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To The A. G. O.

14079

G.R.S. Form #114-B

OCT 6 - 1926

FULL NAME *POWER, William G.*

RANK *Pvt.* SERIAL *1429442*

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION *Company K, 305th Inf. 77th Div.*

DATE OF DEATH *9-28-18*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME *S. Dakota*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED: *None*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION.	<i>11/17/25</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>H</i>
	Date	Grave	Row	Block

Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery # 1232

Cemetery

AUDITED BY

A. G. O.
OCT 6 1926
WORLD WAR DIV.

Robert C. Davis.
Major General.
The Adjutant General.
By *A.R.K.*

23/306/ARK



OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

DATE 1/21/30

NAME *ent 5-1-17-9622*
BOWER, William G RANK Pvt. SERIAL 1429442 ORGANIZATION Co. K 305th Inf. DATE OF DEATH 9/28/18

STATE South Dakota CTY. NO. #1232 GRAVE 12 ROW 45 BLOCK H

Check relationship

Living - Deceased

MOTHER *Camp*
STEPMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)

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1/24
Mrs. *Haid's Ioannon*
Bezzarianou
Kato Achaia
Patrou
Achaia's and Elidos Greece

NAME

AND

ADDRESS

MOTHER THRU ADOPTION (For the year prior to commencement of service)

ins to Boston 1891

MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS (For the year prior to commencement of service)

James Bower
Burkings

~~WIDOW~~
(Who has not remarried)

single man

St. Japita

no claim may be

Veterans Bureau Claim Number _____

29/156/

36974

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bomer 1429442 William S.
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Private C Co 305 Infantry
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH:

CAUSE OF DEATH: killed in action

DATE OF BURIAL: Sept. 28 - 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: Argonne Forest

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

Buried by Co A 305 Inf. and reported location unknown

GRAVE NUMBER:

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?

Headboard?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: Yps

Was one buried with body? Yps

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

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

CMME. BOUREUILLES (MEUSE)?

(C-277) SHT. 35 S E COORD ?

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY: Chaplain Johnson
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

REGISTRATION BRANCH DIRECTION TICKET

Date 7/5/19

TO:

Chief, G.R.S.
Major Davis
Captain Conner

36974

1st Lieut. Noetzel
Lieut. Hutchison
Lieut. LaPerriere ✓
Lieut. Price
Lieut. Walters
Sgt. Mills

Chief Clerk, A & O Div.
Chief Clerk, Reg. Branch

FOR:

File ✓
Record
Code

SUSPENSION

Necessary adjustment
Investigation & report
Copy
Papers on Case
Note and Return
Information
Action
Necessary reply
Personal Conference
Draft of letter
Draft of endorsement
Signature

Other

RETURN TO _____

FROM _____



277-915

Communal List No. _____
Daily Report No. _____

KG a 7/28/16 @ 259 ⁰⁵⁸
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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Benny *1/24/17* *Hollen*
(Surname) (Number) (First Name and Initials)

Private *305 Infantry*
(Rank) (Organization)

PLACE OF DEATH:

CAUSE OF DEATH: *Heart* *attack*

DATE OF BURIAL: *Sept 25* *1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL: *Pyram* *Point*

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

Buried by Co H 305 Inf and
reported location excavation

GRAVE NUMBER:

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? *+*

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: *Yes*

Was one buried with body? *No*

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:

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NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

Chaplain
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

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

CODE SLIP



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<i>William</i>	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
BURIED <i>S.</i>	GRAVE <i>12</i>	2	<i>12</i>
	ROW <i>43</i>	2	<i>43</i>
	BLOCK <i>H</i>	1	<i>8</i>
STATE	<i>Soloak</i>	2	<i>47</i>
RANK	<i>Prst</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>77</i>	2	<i>77</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>305</i>	3	<i>305</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARITAL	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i> <i>mtf</i>
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<i>Mrs. Haido Joannon</i>	STATE	2	
RESIDENCE	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Foreign</i>	1	<i>4</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
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BROOKINGS, S. D.,

Jan 16 1933

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Dear Sirs

Washington D C

Gentlemen

In Reference to QM 293 A-M
I am James William B. the only one
I know should, but his mother
there at present lives in Greece
I heard his Brother James Bower
Lives too, there, I am their Nephew
and only one living here and that
the best information I can give you
Mother address is. of Mrs. B Bower
Naido Bezzarianou
202 Korinth ave
Patras Greece

Yours Very Truly
Mike Efthimian



QM 293 A-M
Bower, William G. (MA)

January 11, 1933

(Greece)
Mr. James Bower,

Brookings, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

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

It is therefore requested that you advise whether or not your brother, the late Private William G. Bower, is survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him for a period of five years at any time prior to his reaching the age of eighteen, and if so, her name and address.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:
Envelope.
KK

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29, 1929.

Bower, William G.

Mr. James Bower,
c/o Brookings Candy Co.,
Brookings, S.D.

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 brother of the late Pvt. William G. Bower, Co. K, 305th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

QM 293 A-M
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Assistant.

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QQMG M&R BR
Enclosure:
Envelope.
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bower, William G.
1252

Sept. 4, 1929.

Mr. James Bower,
c/o Brookings Candy Store,
Brookings, S. D.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 29, 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,

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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Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-C

BOWER, William G. - Pvt.

January 7, 1926

Mr. James Bower,
c/o Brookings Candy Company,
Brookings, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

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

This American overseas military cemetery is to be maintained by the United States for all time. The graves will be permanently marked by white headstones inscribed with the name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves, as soon as possible, and without necessity for special action or request on the part of relatives.

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

Very truly yours,

L.W. REDINGTON,
Major, Q.M.G.,
Assistant.

1 Incl.
Record card.



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JAK

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293 Bower, William G.

2nd Ind.

Hqrs. American G.R.S., Q.M.C., in E., 20 rue Molitor, Paris, France, Nov. 28, 1925.
To: The Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.

1. In compliance with instructions in preceding indorsement, forwarded herewith are G.R.S. Forms 114-A, 16-A and 1-A covering permanent concentration of the remains of this late soldier in Grave 12, Row 43, Block H, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery.



[Handwritten signature]
Wm. C. Smith,
Lieut. Col., Q.M. Corps,
Chief.

3 encls.

encl. 1-Form 114-A

encl. 2-Form 16-A

encl. 3-Form 1-A (Bower, Wm. G. to
Copeland, Ben H., incl.)



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Q.M.C. 293 - Bower, William G.

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE Q.M.C. IN EUROPE
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE SERVICE
20 RUE MOLITOR

IN REPLYING
PLEASE ADDRESS:
CHIEF, AMERICAN GRAVES
REGISTRATION SERVICE.

FILE NO. 293-Bower, William.

PARIS, FRANCE
June 19, 1925.

Subject: Recovery.

To: The Quartermaster General, Munitions Bldg., Washington, D.C.

1. Forwarded herewith is G.R.S. Form 16-A for the remains of Pvt. William Bower, 1429442, Co. K, 305th Inf., located by the Research personnel of this office.

2. There is no dental information on file here for this soldier, and it is recommended any on file in Washington be compared with that shown on attached form. Tag reads "William G. Bower;" correct name is requested.

3. No personal effects were found with body.

4. These remains are being held in the Meuse-Argonne mortuary pending receipt of advice from your office as to confirmation of identification and disposition.

1 encl. (Form 16-A).



W. O. Smith
Wm. O. Smith,
Lieut. Col., Q.M. Corps,
Chief. 16

QM 293 A-C

Bower, William, Pvt.

1st Ind.

War Dept., OCMG, Washington, D.C., Oct. 13, 1925--To Chief, AGRS, QMC., in Europe.

1. Identification of the remains of the late Private William G. Bower, 1429442, Co. K, 305th Inf., is confirmed by this office.

2. The body is to remain buried in France.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

29 OCT 1925

L. W. Redington
L. W. REDINGTON,
Major, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

293
Bower, William

Memo

10/3/25

293

Case of
Pvt. William G. Bowers- Co. K 305th Inf. KIA Sept. 1918

Checks are being sent to the mother

Mrs. HAIDO J. BEZZERIANON,
Achi
Achaia, Achaia and Elis, Greece.

per phone advice Vet. Bur. 10/3/25

address as above

per advise of t is year.

E. Kensett Vail
E. Kensett Vail

Investigator.

*file
10/3/25
E. K. V.*

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE November 8th, 1925.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

- 1. Name BOWER, William G.
- 2. No. 1429442
- 3. Rank Pvt.
- 4. Org. Co.K, 305th Inf.
- 5. D.D. 9-28-18
- 6. C.D. KIA

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

Isolated grave, Haut Jardinnet Bois, Commune Boureuilles (Meuse). Map Foret d'Argonne, E-300.08, N-271.15a

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

- 7. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
- 8. Plot _____ Row _____
- 9. _____

- 15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
- 16. Plot _____ Row _____
- 17. No discrepancies.

18. Cemetery ----

19. Commune or town Boureuilles

20. Dept. or County Meuse

21. Country France

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

23. Disinterred (Date) June 8th, 1925.

By Gaetano Tucci.

24. Inscription on grave marker: None. TOC had been removed as impression of tag was on cross, but no tag.

Name _____ Serial No. _____

Rank _____ Organization _____

Organization _____

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

Signature Gaetano Tucci.
Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

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

TOB reads, "William G. Bower USA". Collar ornaments USNG, buried. No effects.

27. Condition of body Flesh entirely decomposed, skeleton disarticulated.

28. Nature of burial Buried 2 feet deep in OD US uniform, field shoes size 8EE. Buried along side Paul E. Lorenz, Co.K, 305th Inf.

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 June 13, 1925. By James McGourty.

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

RECEIVED BY
12/27/25

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-33013

32. Designation of body:

Name BOWER, William G. Serial No. 1429442

Rank Pvt. Organization Co.K, 305th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer. #1232, Romagne-s/Montfaucon (Meuse).

34. Casket boxed, and marked (Date) Nov. 7th, 1925. By James McGourty.

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 James McGourty James McGourty.

36. Remarks I certify that data shown under paragraphs 10-14 incl., 15-17 incl., 23-31 incl., 34 & 35, was taken from GRS Form 10-A, dated June 13th, 1925, covering the preparation of these remains for burial, by Gaetano Tucci, T.A., and James McGourty, Sup. Emb., and Inspector, and that it is impracticable to secure the signature of the Technical Assistant as this employee is no longer on duty at this station.

W.B. Sheild, Caretaker.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date)

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

(Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred November 17th, 1925.

(Date)

42. Grave No. Twelve (12), Block "H",

43. Plot Row Forty-three (43).

G.R.S. Representative

W. B. Sheild, Caretaker.

Place Meuse Argonne In. Cemetery #1232.
Remagne sous Montfaucon (Meuse).

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date June 13, 1925.

1. REMAINS OF OWER, William G. SERIAL NUMBER 1429442
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. K 305th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): June 3, 1925. From (give complete location): Idol grave
Haut Jardinot Bois, Commune Bourcillas (Meuse) Map Forêt d'Argonne East 300.08 North
271.15.

By: Group two. Unit Meuse Argonne Sector.

3. Reburied (date): November 17th, 1925, In (give complete location): Grave 12, Block H,
Row 43, Meuse-Argonne Cemetery, #1232.

By: Group W. B. Sheild, Caretaker, Unit GRS. CMC. in E. Nature of reburial GRS case, casket, sheet & OD Blanket.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: Buried 2 feet
deep in OD US uniform, field shoes size 8 1/2. Flesh of body entirely decomposed,
skeleton disarticulated. Buried alongside Paul H. Lorenz, Co. K 305th Inf.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? No
TOB reads William G. Bower USA. TOG had been removed as impression of tag was on
grass, but no tags.
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:

Collar ornaments, USMC. Buried.

No effects.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) 5' 7 1/2"

(b) Weigh, (estimated) 136

(c) Hair—Color None

Quantity Do

Characteristics Do

(d) Hair on face—Color Do

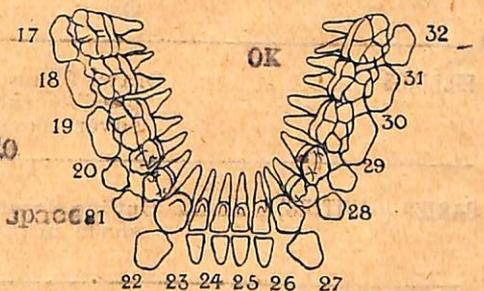
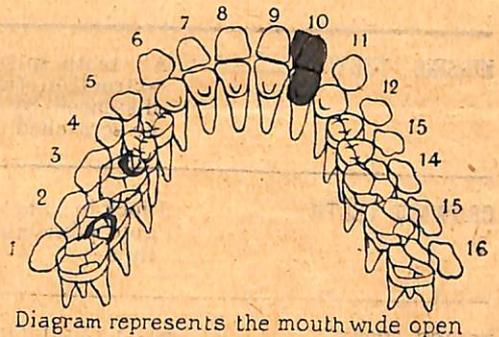
Location Do

Quantity Do

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

or missing parts Large space between teeth 9&10

small gold tooth attached to tooth #10 fills this space



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

Teeth 2&3 cavs. #10 GC

Left humerus upper third and one rib shattered.

7. Disinterment supervised by G. Tucci

G. Tucci
Investigator.

Approved: James M. Courtney

(Title) Chief Investigator.

8. Reburial supervised by W. B. Sheild

W. B. Sheild
Caretaker.

Approved: _____
(Title) _____

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

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

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".
(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No 6.
6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

MISSING TEETH

All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus:



CROWNED TEETH

Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:



BRIDGE WORK

Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus:



FILLINGS

Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:



CARIES (CAVITIES)

Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:



DENTURES (PLATES)

Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate, block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp"

7. Show name of person supervising the disinterment and the name and title of the person approving same.

8. Show name of person supervising the reburial and the name and title of the person approving same.

QM 293 A-C

Bower, William, G. Pvt.

Oct. 14, 1925.



Mr. James Bower,
c/o Brookings Candy Co.,
Brookings, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that receipt be acknowledged of your letter of October 6th, 1925.

In accordance with your wishes, instructions have this day been forwarded to the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe, to bury the remains of your brother, the late Private William G. Bower, Company K, 305th Infantry, in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse, France.

The Department is indeed gratified that you have confided the remains of your brother to his country's care. He will rest, forever, in the beautiful Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, with his many comrades under the flag in defense of which he gave his young life, and where the grave will be tenderly cared for by this Government for all time.

Upon receipt of a report from Europe regarding the permanent grave location, you will be advised.

The grave of your brother will be temporarily marked by a wooden cross; this to be replaced by a permanent white stone or marble marker, in the near future. On the arm of the Cross will be inscribed his name, rank, organization and division, date of death and state from which he came.

Very truly yours,

L. W. REDINGTON,
Major, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

LN
WDR

(2)

QM 293 A-C

Bower, William, ^CPvt.

1st Ind.

War Dept., OCMG, Washington, D.C., Oct. 13, 1925--To Chief, AGRS, QMC., in Europe.

1. Identification of the remains of the late Private William G. Bower, 1429442, Co. K, 305th Inf., is confirmed by this office.

2. The body is to remain buried in France.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

L. W. REDINGTON,
Major, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

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WPR *WPR*

Noted by Statistical Clerk

10/14/25 PPO

293-Bower, William.

June 19, 1925.

Subject: Recovery.

To: The Quartermaster General, Munitions Bldg., Washington, D.C.

1. Forwarded herewith is G.P.S. Form 16-A for the remains of Pvt. William Bower, 1429442, Co. K, 305th Inf., located by the Research personnel of this office.

2. There is no dental information on file here for this soldier, and it is recommended any on file in Washington be compared with that shown on attached form. Tag reads "William G. Bower;" correct name is requested.

3. No personal effects were found with body.

4. These remains are being held in the Meuse-Argonne mortuary pending receipt of advice from your office as to confirmation of identification and disposition.

1 encl. (Form 16-A).



JUL-9 1925



Wm. O. Smith,
Lieut. Col., Q. M. Corps,
Chief.

Brookings Candy Company

Manufacturers of

CANDY AND ICE CREAM

Jas. Bower, mgr.

Brookings, South Dakota

☐ Phone 355

Oct. 6, 1925

293 Bower, William G.

L. W. Redington
Major, U.S.A.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Re your letter, "Q.M. 293 A-C"
"Bower, William G. Post."

After thinking this matter over
and considering the lapse of time I have
decided it is perhaps better to have the
body of brother William placed in the
Meuse-Argonne cemetery. Am sure that
it will receive all the care and attention
necessary there and am sure, were he
to decide, he would want to rest with
his comrades.

Will you kindly send me
the identification number of any that
will be used on the marker for his
grave.

Yours very truly
James Bower



Brookings Candy Company
Manufacturers of
CANDY AND ICE CREAM
Brookings, South Dakota

Phone 212

Oct 13 1925

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OCT 13 1925



Qd 293 A-C

Bower, William, G. Pvt.

October 1, 1925.

Mr. James Bower,
Brookings,
S. D.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General is pleased to inform you that the search for the remains of your brother, the late Private William G. Bower, Company K, 305th Infantry, has been successful.

His remains were recovered from an isolated grave, Haut Jardinot Bois, Commune of Boursilles, Meuse, France, along side those of the late Pvt. Paul E. Lorenz, who was killed at the same time. Pvt. Bower's personal identification tag was found on his body. The remains are now in the mortuary in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse, France, pending instructions from this office as to their final disposition.

There is on file your request that the body be shipped to the parents in Greece. As some time has elapsed since you made the request, this letter is to inquire whether it is still your desire that this action be taken. If so, please furnish this office the name and full address of the parents.

Please understand, it is not the policy of the Department to attempt to influence relatives as to the disposition of their dead, but to endeavor to carry out their wishes so far as is humanly possible. On the other hand the Department is honored when relatives entrust the remains to its care and intends to administer that trust in a manner befitting the service the soldier rendered his country and humanity. If agreeable to you, this office will be glad to receive your permission for final burial of the remains of your brother in the beautiful Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, where repose the bodies of thousands of his comrades, whose graves will be properly cared for by a grateful Nation for all time.

As action is suspended pending your decision, it is requested that you kindly reply as soon as possible, using the inclosed envelope which requires no postage.

Very truly yours,

L.W. Redington,
Major, Q.M.C.
Assistant.

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WPR

1 incl.

envelope

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OCT 1 1925

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9-26-25

Case of

Pvt. William G. Bower- 1429442- Co. K 305th Inf. KIA 9/28/18

Letter to

Brookings

James Bower- Brookings, So. Dakota, advising him we are pleased to inform him of the recovery of the remains of his brother- Pvt. William G. Bower- 1429442- Company K, 305th Inf. Isolated grave, Haut Gardinet Bois, Cmm. Boureklles, Meuse, along side of remains of Pvt. Paul E. Lorenz, Company K, 305th Inf. who was killed at the same time as Pvt. Bower. Body is being held in the mortuary at ~~the~~ the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous- Montfaucon, Meuse, as our records show request by you that the body be shipped to his parents in Greece, therefore it desired to know if this is still your wish and the address of his mother in Greece.

E. Kensett Vail
E. Kensett Vail

Investigator.

Vet. Bur. advise 9-26-25 no record can be found for either insurance or compensation for the above soldier.

EKV

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA.

I. Location Index Card

(a) Name BOWER, William G. Ser.No. 1429442
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. K, 305th Inf. TYP. _____
(c) Date of Death 9-28-18 (d) Cause of Death K/A CKR _____

II. Registration Card

(a) Grave No. Morgue 1232 Row _____ Plot _____ Sec. _____ Block _____
(b) Emerg. Address Mike Bower (Cousin), Brooklyn, S.D.

III. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

(a) Name James Bowers (b) Brother
(c) Address Brookings, South Dakota
(d) Remains to be brought to U.S.? No
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U.S. at Wants body sent to Greece
(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival in U.S. _____
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U.S. _____

IV. G.R.S. Files ,Correspondence-shows as follows

Examiner's Initials PS Date 9/28/25

COUNTRY _____ Cemetery No. Morgue 1232 Sheet No. 345

V. Final Action:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by letter on -----

VI.

REMARKS

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA.

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(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. K, 305th Inf. TYP. _____
(c) Date of Death 9-28-18 (d) Cause of Death K/A CKR. _____

II. Registration Card

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(b) _____
(b) Emerg. Address Mike Bowen (Cousin), Brooklyn, S.D.

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(a) Name _____ (b) _____
(c) Address _____
(d) Remains to be brought to U.S.? _____
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U.S. at _____
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REMARKS

9-26-25

Case of

William G. Bower-

1429442

Co. K 305th Inf.

KIA 9/28/18

9-26-25

Vet. Bureau advise per phone
no record found of above
soldier, no application for
insurance or compensation
could be located.

(will advise if locate any
inquire or case of above
soldier.)

E. Kensett Vail

Investigator

BREAKFAST

LIME

THE SCHOOL FOR BAK

Disposition instr. William Form #115

1,429,442

Bower

(Surname.) Pvt. (Christian name in full.) Co K 305th Inf (Army serial number)

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased Brother

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)

James Bower
Brookings South Dakota

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

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

I have no desire to have
his remains brought here but his home
is in Greece and his mother
would like to have him buried
there. Please advise if it
would be possible to send
his remains there.

James D. Baker
Brooklyn, N. Y.

36974
Memo
Wm 4058
9-17-21

Oct 9, 1877 #277

OPINION

CASE OF Pvt. William Bower- 1429442- Company K, 305th Infantry KIA 9/28/18
GRAVE Isol. grave Haut Jardinnet Bois, Cmme. Beureilles, Meuse. E300.08-
N 271.15, Body held in Mergue Cty 1232

DECISION Body exhumed from above grave IS THAT of Pvt. William Bower- 1429442-
Company K, 305th Inf.

DENTAL CHARTS AND PHYSICAL DESCRIPTIONS

CAMP	LOCAL BOARD	FROM RELATIVES	OF BODY	A.D.
			2;3; cavities	
	Enlisted therefore		10 gold crown	
	but one chart.	cannot recall any data relative to dental work.		
30;31				
HEIGHT	5' 4 1/2"		5' 7"	
WEIGHT			135 lbs	
HAIR	Black		none	
SHOE SIZE	7 1/2 E		8 EE	

REMARKS OVER

IDENTIFICATION TAGS

Found on Body
YES William G. Bower-USA

Found on Marker
Tag on cross had been removed
as impression on cross.

OTHER IDENTIFYING MARKS

collar ornament USNG. Left Humerus upper third and one rib shattered.
buried alongside of Paul E. Lorenz- Co. K, 305th Inf.

ORIGINAL BURIAL DATA

Original burial of body
Original burial of man OVER

E. Kensett Vail

Investigator

Concur: beat

APPROVED: 9-19-25

E. Davis
Officer in Charge.

- 1.. ELB. --- Killed in action, buried 9/28/18 Argonne Forest. Buried by men of Co H 305th Inf. reported to chaplain(Chaplain Johnson not given. (coded by central office as C mme. Boureuilles, Meuse.
- 2.. R.C.S. report- Pvt. Bower was a member of 2nd platoon of Co. K that was keeping liaison between the 153rd Brigade and the 28th Division, on the morning of 9/28/18 Bower was instantly killed by shell fire.
- 3.. Cmme. list Boureuilles, Meuse-- 558E. Let 915 of 2/8/19 shows 'Buried by Co. H. 305th Inf. & reported. location not known.
- * 4.. Herbert Brummond- Aug. 27, 1925 states in letter-- Pvt. William G. Bower and Pvt. Paul E. Lorenz were the only two men killed on this morning out of our platoon so you can readily see there can be no mistake as to identity. Now, as to the gold crowned tooth, I can not swear which teeth they were but he had gold teeth, but I do not remember which one.

Pvt. Paul E. Lorenz and Pvt. William G. Bower- are both reported on the G.L.B. as having been buried by Co. H 305th Inf. and reported, location not known; both however are coded as Cmme. of Boureuilles-- Eu Europe codes the recovery as coming from woods in Cmme. of Boureuilles, however the coord. given is almost on the border between Vienne-le-Chateau and Boureuilles

It will be noted the dental chart as give by the AGO does not check with that of the body recovered, as AGO report teeth 30 & 31 missing at time of mobilization. Europe reports lower jaw teeth OK.

Brother in this country can not give us any information in regard to dental work request by the investigator of 7/29/25 asking if can recall the gold crown and wide space between teeth was not allowed to be sent.

E. Kensett Vail

E. Kensett Vail
Investigator.

Body of Pvt. Paul E. Lorenz was identified by dental chart and tags on body.

SGO card shows request for the body to be sent to parents in Greece.

E.K.Vail
E.K.Vail

ass. on enlistment to Troop M 1st S. Da. Cav. N.G.

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

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

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
 2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.

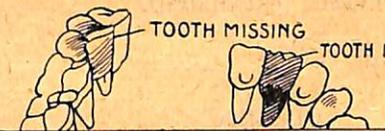
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.

4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.

5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".

(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No 6.

6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important, and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

MISSING TEETH	All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :	
CROWNED TEETH	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :	
BRIDGE WORK	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus :	
FILLINGS	Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :	
CARIES (CAVITIES)	Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :	
DENTURES (PLATES)	Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate, block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp"	

7. Show name of person supervising the disinterment and the name and title of the person approving same.

8. Show name of person supervising the reburial and the name and title of the person approving

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date June 13, 1925.

1. REMAINS OF BOWER, William G. SERIAL NUMBER 1429442
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. H 305th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): June 8, 1925. From (give complete location): 1401 grave Haut Jardinnet Bois, Commune Boureilles (Meuse) Map Forêt d'Argonne East 300.08 North 271.15.

By: Group two Unit Meuse Argonne Sector.

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

By: Group _____ Unit _____ Nature of reburial _____

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: Buried 2 feet deep in OD US uniform, field shoes size 8 1/2. Flesh of body entirely decomposed, skeleton disarticulated. Buried alongside Paul E. Lorenz, Co. H 305th Inf.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? No
TOB reads William G. Bower USA. TOC had been removed as impression of tag was on cross, but no tag.

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:

Collar ornaments, USNG. Buried.

No effects.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) 5' 7"

(b) Weight, (estimated) 135

(c) Hair—Color None

Quantity Do

Characteristics Do

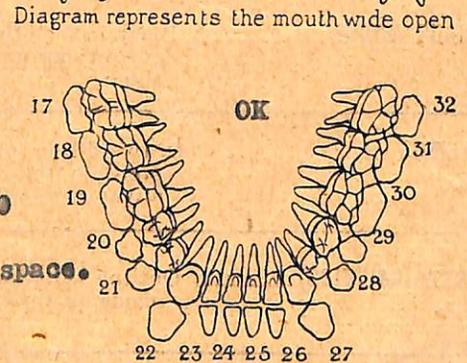
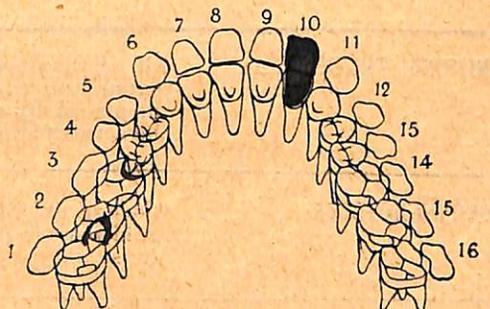
(d) Hair on face—Color Do

Location Do

Quantity Do

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) Large space between teeth 9&10

small gold tooth attached to tooth #10 fills this space.



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) Teeth 2&3 cava. #10GG

Left humerus upper third and one rib shattered.

22024

7. Disinterment supervised by GABRIANO TUCCI
Investigator.

Approved: JAMES M. GOURTY
(Title) Chief Investigator.

8. Reburial Supervised by _____

Approved: _____

Bendotti, Attilio	9-28	6-277	ret	City Sec. 1232-24
Bower, William	9-28			
Campbell, John A	9-27	City 589		
Johnson, Carl A	10-8	City 794	= 1232	111
Kelleher, Michael	10-5	C 293	= 1232-105	
Lorenz, Paul E.	9-28	C 277	= 1232-	Morque
Massingill, Walter A	9-29	C 275	= 12321 - 69	
			ret to us.	C 297.75 - N 274.51
Mirabella, Liborio	9-28	City 555		
			ret to us	
Page, Mary J.	10-6	City 34		
Wablustein, Harold	10-1	C 286	= 123-94	
			ret to us	C 297.1 N 274.9

Above men of Co. K. 305-A Inf = Bowers
only on g.l. not confirmed. - none have same
R.C.S. ref.

Lorenz has same sort of g.l.B.

sent 7/27/01

Bower, William, G.

Pvt. Bower was a member of the 2nd. platoon of Co. K that was keeping liaison between the 153rd Brigade and the 28th Div. On the morning of Sept. 28th, 1918, Bower was instantly killed by shell fire.

Informant: Brunmond, Herbert E. Pvt. 1st cl.

Benson, Minnesota
August 27, 1925.

Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Am glad that I can be of assistance to you in identifying this particular soldier, Pvt. Wm. G. Bower. I am positive the body described in your letter is the body of Mr. Bower. Pvt. Paul E. Lorenz and Wm. G. Bower were the only two men killed on this morning out of our platoon so you can readily see there can be no mistake as to identity of this. Now, as to the gold crowned tooth, I cannot swear which teeth they were but do remember he had gold teeth but I do not remember which one.

Mr. Bower and I were together beginning at Camp Cody, N. M. until his death.

If you desire a complete description of this particular incident on the morning of September 28th, 1918, let me know and I'll be glad to give it to you.

Very truly yours,

AUG 31 1925



293 Bower, Wm. G.

mc
QM 293 A-C

Bower, William, G. Pvt.

Aug. 24, 1925.

Mr. Herbert E. Brommond,
Wabson,
Minn.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that there has been recovered from a grave alongside that of Pvt. Paul E. Lorenz, the body of another soldier on whom there was found an identification tag bearing the late Pvt. William G. Bower's name.

It is believed that this may be the body of Pvt. Bower, however, there is not enough data of record to establish a positive identification. Your attention is invited to the inclosed copy of Red Cross Searcher's Report in the case of Pvt. Bower.

To assist in the investigation work, will you please advise, if possible, the names of any other men of the platoon who were killed at the same time as these two soldiers. Also, whether you recall if Pvt. Bower had a wide space between his upper left 1st and 2nd teeth, which was filled by a small gold crown.

Your cooperation in the investigation will be greatly appreciated. For your reply, you may use the inclosed envelope which requires no postage.

Very truly yours,

D. K. MITCHELL,
Major, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

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WPR *W*
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Incl. 1-c/report
" 2-envelope

✓ X 293 Brommond, Herbert E.



7-29-25

Case of Pvt. William G. Bower- 1429442- Co. K 305th Inf. KIA 9/28/18

- 1.. Pvt. Bower and Pvt. Lorenz both of Co. K 305th Inf. are reported to have been buried by men of Co. H 305th Inf., location not known, in Argonne Forest, Chap. Johnson signing G. L.B.
2. Pvt. Bower and Pvt. Lorenz are both reported to have been killed while with the 2nd Platoon of Co. K, keeping as liaison between the 153th Brig. and 28th Div. Killed by shell fire. Informant Herbert E. Brommond- Co. K 305th Inf. Pvt. 1/c
3. Two bodies were recovered June 8, 1925 from isolated graves, one alongside of the other.
One had tag on body and G.M. Paul E. Lorenz-- etc.
One had tag on body, none on G.M. William G. Bower, U.S.A. NSNG Col. Orn.
- 4.. Wm. G. Bower enlisted in 1917- wa member of Troop M 1st S.Dakota Cav. N.G.

D/C AGO
30 & 31

16-A

Wide space bet. 9 & 10 space filled with small gold teeth attached to #10 fills this space.
Lower jaw marked OK.

Actions requested.

Letter

- 1.. To Herbert E. Brommond- formerly Pvt 1/c Co. K 305th Inf.-- informant R.C. S. report, advising him there has been recovered from graves alongside of grave of Pvt. Paul E. Lorenz, on which was the identification tag of Pvt. William G. Bower, U.S.A.
 - a. Can he recall if Pvt. Bower had a wide space between his upper left 1st and second teeth which was filled by a small fold crown.
 - b. If can not can he give us the names of any who might know.
 - c. Can he give us the names of any other men of the platoon who were killed at the same time these two were killed.
- 2.. To James Bower- Brookings. So. Dakota, brother- re. our letter of July 25 and his reply thereto, adv. him there has been recovered from isolated grave alongside Pvt. Paul E. Lorenz, the body of an U.S.S. soldier on which was the identification tag of William G. Bower- however this soldier is reported to have "Large space between upper left 1st and second tooth small gold teeth attached to #10 fills this space, Can you recall or do you know of any one that would recall your brother having such a space or gold teeth. etc.

E. Kensett Vail

E. Kensett Vail

Investigator.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

7/11/25

Date _____

SUBJECT: Information required for Cemeterial Division.

TO: The Adjutant General of the Army, World War Division, Washington, D.C.

1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed:

- a. Surname BOWER
- b. Christian name WILLIAM G.
- c. Serial number 1429442
- d. Organization Co. K, 305th Inf.
- e. Rank Pvt.
- f. Emergency Address James Bower (Brother)
Brookings S. D.
- g. Date of death 9-28-1918
- h. Authority _____
- i. Cause of death KIA
- j. Place of death _____
- k. Place of burial _____
- l. Date of discharge _____

BODY DESCRIPTION

- a. Date of enlistment May 20 1917
- b. Age at enlistment _____
- c. Color of hair _____
- d. Height _____
- e. Weight* _____
- f. Fractures or breaks _____

DENTAL CHARTS

- At Camp
 - By Local Board Not of record.
- | | | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 | 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 |
| Upper right | Upper left | Upper right | Upper left |
| 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 | 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 |
| Lower right | Lower left | Lower right | Lower left |



For The Quartermaster General:

R.P.A.

Robert O. Davis,
Major General,
The Adjutant General.

24/552/EYS

rm. 2141

Received A. G. O. JUL 15 1925

REC'D JUL 14 1925
By M. E. W.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bower, William, G. Pvt.
Co.K, 305th Inf.

July 13, 1925.

Mr. James Bower,
Brookings,
So. Dakota.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the investigations which are being conducted with a view towards locating the graves of the Unlocated World War Dead, are proving successful in many cases where sufficient identifying marks can be secured. To assist in the investigation work, it will be appreciated if you will secure, if possible, a chart from the dentist who may have performed dental work for the soldier named above, prior to enlistment. The chart should include crowns, fillings, bridges, and extractions, if any. Should you be unable to obtain a chart, kindly report whether you recall him having a gold crown on upper left lateral, (the upper left 2nd incisor), any extractions, also if there was a space between the upper left central and lateral.

Please also advise your brother's full name.

You may be assured that everything possible will be done by the Department to bring the case to a successful conclusion.

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

Very truly yours,

R.P. Harbold
R.P. HARBOLD,
Major, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

*noted
recd
7/27/25*

1 incl.
envelope

*Enclosures: Sorry I can not give you any information relative to William Bower's dental work done. I could recall any of this data. His full name was William George Bower.
Yours very truly
James Bower*

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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Mr. James Power
Brooklyn
No. 12345

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the in-
vestigations which are being conducted with a view toward locating the
grave of the Unknown Soldier, are proving successful in many
cases where sufficient identifying data has been secured. To assist in the
investigation work, it will be appreciated if you will advise if possible
a short time from the date you may have returned home for the soldier
named above, or if you will advise if a name would include your
address and extraction. If you should have any other data which
might report whether you recall the location of the grave, please
(the upper left hand corner), any extraction, also if there is a name in-
clude the upper left corner and lateral.

Please also advise your brother's full name.

You may be assured that everything possible will be done by the
Department to bring the case to a successful conclusion.

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

11/17/18

W. H. ...



*Enclosure: Army of ...
...
This full name was ...
...*

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[Handwritten signature and date: 1895 July 10]

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WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER GENERAL
LANDS DEPARTMENT

QM 293 A-C

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Bower, William, G. Pvt.
Co.K, 305th Inf.

July 13, 1925.

Mr. James Bower,
Brookings,
So. Dakota.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the investigations which are being conducted with a view towards locating the graves of the Unlocated World War Dead, are proving successful in many cases where sufficient identifying marks can be secured. To assist in the investigation work, it will be appreciated if you will secure, if possible, a chart from the dentist who may have performed dental work for the soldier named above, prior to enlistment. The chart should include crowns, fillings, bridges, and extractions, if any. Should you be unable to obtain a chart, kindly report whether you recall him having a gold crown on upper left lateral, (the upper left 2nd incisor), any extractions, also if there was a space between the upper left central and lateral.

Please also advise your brother's full name.

You may be assured that everything possible will be done by the Department to bring the case to a successful conclusion.

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

Very truly yours,

R.P.HARBOLD,
Major, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

LN *WCC*
EKV
WPR

1 incl.
envelope



7-11-25

Case of

Pvt. William G. Bower- 1429442- Co. K 305th Inf. KIA 9/28/18

GLB-- buried by Co. H, coord. not given, buried 9/28/1918 in Argonne Forest. cross. Tag on body and grave marker.

R.C.S.-- A member of the 2nd platoon of Co. K, that was keeping liaison between the 153rd Brigade and the 28th Division. On the morning of Sept. 28, 1918 Bower was instantly killed by shell fire.

5/8 card shows address of E/A as Brooklyn, So. Da-- no such town listed for So. Da.

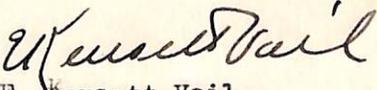
A/G/O disposition card shows brother as signer, and address is given as Brookings, So. Da.

D.C. furnished by the AGO per phone, lists 30 & 31 out.

Therefore

Action requested.

Request letter to James Bower, Brookings, So. Da. advising this office is endeavoring to locate the grave of his brother Pvt. William Bower- 1429442- Co. K, 305th Infantry, KIA. 9/28/1918, therefore it would be appreciated if he would secure for us the dental chart of his brother prior to his entry into the Service, this to consist of crowns, bridges, fillings and extraction, if same can not be secured, can he recall any work having been done for his brother, especially if his brother had a gold crown upper left lateral (that is the upper left 2nd incisor). and any extractions,, also if space between upper left central and lateral. It would be appreciated if he would also give us the full name of his brother.


E. Kensett Vail

Investigator.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

Date _____

SUBJECT: Information required for Cemeterial Division.

TO: The Adjutant General of the Army, World War Division, Washington, D.C.

1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed:

- a. Surname Bower
- b. Christian name William
- c. Serial number 1429442
- d. Organization Sec. Co. 305 Inf.
- e. Rank Pvt.
- f. Emergency Address _____
- g. Date of death 9-28-18
- h. Authority _____
- i. Cause of death K.O.A.
- j. Place of death _____
- k. Place of burial _____

l. Date of discharge _____
ass. to Troop M. 1st S.D. Car. N.Y.

*Enlisted May 25, 1917
at Webster, S.D.*

BODY DESCRIPTION

- a. Date of enlistment _____
- b. Age at enlistment 22 yrs.
- c. Color of hair Black
- d. Height 5' 4 1/2"
- e. Weight* _____
- f. Fractures or breaks _____

Brown eyes. dark comp. DENTAL CHARTS *shoes 7 1/2 B.*

At Camp

By Local Board

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
Upper right Upper left

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
Upper right Upper left

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
Lower right Lower left

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
Lower right Lower left

*only use
dental
chart.*

phone to Agv.

For The Quartermaster General:

*9/10/20
R.W.*

Born in Greece

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Co. K. 305th. Inf.
77th. Division.

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Webster
South Dakota

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Informant: Brummond, Herbert E.-Pvt. 1. cl. 1429444
Co. K. 305th. Inf.
Home : Milan, Minn.

Emergency address:
James Bower
Brookings
South Dakota.

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