00 due to collection of pullman charges for stopovers on your return from the pilgrimage to the St. Mihiel American Cemetery in Europe, sailing from New York on the S.S. REPUBLIC, June 3, 1931. Check to cover is enclosed.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

1 Encl.  
Check #839635  
LM  
Registered

QM 293 A-M

Bower, Elmer M. Pvt (StM) SM

July 18, 1931.

Mrs. Ina L. Bower,  
126 East 84th Street,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mrs. Bower:

The letter of recent date addressed to the Officer in Charge, Mothers and Widows Pilgrimage in New York, which you and other pilgrims sent in appreciation of the journey you recently made to the cemeteries of Europe, has been forwarded to me for reply.

The pilgrimage was authorized by Congress in an endeavor to bring a measure of comfort and solace to the hearts of the mothers and widows whose loved ones made the supreme sacrifice for their country during the late war, and it would seem from the generous expressions contained in the letter that the effort has not been in vain.

It is gratifying to know that the mothers and widows were pleased with the arrangements made for their welfare throughout the trip and that the personnel as a whole rendered such satisfactory and commendable service. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages and has expended every effort that those making the trip might have a comfortable and pleasant time. I feel however that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation and consideration shown by the mothers and widows.

You may rest assured that the American cemeteries in Europe will be forever maintained in the fine condition in which you found them, as it will continue to be the constant endeavor of the Quartermaster Corps to make them fitting resting places for the heroes buried there.

Sincerely yours,

J. L. DeWITT,  
Major General,  
The Quartermaster General.

ADH  
WRG

MS  
JK

QM 293 A-M  
Bower, Earl M. (St.M)

July 23, 1931

Mrs. Ina L. Bower,  
% J. V. Bower,  
811 N. Jackson Street,  
Waukegan, Illinois.

Dear Mrs. Bower:

I have your letter of July 13th which you were so kind as to send in appreciation of the pilgrimage you recently made to the grave of your stepson, the late Private Earl M. Bower.

It is gratifying to know that your trip was entirely satisfactory and that the personnel connected with the pilgrimage rendered such courteous and efficient service throughout the journey.

Please be advised that an order has been issued under even date that an American flag in memory of the late Private Bower be forwarded you, provided one has not previously been furnished.

A copy of your letter has been referred to the United States Veterans Bureau for reply to your inquiry concerning a pension, as this is a matter coming within the jurisdiction of that department.

~~For The Quartermaster General~~

Sincerely yours,

J. L. DeWITT,  
Major General,  
The Quartermaster General.

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*ETA*  
✓ Requested Depot for flag

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QM 293 A-M  
Bower, Elmer M. (St.M)

July 23, 1931

SUBJECT: Pension.

TO: Directory, U. S. Veterans Bureau, Washington, D. C.

1. There is enclosed, herewith, a copy of a letter received in this office from Mrs. Ina L. Bower, Waukegan, Illinois, for attention to so much, thereof, as comes within the jurisdiction of your department.

2. Mrs. Bower has been advised of this reference.

For The Quartermaster General.

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

Enclosure:  
Cp. Lt.

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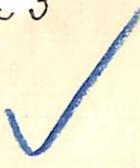
Q. M. 293 A M

Bowen Elmer M. 1233

R. E. Shannon.

Capt. Q. M. Corps  
Washington. D. C. 1233

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Dear Sir - Bowen, Earl M. 1233  
Dated June 3

Would like to express to you, my deep gratitude, for the most wonderful care and courtesy, extended me during my pilgrimage to my son's grave in France.

I am resting at the home of my son in Frankegan, Illinois.

May I ask what course to pursue, in order to obtain the flag.

Also information about mother's pension.

I have no income other than what I earn.

Thanking you for every favor,  
Most Respectfully.

Mrs Ina L. Bowen.

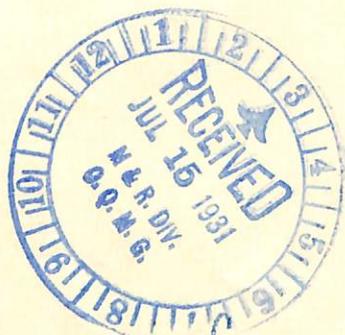
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Mrs Ina L. Bower  
126 E. 84<sup>th</sup> St. Bldg C - 340<sup>th</sup>  
Los Angeles ~~Fla.~~  
Calif.

Pmt Earl M. Bower - 1233 (81M)  
Republic June 3

Temporary Address.

of J. V. Bower  
811 N. Jackson St.  
Frankigan  
Illinois.



She signed Group 12

NAME BOWER, MRS. INA L.

Bower, Ina L. 1233 F

ADDRESS 126 East 84 St., Los Angeles, Cal.

DATE Oct. 26, 1931

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) Ina L. Bower.

WAR DEPARTMENT

Q. M. CORPS PILGRIMAGE,

WAR MOTHERS & WIDOWS, N. Y. C.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS



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

PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

# MEDICAL RECORD

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Party: F Hotel **MCALPIN** S. S. REPUBLIC HARDING Eastbound Westbound

Name Bower, Mrs. Ina L. (Pvt. Elmer M. Bower, 14, 13, D.)

Home Address 126 East 84th St., Los Angeles, California.

Name and address of nearest relative or friend Mrs. Warren R. Maxwell,  
126 East 84th St., Los Angeles, California

Religion Age 58-S.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.

**Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)**

June 10, 1931 - none

**Treatment and Progress: (include dates)**

June 10, 1931 - Treatment not necessary.

**Disposition: (include dates)**

**Remarks:**

V.K. Storkland (n. P.)

PARTY

EASTBOUND  
STATE

GROUP

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ST M

58 SM

.....CALIFORNIA.....

Mrs. Bower, Ina L. ..... Address 126 E. 84th St. ..... Los Angeles  
 (Name of Pilgrim) (Street & No.) (City or Town)

Quarters with Mrs. Edith M. West ..... Calif. ..... Los Angeles  
 (State) (County)

Mrs. Warren R. Maxwell ..... Address 126 E. 84th St. ..... Los Angeles  
 (Name of Nearest Kin) (Street & No.) (City or Town)

California ..... Los Angeles  
 (State) (County)

ARRIVAL NEW YORK

VIA. R.R. .... L.V. ..... Train No. .. 8 ..... Date 5:40 PM. - June 1st, 1931.

Hotel Mc Alpin ..... Room No. .. 1229

Roomed with .... Mrs. E. West .....

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

Date JUNE 3, 1931 ..... Vessel ..... REPUBLIC ..... Cabin No. .... 209-A

In Cabin with .... Mrs. Edith M. West .....

(Over Westbound)

WESTBOUND

ARRIVAL NEW YORK

Date **July 3**, 1931 Vessel **HARDING** Cabin No. **119 E - Air Sea.**  
~~242 E~~  
 In Cabin with **Mrs. Edith M. West & Mrs. Laurie E. Howell** *Miss Kellian H. Boggs*  
 Hotel **Mc Alpin** Room No. **606**  
 Roomed with **Mrs. L. Boggs**

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

VIA. R.R. **LV** Train No. **137** Space **L 7** Car No. **51** Date **7-4-31.**

REMARKS

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(C Eastbound)

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RETURN RECEIPT

S. S. Republic - 3-31

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

Miss Lucia D. Borne

(Signature or name of addressee)

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(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery 5/13, 1931

Form 3811

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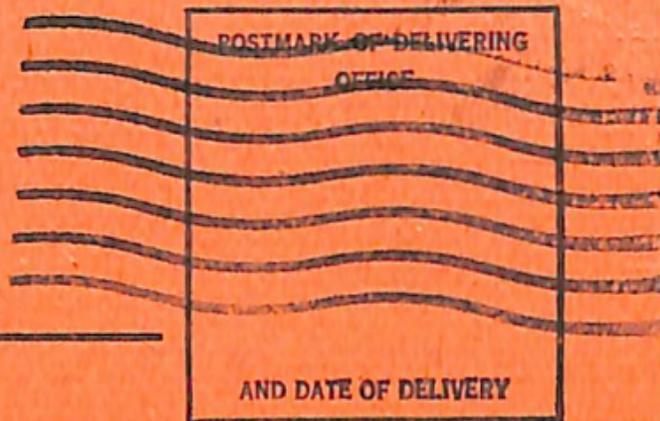
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Return to Q. M. GENERAL

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WASHINGTON,

D. C.

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RETURN RECEIPT

S S Resurvic 6-3-31

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

*Mrs. L. L. Brown*

(Signature or name of addressee)

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(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery

5/11, 1931

Form 3811

Post Office Department

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TO AVOID PAYMENT OF  
POSTAGE, \$300.

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No. 92



INSURED REGISTERED MAIL

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AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,  
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MUNITIONS BUILDING

WASHINGTON,

D. C.

# Signal Corps, United States Army

Received at War Department Message Center,  
Room 3441, Munitions Building,  
Washington, D. C.

## WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH CO.

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U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1930

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CAPTAIN QUARTERMASTER CORP=

HAVE NOT RECEIVED TAGS FOR BAGGAGE=

MRS INA L BOWER.

2931

126 E 84 St

June 3  
J-13

QM 293 A-M

Bower, Elmer M. St-M

May 25, 1961

SUBJECT: Baggage Tags

TO: Officer in Charge, Pilgrimage Port of Embarkation,  
225 West 34th Street, New York City.

1. The following telegram from Mrs. Ina L. Bower,  
126 E. 84th Street, (formerly 109 E. 83rd St.), Los Angeles,  
California, a pilgrim scheduled to sail on the REPUBLIC,  
June 3rd, (P-13), is quoted for your information and action:

"Have not received tags for baggage".

For The Quartermaster General.

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

Bower, Elmer M. St.M

May 22, 1951

Mrs. Ina L. Bower,  
126 E. 84th St.,  
Los Angeles, California

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. Los Angeles	AT&SF	Train	No.24	12.30 P.M.	May 28
Ar. Chicago	"	"	" "	7.05 A.M.	May 31
Lv. Chicago	GT	"	" 8	12.45 P.M.	May 31
Ar. New York	LV	"	" "	5.45 P.M.	June 1
(Pa.Sta.)					

Accommodations: Standard sleeper Los Angeles, Calif. 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

QM 203 A-M  
Bower, Elmer M. St.M SM

April 20, 1931.

Mrs. Ina L. Bower,  
126 East 84th Street,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 15th, together with money order in the amount of three dollars (\$3), covering excess Pullman fare on account of stopovers at Chicago, Ill., Cedar Rapids, Iowa and Kansas City, Mo., upon your return from the pilgrimage to the St. Michel American Cemetery in France, sailing from New York City on the Republic, June 3, 1931.

*Noted*

Stopovers at the above points have been arranged in accordance with your telegram of April 14th.

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

May 8, 1931

Bower, Elmer M. Pvt.(St.M) SM

Mrs. Ina L. Bower,  
126 E. 84th Street,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. ~~617571~~ in the amount of \$ ~~40.00~~ 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.

Mothers' & Widows' Pilgrimage  
Stopovers on return

Name: Bower, Mrs. Ina L.

Address: Los Angeles, California

Party: F

Stopovers desired at: Chicago, Ill., Cedar Rapids, Iowa and Kansas City, Mo.

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Rail

		Excess	None
<u>Pullman</u>			
<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Value</u>
New York City, N.Y.	Chicago, Ill.	L.B.	9.00
Chicago, Ill.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	L.B.	3.00
Cedar Rapids, Iowa	Kansas City, Mo.	L.B.	3.75
Kansas City, Mo.	Los Angeles, Calif.	L.B.	19.88

Total: 35.63  
Thru Pullman Fare: 32.63  
Excess: 3.00

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Amounts shown as "excess" have been collected by the Quartermaster General and remitted to the Finance Officer, Washington, D.C.

3.00

April 13, 1931.

QM 293 A-M  
Bower, Elmer M. (St. M) SM

Mrs. Ina L. Bower,  
126 E - 84th Street,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Madam:

In compliance with your request of April 3, 1931,  
your address and the address of your daughter, Mrs. W. R. Maxwell,  
has been changed on the records of this office from 109 E - 83rd  
Street, Los Angeles, California, to the above.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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April 3-1931.

The Postmaster Genl.  
Washington  
D. C.

Dear Sir -

Will you kindly change  
our address from  
109 E-83" St.

Los Angeles, Calif.

To

126 E-84" St. —

noted

Los Angeles, Calif.

Q.M. 293 A-M

Bower Elmer W. 1233.

Signed -

Dora L. Bower

also for my daughter

Mrs. H. R. Maxwell.

(Vera L.)

Q. M. Guilt. De Witt.

Dear Sir,

Enclosed please  
find order for three dollars  
(3.<sup>00</sup>) as per note Apr. 14.

I have already sent  
in change of address  
from 109 E-83<sup>rd</sup> St. L.A.  
to 126 E-84<sup>th</sup> St. L.A.

Sincerely-

(Mrs.) Anna L. Bowen

Apr. 15

M.O. 165011.  
\$3.00  
4/20/31  
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109 E. 83<sup>rd</sup> St. Los Angeles, Calif.  
Mch. 25<sup>th</sup> - 1931.

The Quartermaster Genl.  
Washington D. C.

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Los Angeles Co

Q. M. 293. Q. M.

Born Elmer M. 1233.  
7<sup>th</sup> Lt. Bty 3, Bty C, 340th F.A.

acc.  
Republic  
June 3, 1931

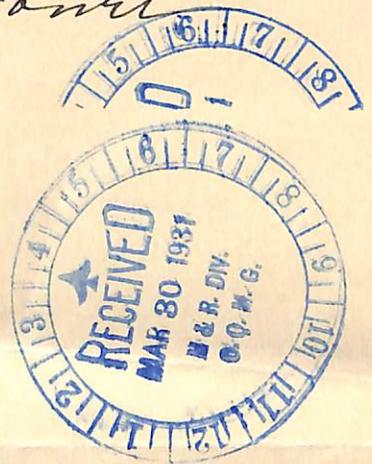
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at Allained. Neb. - circumstances  
over which I have no control,  
have arisen, which makes  
it necessary for me to cancel  
this stop.

I see now that I have been  
remiss in that I did not  
notify you at once.

Most gratefully yours.

Dora L. Bower

109 E. 83<sup>rd</sup> St.  
Los Angeles.



April 13, 1931, Washington, D. C.

MRS INA L BOWER  
126 EAST EIGHTY FOURTH STREET  
LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA

RELET WIRE AT ONCE COLLECT IF STILL DESIRE STOPOVERS CHICAGO CEDAR  
RAPIDS AND KANSAS CITY ADDITIONAL AMOUNT THREE DOLLARS ALSO DATE  
FORWARDING MONEY ORDER. 2895 GSM

DEWITT  
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

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United States Post Office  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

FIRST CLASS  
Office No. 81100

OFFICE OF THE POSTMASTER

O'B./W

April 9, 1931

Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Referring to your telegram today, as follows:

"Telegraph collect present address of  
Mrs. Ina L. Bower, formerly of one  
naught nine East Eighty-third Street,  
two eight nine two GSM."

I beg to confirm reply as follows:

"Present address, Mrs. Ina L. Bower,  
one two six East Eightyfourth Street,  
this city."

This change address was given on April 4, 1931.

Respectfully yours,



*[Handwritten signature]*

Postmaster

293 - Bower - Shaver M

CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
DOMESTIC	CABLE
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED
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NIGHT LETTER	WEEK END LETTER

Patrons should check class of service desired; other wise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication.

# WESTERN UNION

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J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

NO.	CASH OR CHG.
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TIME FILED	

Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Los Angeles, Calif., April 9, 1931

Dewitt,  
Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D.C.

Present address, Mrs. Ina L. Bower, one two six East Eightyfourth  
Street, this city.

O'Brien, Postmaster

TELEGRAM  
ANSWER: COLLECT  
OFFICIAL BUSINESS.  
GOVT RATES.



Copy mailed to confirm

# Signal Corps, United States Army

PM RECD



Received at

War Department Message Center,  
Room 3441, Munitions Building,  
Washington, D. C.

## WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH CO.

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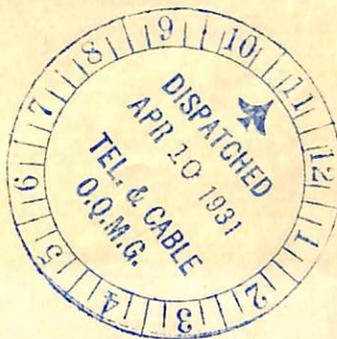
PRESENT ADDRESS MRS INA L BOWER ONE TWO SIX EAST EIGHTY  
FOURTH STREET THIS CITY=

OBRIEN POSTMASTER.

*address noted*

*accept Republic June 3*

RECORD ATTACHED



293-Bower - Shivers W.

April 9, 1931, Washington, D. C.

POSTMASTER  
LOS ANGELES  
CALIFORNIA

TELEGRAPH COLLECT PRESENT ADDRESS OF MRS INA L BOWER FORMERLY OF  
ONE NAUGHT NINE EAST EIGHTY THIRD STREET. 2892 GSM

DEWITT  
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

QM 293 A-M  
Bower, Elmer M. 1233 SM

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# Signal Corps, United States Army

Received at War Department Message Center,  
Room 3441, Munitions Building,  
Washington, D. C.

## RADIOGRAM

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YR 41/3 BOWER 109 EAST EIGHTY THIRD ST LOSANGELES SIGNED DEWITT UNLDL  
MOVED NO FORWARDING ADDRESS WE FILE.

WZH VIA WY APRIL 5 1931

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RECORD ATTACHED



Washington, D.C. April 3, 1931

Ina L. Bower,  
109 East 83rd Street,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

RELET WIRE AT ONCE COLLECT IF STILL DESIRE STOPOVERS CHICAGO CEDAR RAPIDS AND  
KANSAS CITY ADDITIONAL AMOUNT THREE DOLLARS ALSO DATE FORWARDING MONEY ORDER  
GEM 2048

DeWitt  
Quartermaster

QM 293 A-M

Bower, Elmer M. 1233 SM

PRIORITY



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~~J.H.~~

QM 293 A-M

Bower, Elmer M. 1233 SM

March 13, 1931.

Mrs. Ina L. Bower,  
109 E. 35th Street,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your request for a stopover at Chicago, Ill. Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Kansas City, Mo. and Alliance, Nebraska, on your return from the pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe, sailing on the S. S. REPUBLIC, June 3, 1931.

In view of the fact that Alliance, Nebraska is not on your direct route of travel, arrangements can be made for the stopovers at Chicago, Ill. Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Kansas City, Mo. and Sidney, Nebraska at an additional cost of four dollars (\$4.00) for rail transportation and seven dollars and eighty-seven cents (\$7.87) for pullman fare. It will be necessary for you to purchase your own ticket from Sidney, Nebraska to Alliance, Nebraska and return at approximately six dollars (\$6.00) for the round trip.

Transportation arrangements are now being made and it is imperative that you advise at once whether or not you desire these stopovers, and if so, please forward money order to this office, in the amount of eleven dollars and eighty-seven cents (\$11.87), payable to the Finance Officer, U.S. Army, Washington, D.C.

All expenses incurred by you, due to the additional time in the above cities, must, of course, be paid from personal funds.

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.

1 Encl.  
Envelope.

IF YOU DESIRE A STOPOVER ON YOUR RETURN FROM EUROPE PLEASE READ CAREFULLY THE PARAGRAPH, "STOPOVERS IN THE UNITED STATES", ON PAGE 3 OF THE ENCLOSED LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS, FILL IN THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN IT TO THIS OFFICE.

*acc. Ref. June 3*

Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

Bower, Mrs. Ina L.  
109 E. 83rd St., Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Co., Calif.  
Bower, Elmer M. Pvt. 1233 SM

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.

<u>Cities where I desire to stopover:</u>	<u>No. of days</u>
<u>Chicago - Illinois</u>	<u>14</u>
<u>Cedar Rapids. Iowa</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Kansas City - Mo.</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>Alliance, Nebraska.</u>	<u>14</u>
<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u> </u>	<u> </u>



Very truly yours,

Ina L. Bower  
(Your name)

109 E-83rd St.  
(Your address) Los Angeles.



QH 293 A-11  
Bower, Elmer H. 1933.

March 13, 1931.

Mrs. Ina I. Bower,  
109 E. 83rd Street,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date requesting a stopover at Chicago, Illinois, on your return from the pilgrimage to the American Universities in Europe, sailing on the S. S. REPUBLIC, June 3, 1931.

Arrangements will be made for this stopover, without additional cost for either rail or yulium transportation, however, all expenses incurred by you, due to the additional time in Chicago, Illinois, must, of course, be paid from personal funds.

Stopovers may be for any length of time desired, except that you arrive home before midnight October 31st.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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BOWER, Elnor M. 1933.

Mothers' & Widows' Pilgrimage  
Stopovers on return

Name: BOWER, Mrs. Ina L.

Address: 109 E. 33rd Street,  
Los Angeles, California.

Party:  
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Stopovers desired at: Chicago, Illinois.

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Rail

Excess

NONE

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Pullman

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Value</u>
New York, N.Y.	Chicago, Ill.	L.B.	2.00
Chicago, Ill.	Los Angeles, Calif.	L.B.	25.63

Total:

28.63

Thru Pullman Fare:

28.63

Excess:

NONE

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Bower Elmer M 1233.  
Pub. City 3 But C, Wash D.C.

acc. Republic June 3, 1931

To the Q.M. Genl.  
Washington  
D. C.



Los Angeles Co

Dear Sir -

Just one point I do not seem to get clear on.

The matter of stop over upon the return to D. C.

My only other saw, in Chicago, is asking me for a month.

The length of time to ask for, was not clear to me, and if it is not too late, I am asking for one month in Chicago.

I should like to state, that to me, the whole plan is wonderful, and I am most grateful for it all.

Very sincerely -

(Mrs) Ina L. Bower

109 E - 83" St. Los Angeles, Calif

293

Republic

6-3-31

1233

Bower, Elmer M.

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 pro-  
visions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Ina L. Bower

(Name)

126 E. 84<sup>th</sup> St.

109 E 83rd St., Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co., Calif.

(Town or City)

(State)

QM 293 A-M  
West, George O. 1232 U M  
Bower, Elmer M. 1233

January 31, 1931

Mrs. Ina L. Bower,  
109 E. 83rd Street,  
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date, relative to your desire to be quartered with Mrs. Edith M. West when you make the pilgrimage to the grave of your stepson, the late Private Elmer M. Bower, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

Notation has been made of your desire and it is believed that your wishes can be complied with and that you can be placed in the same cabin aboard ship and in the same hotel room in New York. In view of the fact that you are not to visit the same cemetery, however, it will not be possible to place you in the same hotel room in Paris.

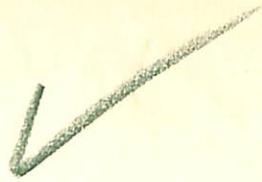
For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

HL  
CC Capt Shannon

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON



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

Bower, Mrs. Ina L.  
109 E. 83rd St., Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Co., Calif.  
Bower, Elmer M. Pvt. 1233 SM

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 be-  
come seriously ill or other emergency arises while  
I am making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by  
the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Harren R. Maxwell (My Daughter)

Name

109 E - 83<sup>rd</sup> St. Los Angeles.

Address

Very truly yours,

*Ina L. Bower*

(Your name)

*109 E. 83<sup>rd</sup> St.*

(Your address)

*Los Angeles  
Calif.*



On this pilgrimage I would  
like to be quartered with  
Edith M. West. Mother of  
Lieut. George O. West 293  
~~2nd Pursuit Group~~  
Aviation  
Killed in act. Oct. 10.

Mrs. West's address  
No. Miami Beach, Florida

Luca L. Bonner.

Quarters  
together  
noted

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

December 2, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Bower, Elmer M. Pvt. 1233SM

Mrs. Ina L. Bower,  
324 E. 80th Street,  
Los Angeles, California.

✓  
Address changed  
to 109 E. 83rd St.  
Los Angeles  
California.

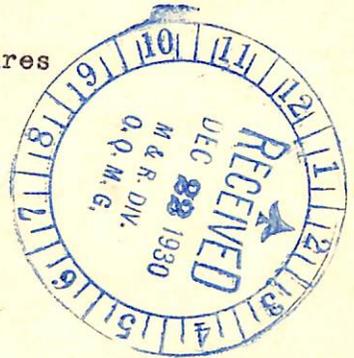
Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested that you advise as to whether or not the late Private Elmer M. Bower is survived by a natural mother. If so, it will be appreciated if you will furnish her name and address.

The enclosed Government envelope, which requires no postage, is for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,



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

Enclosure:  
Envelope

Elmer's own mother passed away when Elmer was 2 1/2 years of age.

Since then he was my boy.  
Sincerely,

(Mrs) Ina L Bower

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 30, 1930

Bower, Elmer M. 1233 SM

Mrs. Ina L. Bower  
~~324 E. 80th St.~~  
Los Angeles, Calif.

2 126 East 84th St

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 step-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 58

Condition of Health Fairly Good

4. Do you speak English?

Yes

5. What other language do you speak?

X

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Bower, Elmer M. 1233- SM

June 5, 1930.

Mrs. Ina <sup>(L)</sup> Bower,  
324 E. 80th St., L  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Madam:

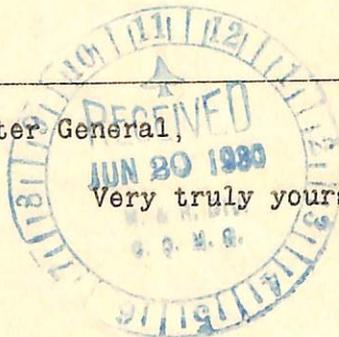
The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes) <del>(No)</del>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	<del>(Yes)</del> (No)
3. <del>Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?</del>	(Yes)      (No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age      Health (Years) 58 (Good) <del>(Poor)</del>
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <del>(No)</del> Other language (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



*John T. Harris*

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

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 4, 1930.

Bower, Elmer M - 1233 M

Mrs. Ina T. Bower,  
324 E 80th St.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

*Correction should be L*

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



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

Yes  
(Write answer here)

*Ina T. Bower*

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Bower, Elmer M. - 1233

March 27, 1930.

Mrs. Ina T. Bower,  
324 E. 80th St.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, enabling the mothers and widows of the members of the military and naval forces of the United States now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries.

The records of this office indicate that you were the stepmother of the late Private Elmer M. Bower and in order to determine your eligibility under the Act to make the pilgrimage to his grave it will be appreciated if you will furnish the following information:

- (1) Date of your marriage to the father of Private Bower. *Aug. 3-1897*
- (2) Were you married to Mr. Bower at the time his son entered the military service? *Yes.*
- (3) Were you married to Mr. Bower at the time of his son's death? *Yes.*
- (4) If not, give date of your separation from him.
- (5) If Mr. Bower is deceased, give date of his death.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

2 Incls.  
Act.  
Env.



QM 293 A-C  
Bower, Elmer M. - 1233

May 8, 1930.

Mrs. Ina T. Bower,  
324 E. 80th St.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Madam:

According to our records this office has received no reply from you in response to our recent letter which read as follows:

"Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, enabling the mothers and widows of the members of the military and naval forces of the United States now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries.

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- (1) Date of your marriage to the father of Private Bower.
- (2) Were you married to Mr. Bower at the time his son entered the military service?
- (3) Were you married to Mr. Bower at the time of his son's death?
- (4) If not, give date of your separation from him.
- (5) If Mr. Bower is deceased, give date of his death.

In order that there may be the least possible delay in obtaining the above requested information you are invited to use for your reply the enclosed Government envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act.  
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bower, Elmer M. 1233

March 4, 1930

Mr. John Arron Bower,  
520 Madison Street,  
Waukegan, Illinois.

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. Elmer M. Bower, Bty. 3, Bat C, 340th F. A., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return 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?
2. If so, give her complete address.
3. 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.

*No*

*Anna J. Bower*  
*Step mother*  
*324 East 80th St*  
*Los Angeles*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

DATE February 8, 1930

NAME	RANK	SERIAL	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
Bower Elmer M	Pvt	2814646	Bty 3 Bat C 340 FA	Oct 9 1918

STATE	Illinois	CTY. NO.	1235	GRAVE	14	ROW	13	BLOCK	D
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	<u>Check relationship</u>		<u>Living</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>Deceased</u>
	MOTHER	<i>no Record</i>	:	:	:
	STEPMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)		:	:	:
NAME	MOTHER THRU ADOPTION		:	:	:(4)
AND	(For the year prior to commencement of service)		:	:	: <i>John Arvon Bower</i>
ADDRESS			:	:	: <u><i>520 Madison St</i></u>
	MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS (For the year prior to commencement of service)		:	:	: <u><i>Waukegan</i></u>
	WIDOW (Who has not remarried)		:	:	: <u><i>Ill</i></u>
	<i>Single man</i>		:	:	:

Veterans Bureau Claim Number C 2506 P  
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(father)

Ans.

(7) Mr. John Arron Bower,  
520 - Madison St.,  
Waukegan, Ill.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

**Bower, Elmer M.**

**August 6, 1929.**

**Mr. John Arron Bower,  
520 Madison St.,  
Waukegan, Ill.**

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late **Private Elmer M. Bower, Bty. C, 340th P. A., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.**

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return 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?
2. If so, give her complete address.
3. 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.
4. Does she desire to make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 AM  
Bower, Elmer M. St. M.

March 3, 1932

Mrs. Ina L. Bower,  
126 E. 84th St.,  
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Madam:

On your return from the pilgrimage to the American  
Cemeteries in Europe, you were furnished at New York with the  
following requests for use in obtaining parlor car seat or  
sleeping car berth on your way home;

WQ-1,026,213 for sleeping car berth from Cedar Rapids, Ia.  
to Kansas City, Mo.

The Pullman Company has never submitted a bill for  
the above and as it is desired to close these items will you  
please return this letter showing opposite the above by "Yes"  
or "No", whether you were furnished the accommodations shown.  
If they were not furnished and the requests are in your posses-  
sion, please return them, or if they have been lost or destroyed  
write "Lost" after the word "No", so they may be cancelled.

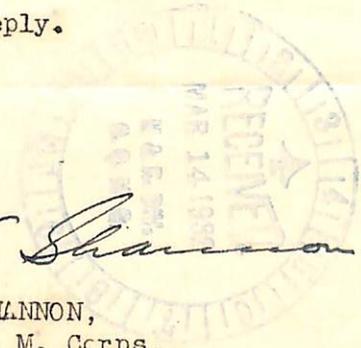
The inclosed envelope may be used for reply.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

*R. E. Shannon*

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



1 Incl.  
Env.

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*I did not use this*  
*Ina L. Bower*  
*→ 133 St. 83 St. L.A.*

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QM 293 AM

Bower, Elmer M. St. M.

March 3, 1932

Mrs. Ina L. Bower,  
126 E. 84th St.,  
Los Angeles, Cal.

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write "Lost" after the word "No", so they may be cancelled.

183-MAR-4-AM  
The inclosed envelope may be used for reply.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

1 Incl.  
Env.

31/904

QM 293 AM  
Bower, Elmer M. St-M

February 3, 1932

Mrs. Ina L. Bower,  
126 E. 84th Street,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Madam:

In the final settlement of accounts the Finance Officer advises that you are entitled to a refund in the amount of \$3.00 due to collection of pullman charges for stopovers on your return from the pilgrimage to the St. Mihiel American Cemetery in Europe, sailing from New York on the S.S. REPUBLIC, June 3, 1931. Check to cover is enclosed.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

1 Encl.  
Check #639635

LM  
Registered



Chargeable to Bower 8154  
 Officer \_\_\_\_\_ Warrant Office Mr. J. A. L.  
 Wife \_\_\_\_\_ Enlisted Man \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sons, ages \_\_\_\_\_ Civilian \_\_\_\_\_  
 Daughters, ages \_\_\_\_\_ Nurse \_\_\_\_\_

F-13

July 2 1931  
 (Date of Travel)

Sold 1931

T/A Number	Class Tpn.	Travel Status	From	To	Number Persons	Fare Coml. Net	Cost
1026211	P		New York	Chicago	1 S		
12	P		Chicago	Cedar Rapids	1 S		
13	P		Cedar Rapids	Kansas City	1 S	not used	
14	P		Kansas City	Los Angeles	1 S	not used	
SM 2401 P 109.52 3330-0						Total	

TRANSPORTATION TO WHICH ENTITLED

Coach-Officer \_\_\_\_\_  
 Coach-Family \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pull'n.-Family X New York Los Angeles 1 S  
 Pull'n.-Officer \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Disbursing Officer's R. R. No. 16034-1 1931  
 (Date) 7/20/31

Collectible \_\_\_\_\_  
 Received 3.00  
 Balance Due \_\_\_\_\_  
 Refundable 3.00

QM 293 A-M  
Bower, Elmer M. (St.M)

July 23, 1931

SUBJECT: Pension.

TO: Directory, U. S. Veterans Bureau, Washington, D. C.

1. There is enclosed, herewith, a copy of a letter received in this office from Mrs. Ina L. Bower, Waukegan, Illinois, for attention to so much, thereof, as comes within the jurisdiction of your department.

2. Mrs. Bower has been advised of this reference.

For The Quartermaster General.

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

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Enclosure:  
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QM 293 A-M  
Bower, Earl M. (St.M)

July 23, 1931

Mrs. Ina L. Bower,  
% J. V. Bower,  
811 N. Jackson Street,  
Waukegan, Illinois.

Dear Mrs. Bower:

I have your letter of July 15th which you were so kind as to send in appreciation of the pilgrimage you recently made to the grave of your stepson, the late Private Earl M. Bower.

It is gratifying to know that your trip was entirely satisfactory and that the personnel connected with the pilgrimage rendered such courteous and efficient service throughout the journey.

Please be advised that an order has been issued under even date that an American flag in memory of the late Private Bower be forwarded you, provided one has not previously been furnished.

A copy of your letter has been referred to the United States Veterans Bureau for reply to your inquiry concerning a pension, as this is a matter coming within the jurisdiction of that department.

~~For the Quartermaster General~~

Sincerely yours,

J. L. DeWITT,  
Major General,  
The Quartermaster General.

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JUL - 25 - AM 8:20

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Requested Depot for flag

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X 330.13 PILGRIMAGE, GOLD STAR

RES  
WRG

QM 293 A-M

Bower, Elmer M. Pvt (StM) SM

July 18, 1931.

Mrs. Ina L. Bower,  
126 East 84th Street,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mrs. Bower:

The letter of recent date addressed to the Officer in Charge, Mothers and Widows Pilgrimage in New York, which you and other pilgrims sent in appreciation of the journey you recently made to the cemeteries of Europe, has been forwarded to me for reply.

The pilgrimage was authorized by Congress in an endeavor to bring a measure of comfort and solace to the hearts of the mothers and widows whose loved ones made the supreme sacrifice for their country during the late war, and it would seem from the generous expressions contained in the letter that the effort has not been in vain.

It is gratifying to know that the mothers and widows were pleased with the arrangements made for their welfare throughout the trip and that the personnel as a whole rendered such satisfactory and commendable service. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages and has expended every effort that those making the trip might have a comfortable and pleasant time. I feel however that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation and consideration shown by the mothers and widows.

You may rest assured that the American cemeteries in Europe will be forever maintained in the fine condition in which you found them, as it will continue to be the constant endeavor of the Quartermaster Corps to make them fitting resting places for the heroes buried there.

Sincerely yours,

J. L. DEWITT,  
Major General,  
The Quartermaster General.

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QM 293 A-M

Bower, Elmer M. St-M

May 25, 1931

SUBJECT: Baggage Tags

TO: Officer in Charge, Pilgrimage Port of Embarkation,  
225 West 34th Street, New York City.

1. The following telegram from Mrs. Ina L. Bower,  
126 E. 84th Street, (formerly 109 E. 83rd St.), Los Angeles,  
California, a pilgrim scheduled to sail on the REPUBLIC,  
June 3rd, (F-13), is quoted for your information and action:

"Have not received tags for baggage".

For The Quartermaster General.

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

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1931 MAY -25- AM 10:51 M

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bower, Elmer M. St.M

May 12, 1951

Mrs. Ina L. Bower,  
126 E. 84th St.,  
Los Angeles, California

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. Los Angeles	AM&SF	Train	No.24	12.30 P.M.	May 28
Ar. Chicago	"	"	" "	7.05 A.M.	May 31
Lv. Chicago	GT	"	" 8	12.45 P.M.	May 31
Ar. New York (Pa.Sta.)	LV	"	" "	5.45 P.M.	June 1

Accommodations: Standard sleeper Los Angeles, Calif. 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

May 8, 1931

Bower, Elmer M. Pvt.(St.M) SM

Mrs. Ina L. Bower,  
126 E. 84th Street,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. ~~617575~~ in the amount of \$ 40.00 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.

1931 MAY - 9 10 10 AM

QM 893 A-M  
Bower, Elmer M. St.M SM

April 20, 1931.

Mrs. Ina L. Bower,  
126 East 84th Street,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 15th, together with money order in the amount of three dollars (\$3), covering excess Pullman fare on account of stopovers at Chicago, Ill., Cedar Rapids, Iowa and Kansas City, Mo., upon your return from the pilgrimage to the St. Mihiel American Cemetery in France, sailing from New York City on the Republic, June 3, 1931.

Stopovers at the above points have been arranged in accordance with your telegram of April 14th.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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# Signal Corps, United States Army

War Department Message Center,  
Room 3441, Munitions Building,  
Washington, D. C.

## WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH CO.

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Received at

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL DEWITT=

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DESIRE STOPOVER CHICAGO CEDARRAPIDS KANSASCITY SENDING MONEY  
ORDER APRIL FIFTEENTH=

INA L BOWERS 126 EAST 84TH ST LOSANGELES.

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RECORD ATTACHED



April 13, 1931, Washington, D. C.

MRS INA L BOWER  
126 EAST EIGHTY FOURTH STREET  
LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA

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Mrs. Ina L. Bower  
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Washington, D. C., April 16, 1931

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## RADIOGRAM

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Apr 13 to  
126 East 84th St*

**RECORD ATTACHED**



Mrs Ina L. Bower  
109 East 83rd Street  
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Washington, D. C., April 14, 1931

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April 9, 1931, Washington, D. C.

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TELEGRAPH COLLECT PRESENT ADDRESS OF MRS INA L BOWER FORMERLY OF  
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Bower, Elmer M. 1233 SM

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*Los Angeles*  
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Washington, D.C. April 3, 1931

Ina L. Bower,  
109 East 83rd Street,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

RELET WIRE AT ONCE COLLECT IF STILL DESIRE STOPOVERS CHICAGO CEDAR RAPIDS AND  
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Quartermaster

QM 293 A-M

Bower, Elmer M. 1233 SM

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QM 293 A-41

Bower, Elmer H. 1233.

March 13, 1931.

Mrs. Ina I. Bower,  
109 E. 63rd Street,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date requesting a stopover at Chicago, Illinois, on your return from the pilgrimage to the American Conventries in Europe, sailing on the S. S. REPUBLIC, June 3, 1931.

Arrangements will be made for this stopover, without additional cost for either rail or pullman transportation, however, all expenses incurred by you, due to the additional time in Chicago, Illinois, must, of course, be paid from personal funds.

Stopovers may be for any length of time desired, except that you arrive home before midnight October 31st.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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April 13, 1931.

QM 293 A-M  
Bower, Elmer M. (St. M) SM

Mrs. Ina L. Bower,  
126 E - 84th Street,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Madam:

In compliance with your request of April 5, 1931,  
your address and the address of your daughter, Mrs. W. R. Maxwell,  
has been changed on the records of this office from 109 E - 83rd  
Street, Los Angeles, California, to the above.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Bower, Elnor M. 1233 SM

March 12, 1931.

Mrs. Elnor M. Bower,  
109 E. 85th Street,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your request for a stopover at Chicago, Ill. Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Kansas City, Mo. and Alliance, Nebraska, on your return from the pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe, sailing on the S. S. REPUBLIC, June 3, 1931.

In view of the fact that Alliance, Nebraska is not on your direct route of travel, arrangements can be made for the stopovers at Chicago, Ill. Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Kansas City, Mo. and Sidney, Nebraska at an additional cost of four dollars (\$4.00) for rail transportation and seven dollars and eighty-seven cents (\$7.87) for pullman fare. It will be necessary for you to purchase your own ticket from Sidney, Nebraska to Alliance, Nebraska and return at approximately six dollars (\$6.00) for the round trip.

Transportation arrangements are now being made and it is imperative that you advise at once whether or not you desire these stopovers, and if so, please forward money order to this office, in the amount of eleven dollars and eighty-seven cents (\$11.87), payable to the Finance Officer, U.S. Army, Washington, D.C.

All expenses incurred by you, due to the additional time in the above cities, must, of course, be paid from personal funds.

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.

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QM 293 A-M  
West, George O. 1232 U M  
Bower, Elmer M. 1233

January 31, 1931

Mrs. Edith M. West,  
Sunny Isles,  
N. Miami Beach, Florida.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 26, 1931, relative to your desire to be quartered with Mrs. Ina L. Bower when you make the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, sailing on the REPUBLIC June 3, 1931.

Notation has been made of your desire, and it is believed that your wishes can be complied with and that you can be placed in the same cabin aboard ship and in the same hotel room in New York. In view of the fact that you are not to visit the same cemetery, however, it will not be possible to place you in the same hotel room in Paris.

In compliance with the information submitted by you, arrangements will be made for you to start your journey from Miami, Florida.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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CC Capt. Shannon

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293 Bower, Elmer m.

December 2, 1930.

QM 293 A-M  
Bower, Elmer M. Pvt. 1233 M

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Mrs. Ina L. Bower,  
324 E. 80th Street,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested that you advise as to whether or not the late Private Elmer M. Bower is survived by a natural mother. If so, it will be appreciated if you will furnish her name and address.

The enclosed Government envelope, which requires no postage, is for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 30, 1930

Bower, Elmer M. 1233 SM

Mrs. Ina L. Bower  
324 E. 80th St.  
Los Angeles, Calif.

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 ~~stop-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.

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Bower, Elmer H. 1233- SM

June 5, 1930.

Mrs. Ina T. Bower,  
324 E. 80th St., 1  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 4, 1930.

Bower, Elmer M - 1233 M

Mrs. Ina T. Bower,  
324 E 80th St.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Sign here)

QM 293 A-C

Bower, Elmer M. - 1233

May 8, 1930.

Mrs. Ina T. Bower,  
324 E. 80th St.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Madam:

According to our records this office has received no reply from you in response to our recent letter which read as follows:

"Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, enabling the mothers and widows of the members of the military and naval forces of the United States now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries.

"The records of this office indicate that you were the stepmother of the late Private Elmer M. Bower and in order to determine your eligibility under the Act to make the pilgrimage to his grave it will be appreciated if you will furnish the following information:

- (1) Date of your marriage to the father of Private Bower.
- (2) Were you married to Mr. Bower at the time his son entered the military service?
- (3) Were you married to Mr. Bower at the time of his son's death?
- (4) If not, give date of your separation from him.
- (5) If Mr. Bower is deceased, give date of his death.

In order that there may be the least possible delay in obtaining the above requested information you are invited to use for your reply the enclosed Government envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 295 A-C  
Bower, Elmer M. - 1235

March 27, 1930.

Mrs. Ina T. Bower,  
324 E. 80th St.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, enabling the mothers and widows of the members of the military and naval forces of the United States now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries.

The records of this office indicate that you were the stepmother of the late Private Elmer M. Bower and in order to determine your eligibility under the Act to make the pilgrimage to his grave it will be appreciated if you will furnish the following information:

- (1) Date of your marriage to the father of Private Bower.
- (2) Were you married to Mr. Bower at the time his son entered the military service?
- (3) Were you married to Mr. Bower at the time of his son's death?
- (4) If not, give date of your separation from him.
- (5) If Mr. Bower is deceased, give date of his death.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bower, Elmer M. 1233

March 4, 1930

Mr. John Arron Bower,  
520 Madison Street,  
Waukegan, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Pvt. Elmer M. Bower, Bty. 3, Bat C, 340th F. A., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return 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?

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. 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.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bower, Elmer M.  
1233

September 14, 1929.

Mr. John Arron Bower,  
520 Madison St.,  
Waukegan, Ill.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated Aug. 8, 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:

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.

3. If survived by a widow or mother does she desire to make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

**Bower, Elmer M.**

**August 6, 1929.**

**Mr. John Arron Bower,  
520 Madison St.,  
Waukegan, Ill.**

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late **Private Elmer M. Bower, Bty. C, 340th P. A., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.**

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return 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?
2. If so, give her complete address.
3. 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.
4. Does she desire to make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May 27 1929.

Bower, Elmer M.

Mr. J. A. Bower,  
Box #181,  
Mountain, Wisc.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Private Elmer M. Bower, Battery C, 340th Field Art., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Mourthe-et-Moselle, France.

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a 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,

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

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Bower,  
(Surname.)

~~Elmer Merton~~  
(Christian name in full.)

2,814,646  
(Army serial number.)

Pvt

Co C 340 FA  
(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

*Father*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

*No.*

(Yes or no.)

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

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

*John Arvon Bower*

(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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Mr. John A. Bower.

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520 Madison Ave.

1233-321

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Manhagan, Ill.

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Checked

In reply refer to:  
233.8 C-R #32621

March 10, 1923.

Mr. John A. Bower,  
Box 181, Mountain, Wis.

Dear Madam:

In reply to your letter of the 5th instant, the Quartermaster General desires you to be advised that the records of this office show the remains of your late son, Private Elmer M. Bower, #2814646, Battery C, 340th Field Artillery, are now buried in Grave 14, Row 13, Block D, St. Mihiel American Cemetery at Thiaucourt, Department of Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

This cemetery has been designated for permanent retention. The grave of this soldier will be marked by an appropriate headstone, of suitable design, and maintained in a most careful and reverent manner, by a grateful Nation.

Very truly yours,

H. J. CONNER,  
Assistant.

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Place NEUFCHATEAU

Date 4, JUNE 1919.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

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Remains of:

Name: BOWER, Elmer M.

Number: 2814646

Rank: Unkn

Organization: Unkn

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

10, MAY 1919

Grave# 52 A E F CTY.

BOULLIONVILLE, M et M

Map 52 NE E 361.3 N 240.3

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

10, MAY 1919

Grave# 89 Sec 1 Plot 2

1233

ST. MIHIEL AMERICAN CEMETERY #1233

THIAUCOURT, M et M

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

Body buried in uniform and blanket. Burial good.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes

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

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Note:

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

CO. FIRMED N° D 10475 -

Supervised by: Lt. Scott.

R. H. ROSENTHAL

2nd Lieut. Q.M.C.U.S.A.

C.O. Group            Unit

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 32621

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

*o.k. (2-21-21) cl*

(a) Name BOWER, Elmer M. Ser. No. 2814646 TYP. OB  
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Bty. C, 340th Field Art. CKR. 13.7.  
(c) Date of death 10-9-18 (d) Cause of death K/A

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

(a) Grave No. 89 Row -- Plot 2 Sec. 1 TYP. OB  
(b) Emerg. Address J.A. Bower, (Father), 520 Madison St., Waukegan, Ill.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases o.k. a.g. d. (2-21-21) cl CKR. 13.7.

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt \_\_\_\_\_

(a) Name John Aaron Bower (b) Relationship Father  
(c) Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No  
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at \_\_\_\_\_  
(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. \_\_\_\_\_  
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_  
confirming request in Par. IV., item \_\_\_\_\_, above, or requesting that \_\_\_\_\_  
No correspondence

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

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? \_\_\_\_\_

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

COUNTRY France. CEMETERY No. 1233 SHEET No. 321

CARDED

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*checked 2-21-21*



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Aug. 1, 1922.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters. *jc.*

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BOWER, Elmer M.  
 2. No. 2814646  
 3. Rank Pvt.  
 4. Org. Co. C. 240th F.A.  
 5. D.D. Oct. 9th 1918  
 6. C.D. KIA.

10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_  
 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) D.B. None

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 89 Sec. 1  
 8. Plot 2 Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 17. None

18. Cemetery St Mihiel American Cty.

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) Aug. 1, 1922

By W.G. Durisoe

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name BOWER, Elmer M.  
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. 2814646  
 Organization Co. C. 240th F.A.

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

Signature Junior Technical Assistant

J.T. White

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 reads: Elmer M. Bower, 2814646.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Wooden box, U.S. 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 Aug. 1, 1922 By W.G. Durisoe

31. Casket sealed by W.G. Durisoe

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

W.G. Durisoe  
W.G. Durisoe

AUDITED BY  
202 11-12-23

FILE

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SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-29419

32. Designation of body:

Name Elmer M. BOWER Serial No. 2814646

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. C. 240th T.A.

33. Consigned to:

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

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Aug. 1, 1922 By W.G. Durisoe

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

36. Remarks

None

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Aug. 1, 1922

To point of Concentration (Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

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

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer J.J. Powers, 1st Lt., Q.M.C.

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred Aug 1st. 1922

(Date)

42. Grave No. 14

Section

43. Plot Block D

Row 13

G.R.S. Representative

A. E. Dewey 1st Lt. QMC

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place

Date

Aug 1, 1922.

1. REMAINS OF BOWER, Elmer M. SERIAL NUMBER 2814646
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Bty Co. C. 240 F. A.

2. Disinterred (date): Aug 1, 1922. From (give complete location): Gr 89, Sec 1, Pl 2, Cam 1233.
By: Group 1 Unit 1

3. Reburied (date) Aug 1st. 1922 In (give complete location): Gr. 14 Bk. D Row 13
By: Group Reburial Unit Casket & shipping case Nature of reburial

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
Wooden box U.S. 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 reads "Elmer M. Bower, 2814646"

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

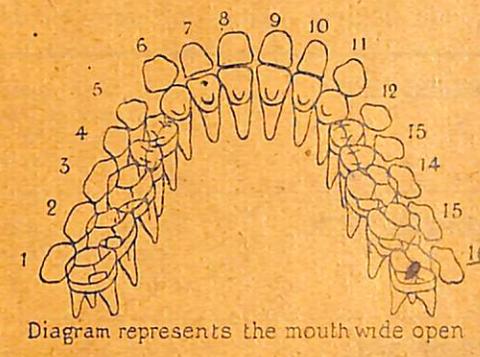
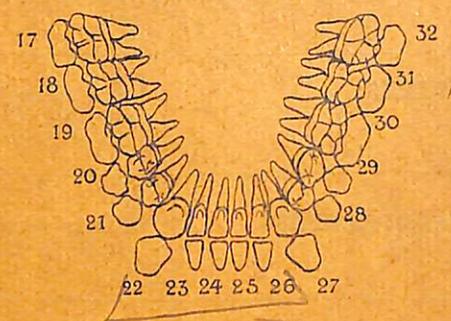


Diagram represents the mouth wide open

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) None visible.
22,24,25,26, missing after death.
16, silver filling.



MAD

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty)
None visible.

7. Disinterment supervised by W.G. Durisoe Approved: J.J. Powers, 1st Lt. QMC. (Title)

8. Reburial supervised by H L Kramer Approved: A E Dowe 1st. Lt. QMC (Title)



Mountain View  
3-5-23

War Department  
Graves Registration Service  
Gentlemen

Will you kindly  
give me the Serial Number  
of my son Elmer Newton Bowers  
and precise place of burial.  
Was buried in Grave # 89 Det 1  
Plot 2 1st Military Area Cemetery  
# 1233 Shawcross  
Meru - 1st - Missouri.

Bowers  
Elmer  
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Respectfully,  
Yours

John A. Bowers  
Box 181  
Mountain View.

Return address  
620 Madison St  
Waukegan Ill

August 25th, 1921.

File # 293.8 Cem.Div.Cor.Br.

Mr. John Arron Bower,  
520 Madison St.,  
Waukegan, Ill.

Re:- Bower, Elmer M., Pvt.,  
Serial # 2814646,  
Bty. C, 340th Field Art.

Dear Sir:-

Our Shipping Inquiry Form #120, dated April 27th, 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. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,  
Officer in Charge.

BY:

F. C. PALLAS, *mk8*  
Executive Assistant.  
*JF*

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WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY APR 11 1921

CEMETERIAL DIVISION

WASHINGTON

1233-321

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

To: Mr. John Arron Bower, 520 Madison St., Waukegan, Ill.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Elmer M. Bower, Ser. No. 2814646 Bty. C. 340th F.A.

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

soldier remain in France.

*no change cms*

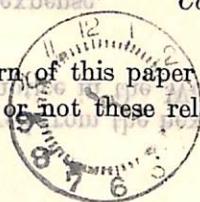
If these are not the correct instructions, please correct them. Make corrections on reverse side of this sheet.

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. G.

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? *No*

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow			
Soldier's children. { (Name oldest first.)			
1			
2			
3			
Father	John Arron Bower 520 Madison	Waukegan	Ill
Mother	Dead		
Brothers. { (Name oldest first.)			
1	John Vernon Bower 220 Cory Ave	"	"
2			
3			
Sisters. { (Name oldest first.)			
1	Oliver B Trapp	Carry	Kansas
2	Lucille D. Bower	Chadron	Nebr.
3	Vera L. Forsyth 228 Sherman Rd.	Waukegan	Ill

*Noted 115  
HT-14-21  
MKS*

Date April 27 1921

Signature John Arron Bower

Address Waukegan Ill

Relationship Father

April 27th

RECEIVED  
AUG 27 1921

I, the undersigned, am the Father 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

*John Aaron Bauer*

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

Office of the Quartermaster General  
Adjustment Made  
MAR 1 1921

WAR DEPARTMENT  
the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington

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

Date 2/2/21.

File No. Registration.

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

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

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

- a. Surname Bower OK
- b. Christian name Elmer Merton or (Elmer M.) OK
- c. Serial Number 2814646 OK
- d. Organization Bty. C, 340th F.A. or (Co. C, 340th F.A.) OK
- e. Rank Pvt. OK
- f. Date of death 10/9/18. OK
- g. Cause of death K/A. OK
- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- i. Emergency address J. A. Bower  
520 Madison St., Waukegan, Ill.
- j. Relationship (Father)

BODY DESCRIPTION  
(See page #2 of the Service Record)

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

DENTAL CHARTS  
(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

a. Strike out teeth missing

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
								upper right			upper left						
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								lower right			lower left						

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

BY: *[Signature]*  
H. J. CONNER,  
1st. Lieut., Q.M.C.

C.W.  
CEMETERY NO: 1233  
SHEET NO: 321  
TYPED BY: I.W.

World War I  
date FEB. 3

Rec'd S & S Div., A.G.O.  
FEB 8 1921 6

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# GRAVE LOCATION BOOK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Bower, 2814646 - Elmer M*

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

*Private - Battery C - 340 F. A.*

(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL *October 10 - 1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL *Bouillonville France*

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

*German Cemetery (American Section)*

*Department Meuse et Moselle*

GRAVE NUMBER *- 51 -*

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

Headboard? ..... Bottle? *yes* .....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

One buried with body? *yes* .....

One fastened to name peg or like used as a grave marker? *yes* .....

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

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23 OCT 1918

REPORTED BY:

*Edw L O'Toole, Chaplain*

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer) *340 F. A.*

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

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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Bower* 2814646 - *Elmer M.*  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

*Private, Battery C.* 340 F. A.  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL *October 10 - 1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL *Bouillonville, France*

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

*German Cemetery (American Section)*

GRAVE NUMBER *- 51 -*

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

Headboard? ..... Bottle? *yes*

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:

*285*

27 OCT 1918

REPORTED BY:  
*Edw. L. O'Toole, Chaplain 340 F. A.*  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Reference #32621

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American Expeditionary Forces  
Headquarters Service of Supplies  
Office of the Chief Quartermaster - American E.F.  
Graves Registration Service  
France

January 22, 1919.

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E. F.  
TO: Corporal Claire M. Doolittle, Field Hospital Co. #16, 2nd Div., San. Train.  
SUBJECT: Private Elmer M. Bower, Co. C., 340th F. A.

(1) In reply to your letter of December 30th, in respect of place of burial of the above mentioned soldier, information has been received here that Private Bower's body was interred in the GERMAN MILITARY CEMETERY, at BOUILLONVILLE, in the DEPARTMENT of MEURTHE-et-MOSELLE.

(2) This information has not as yet been confirmed by my inspecting officers, but there is very little doubt that the grave is situated in the cemetery above named.

By direction CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Lieut.-Colonel, Q.M.G., A.E.F.

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

MBD/im.

File

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

FILE NUMBER

From: - APC

Date: 1-14-21

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME BOWER, ELMER M

NUMBER

RANK

ORGANIZATION

Co C, 340 FA

No	Question	Reply
1	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	(1) Bower Elmer M. #2814646 Pvt. Battery C. 340th F.A.
2	Date of Death	(2) 10-9-18
3	Cause and place of death	(3) Killed in action
4	Number of Casualty Cablegram	(4) C.C.# 288
5	Date buried	
6	Grave Location (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required	(6) No. 51 Cemetery 785 (German Mil) Bouillonville (Meurthe-et-Moselle)
7	Who reported burial	
8	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	(8) - NO.
9	Report as to Identification Tags	(9) One buried with body One attached to grave marker
11	Who is nearest relative?	
12	Has N/R been notified? (Give date)	(12) 12-30-18
13	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14	What is the Photograph No?	

In Reply, all Proper names to be printed  
in UPPER BLOCK LETTERS.

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1-14-19

Field Hospital Co. No. 16  
Sanitary Train, Second Division.  
December 30 1918.

From : Cpl. Claire M. Doolittle.  
To : Chief Graves Registration Service.  
Subject : Location of Grave.



Request information as to location of grave of  
Pvt. Elmer M. Bower, Co. C, 340 F.A., killed in action on  
October 9th, 1918.

*Cpl. Claire M. Doolittle*

