

Letter Sent to:

Mr William Bower.  
Riverton, Nebr.

*Checked on 5-7-21  
5-6-21  
1933  
by - 6522  
C. Brown*

Pres. Harding

Pvt. William Bower

5-17-33

MA

✓

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. Ida Bower

(Name)

RFD #1, Box 5, Riverton, Franklin Co., Nebr.

(Town or City)

(State)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1932 95463

**THE PULLMAN COMPANY**

OFFICE 7-423

FORM 1000-3

**PASSENGER'S CHECK** - Identify accom-  
modations purchased. Amount charged  
is The Pullman Company's rate and a  
surcharge of 50% of that amount required  
by and collected as agent for the Railroad  
Company, as shown on the ticket.

**ST. LOUIS, MO.**

From ST. LOUIS, MO.  
To Kansas City, Mo.

Accom-  
modations 1e 26 Car 26

Line No. \_\_\_\_\_ Via \_\_\_\_\_ R. R. \_\_\_\_\_

3664  
1 2 3  
Persons

Property taken into car will be entirely at owner's risk.

Bower,

William

1,419,704

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt. Co. F, 127th Inf.

(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.)

(over). (Sign here)

Mrs. I. da Bower

Box 5, Riverton, Nebraska

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card

3-6713



6309

RETURN RECEIPT

*Harding May 17*

M-A

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

(Signature or name of addressee)

*Bower, William*

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery *4/25*, 19*22*

Form 3811

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

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RETURN RECEIPT

*Harding May 17*

1235

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

(Signature or name of addressee)

*Mrs Ida Bower*

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_

Form 3811

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

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RETURN RECEIPT

*Harding May 17*

1232

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

(Signature or name of addressee)

*Mrs Ida Bower*

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery *4/29*, 19*33*

Form 3811

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

c 5-6116

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 926244

INSURED PARCEL

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

Return to \_\_\_\_\_

**Q. M. GENERAL**

Street and Number,  
or Post Office Box, \_\_\_\_\_

**MUNITIONS BUILDING**

**WASHINGTON,**

**D. C.**



Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 926510

INSURED PARCEL

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

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**Q. M. GENERAL**

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,  
or Post Office Box, \_\_\_\_\_

**MUNITIONS BUILDING**

**WASHINGTON,**

**D. C.**

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



Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 926324

INSURED PARCEL

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

Return to \_\_\_\_\_

**Q. M. GENERAL**

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,  
or Post Office Box, \_\_\_\_\_

**MUNITIONS BUILDING**

**WASHINGTON,**

**D. C.**

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TO AVOID PAYMENT OF  
POSTAGE, \$300.



30608  
GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BOWER-1419764 - Williams  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)  
Pvt. Co F. 127th.  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL: October 4, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL:

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

American Cemetery,  
Chateau Salvange,  
Ravault, Meuse.

GRAVE NUMBER: 65

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

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? *yes*

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

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

558  
14 OCT 1918

REPORTED BY:

William L. Wood, Chaplain etc.  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

30608 57009  
1. G. S. Form No. 1. Eq. G. File

2. Soldier's No. 1419704

3. Bowers William  
Surname (In Block Letters) First Name and Initials

4. Pvt F 127th. Inf.  
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. 10/4/18  
Date of Death Cause, if known

6. 10/5/18 A.E.F.  
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. Chateau-de-Salvange Meuse  
Town or Commune (In Block Letters) Department

8. 65  
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

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

10. Buried with Body? *1* Attached to Grave Marker? *1*  
Identification Tags

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

12. Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

13. William Wood ARC

Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Joseph Baker, Sgt. 1cl.

Group 3 Unit A G. R. S.

558  
27 OCT 1918

Riverton Nebr.  
Oct 29. 1932.

Dear Sir,

One July the 8 you wrote me to see if I wanted to make the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe. I sure wanted to go but the condition I was in at the time I did not see how I was going to get to go but now I can go and would like to go if I may be counted among the select number to go. I wrote you saying I was undecided so did

not know whether you  
would write again  
or not. so thought I  
would write and let  
you know I wanted  
to go. Thanking you  
in advance for your  
kind offer.

With best regards  
Mrs Ida Bower  
R. F. D. 1 Box 5  
Riverton  
Nebr.

PARTY ...A..... FILE NO. ....

NAME Bower, Mrs Ida  
RFD #1, Box 5, Riverton, Nebr

ROUTE OF TICKET

*B. & O.* ..... to ..... *St. Louis*

*C. & N.W.* ..... to ..... *Riverton Nebr*

..... to .....

Expiration date *July 21-33*

The following stop overs are requested.

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*T. M.*

(Signature of Pilgrim)

MISS EMILY A. PEROU - 238-E - Group OA

Mrs. J.E. Shipley - 238-C - Group OA

IN CABIN WITH

Riverton Nebr.  
June 27. 1933.

Dear Sir.

I am righting to you in regard to my trip home it was after I got on the C. B. and O. 41. at 10.30. or Train 3. at 1. 23. that they put me on the train but not on the Pullman car so I did not use my Pullman ticket the last part of my trip but they came and got it. did they have any right to keep it or was it any good to you. and I did not use all my pass as I did not stop of any where coming home as I could

straight home, but do not know whether it is all right or not or or whether they are cheating the War Department so thought best to write you.

Yours Truly,  
Miss Ida Bower  
Riverton  
Nebr.



**THE PULLMAN COMPANY**  
OFFICE 7-423 FORM 1000-3 COUPON  
PASSENGER'S TICK — To identify accommodations purchased.  
JERSEY CITY, N. J.  
From \_\_\_\_\_  
To ST. LOUIS, MO.  
Accommodations \_\_\_\_\_ Car \_\_\_\_\_  
Line No. \_\_\_\_\_ Via \_\_\_\_\_ R. R. \_\_\_\_\_  
1 2 3  
Persons  
Property taken into car will be entirely at owner's risk.



W.M.

REMARKS



Sda Broer.

Name ..... BOWER, Mrs. Ida

Paris Hôtel ..... **MOTEL LUTÉZIA**  
BOULEVARD RASPAIL

Home address ..... R.F.D. #1, Box 5, Riverton, Franklin Co., Nebraska

Party ..... A ..... Group ..... Unit

Date of arrival 5/25/33. SS.HARDING ..... Date of departure 6/8/33. SS.MANHATTAN

Relationship ..... Mother, age 57

Name of deceased ..... BOWER, William

Rank ..... Pvt. ..... Organization ..... Co. F, 127th Inf.

Cemetery ..... MEUSE ARGONNE ..... 32 17 2

# MEDICAL RECORD

Party: A-5 **BARDING** *Eastbound*  
*Westbound* S. S. MANHATTAN

Name Bower, Mrs. Ida

Home Address RFD #1, Box 5, Riverton, Nebr.

Name and address of nearest relative or friend Mr. Walter L. Bower, (Son)

Riverton, Nebr.

Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Age 57 M

History of present complaint: May 19th 1933. Bronchal Catarrh.

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.

(OVER)

## PARTY

## EASTBOUND STATE

## GROUP

A-5  
57-M

NEBRASKA

Mrs. BOWER MRS IDA Address RFD #1, Box 5 Riverton  
(Name of Pilgrim) (Street & No.) (City or Town)

Nebraska Franklin  
(State) (County)

Mr. Walter L. Bower - Son Address Riverton  
(Name of Nearest Kin) (Street & No.) (City or Town)

Nebraska Franklin  
(State) (County)

## ARRIVAL NEW YORK

VIA R.R. B&O Train No. 2 Date 5-15- 12:33 P.M. E. S. T.

Hotel Commodore Room No. 903

Roomed with Mrs. Cora E. Palmer

## DEPARTURE NEW YORK

Date May 17 1933 Vessel Harding Cabin No. D- 238-A

In Cabin with Miss Emily Perou- 238-E and Mrs. J.E. Shipley-238-C

(Over Westbound)

DESIRES QUARTERS WITH AMERICAN

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)

Treatment and Progress: (include dates) May 19th 1933:- Browns Mixture One Ounce:- Two Teaspoonful  
three hourly; Cascata Two Tablets. *jm*

Disposition: (include dates)

Remarks:

WESTBOUND

ARRIVAL NEW YORK

Date ..... June 15, 1933 ..... Vessel ..... Manhattan ..... Cabin No. ..... B-46-1 .....  
In Cabin with ..... ~~Mrs. L. D. Gray~~ B-46-3 *Mrs Annie Crowley* .....  
Hotel **Commodore** ..... Room No. **1245** .....  
Roomed with ..... **Mrs. Annie Crowley** .....

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

VIA. R.R. **B & O** ..... Train No. **3** ..... Space **L 8** ..... Car No. **33** ..... Date **6/16/33** .....

REMARKS

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Over Eastbound)

# MEDICAL RECORD

Party A  
Nurse K. Steelman

M.A. Cmty

Station: Hotel Lutetia, Paris

Date: May 25th, 1933.

Name Bower, Mrs. Ida

Home address RFD #1 Box 5, Riverton, Franklin County, NEBRASKA.

Address of Nearest friend or relative Walter Bower (son)

Same Address

Religion Protestant

Age 57

History of Present complaint:

June 1st (Irritation of gums (lower jaw) caused by artificial teeth.)

(over)

INSTRUCTIONS. — This card will be started in all cases of Pilgrims requiring medical attention by the Medical Officer or Nurse first rendering such attention. Subsequently it will be carried by the nurse in attendance upon the group to which the Pilgrim is assigned. All Medical Officers rendering any assistance in the case will make an appropriate entry which will include date, time and signature. Upon final disposition of the case the Nurse in charge will deliver the card to the Office of the Chief Surgeon. Pilgrims sent to the American Hospital will be accompanied by this card properly completed, which will be authority for admission, in which case a duplicate card will be made and sent without delay to the Office of the Chief Surgeon.

NAME MRS. IDA BOWER ..... A

ADDRESS RFD #1, Box 5, Riverton, Nebr. ....

DATE 20, 1933. ....

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)

Mrs. Ida Bower

Diagnosis and complications : (include dates)

Stomatitis, mild. due to irritation of denture

Treatment and Progress : (include dates)

June 1st - Tr. Myrrh mouth wash p.r.n. Fitts.

Disposition : (include dates) 8 June to le Havre.

Remarks : Improved.

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WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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



PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS  
225 WEST 34TH STREET,  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

# MEDICAL RECORD

Party A  
Nurse K. STEELMAN

M.A. Cmty

Station: HOTEL Lutetia, Paris

Date: May 25<sup>th</sup>, 1933

Name Bower, Mrs. Ida

Home address RFD # 1, Box 5, Riverton, Franklin County, NEBRASKA

Address of Nearest friend or relative Walter Bower (son)

same address

Religion PROTESTANT

Age 57

## History of Present complaint:

June 1st - Irritation of gums (lower jaw) caused by artificial teeth.

**INSTRUCTIONS.** — This card will be started in all cases of Pilgrims requiring medical attention by the Medical Officer or Nurse first rendering such attention. Subsequently it will be carried by the nurse in attendance upon the group to which the Pilgrim is assigned. All Medical Officers rendering any assistance in the case will make an appropriate entry which will include date, time and signature. Upon final disposition of the case the Nurse in charge will deliver the card to the Office of the Chief Surgeon. Pilgrims sent to the American Hospital will be accompanied by this card properly completed, which will be authority for admission, in which case a duplicate card will be made and sent without delay to the Office of the Chief Surgeon.

(over)

Diagnosis and complications : (include dates)

Stomatitis, mild, due to irritation of denture

Treatment and Progress : (include dates)

June 1st. Tr. Myrrh mouth wash p.r.n.

Disposition : (include dates) 8 June. To leave. Fits.

Remarks :

Improved

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29, 1929.

**Bower, William.**

Mr. Henry Bower,  
RFD #1, Rm. #5,  
Riverton, Nebr.

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 William Bower, Co. F. 127th 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.

PARTY "A"  
May 1st, 1933

Mrs. Ida Bower  
RFD #1, Box 5  
Riverton, Nebr.

Dear Madam:

Upon your arrival in New York City you will be met at the railroad station by an Army Officer who will engage porter service to take care of your baggage and escort you to the hotel. During your sojourn here before sailing for Europe and upon your return from Europe, you will stop at the Hotel Commodore, 42nd Street and Lexington Avenue, New York City.

The two tags and four identification pasters accompanying this communication are intended to protect your baggage while in transit. One tag should be attached to the handle of each piece of your baggage and a paster placed on each end of each piece of your baggage before leaving your home. Your baggage will be safer and also more readily available to you after your arrival in New York if it is placed with you on the train.

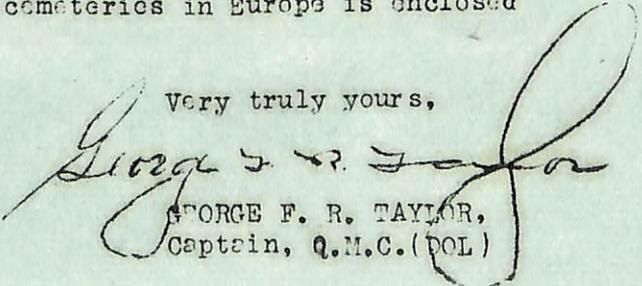
All mail intended to reach you between May 17th, 1933, the day you sail from the United States, and June 8th, 1933, the day you leave Europe, should be addressed to you in care of American Pilgrimage, 20 Rue Molitor, Paris (16), France; for example:

Mrs. Mary Smith,  
c/o American Pilgrimage,  
20 Rue Molitor,  
Paris (16), France.

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 Pullman accommodations will be made with the railroads in advance by this office. This will require you to remain in New York at the hotel over night as a guest of the United States Government.

Information relative to the cemeteries in Europe is enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

  
GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR,  
Captain, Q.M.C. (POL)

7 Incls.:  
2 Baggage Tags  
4 Baggage Pastors  
1 Copy Cemeterial Information

VIA WESTERN UNION

DAY LETTER

June 16, 1933

*W. H. Pope*

Mr. Walter Bower  
Riverton, Nebraska

MRS. IDA BOWER WILL ARRIVE VIA C B & Q RAILROAD TRAIN  
NUMBER THREE AT EIGHT FORTY SEVEN SUNDAY EVENING JUNE  
EIGHTEENTH PLEASE MEET HER

COLONEL POPE

June 28, 1933

Mrs. Ida Bower  
RFD #1 - Box 5  
Riverton, Nebr.

Dear Madam:

In regard to your letter of June 24th, 1933, referring to your pullman accommodations home, it is advised your pullman tickets were to Napier, Missouri only.

It is deeply regretted that the last part of your trip was in a day coach. This office was informed by the C B & Q Railroad that their train #3 to Riverton did not carry pullman accommodations, and as it was the only connecting train, there was no way of avoiding this situation.

Thank you very much for your letter regarding your trip home.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR,  
Captain, Q. M. C.

TM:RC

QM 293 A-M  
Bower, Wm. (MA)

June 29, 1935.

Mrs. Ida Bower,  
R. F. D. #1, Box #6,  
Riverton, Nebraska.

Dear Mrs. Bower:

Receipt is acknowledged of the letter of June 8th signed by you and the other members of Party A who visited the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in France.

It is gratifying to know that your trip was entirely satisfactory and that the officers of the Army, the nurses and other personnel rendered such courteous and efficient 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 journey might have a comfortable and pleasant trip. ~~on to feel, however,~~ that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation and consideration shown by the mothers and widows themselves.

You are assured that the Meuse-Argonne Cemetery will be forever maintained in the same fine condition in which you found it, as it will be the constant effort of the Quartermaster Corps to make it a fitting resting place for the heroes buried there.

With sincere appreciation of the complimentary remarks regarding the conduct of the pilgrimage, I am

Sincerely yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M

May 2, 1935.

Bower, Wm. (MA)

Mrs. Ida Bower,  
RFD #1 Box 5,  
Riverton, Nebraska.

Dear Madam:

In view of an increase in the per diem allowance for meals and expenses incident to travel of pilgrims from their homes to New York, there is enclosed Check No. 167,182 in the amount of \$3.37 to cover the difference due you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JAS. H. LAUBACH,  
Lt. Col. Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Encl.  
Check

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Bower, William - (MA)

April 27, 1933

Mrs. Ida Bower,  
R. F. D. #1, Box 5,  
Riverton, Nebr.

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. Riverton	CB&Q	Train No. 16	10:09 AM	May 13
Ar. St. Louis	"	" " "	7:12 AM	" 14
Lv. " "	B&O	" " 2	8:55 AM	" "
Ar. New York	"	" " "	12:55 PM	" 15

(Jersey City)

Accommodations: Coach Riverton, Nebr. to Table Rock, Nebr.  
Standard sleeper Table Rock, Nebr. to St. Louis, Mo. and St. Louis,  
Mo. 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-M  
Bower, William (MA)

April 26, 1933

Mrs. Ida Bower,  
RFD #1, Box 5,  
Riverton, Nebraska

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. ~~151,804~~ in the amount of \$~~15.50~~, to pay for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

1 Incl.  
Check No.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

March 11, 1933.

Bower, William MA M

Mrs. Ida Bower,  
RFD #1, Box 5,  
Riverton, Nebraska.

Dear Madam:

With reference to previous correspondence on this subject, you are informed that your passport has been received and will be delivered to you aboard ship.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Bower, William (MA)  
Bower, Mrs. Ida  
RFD #1 Box 5  
Riverton, Franklin Co. Nebraska.  
President Harding May 17 1933.

Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

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

Walter I Bower.

Name

Riverton Franklin Co. Nebraska.

Address

Son.

Relationship

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Ida Bower

Your name

Riverton Franklin Co.,  
Nebraska.

Your address



QM 293 A-M  
Bower, William (MA)

January 27, 1933

Mrs. Ida Bower,  
RFD 1, Box 5,  
Riverton, Nebraska.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date relative to the pilgrimage you are scheduled to make to the grave of your son, the late Private William Bower, sailing May 17th on the PRESIDENT HARDING.

Notation has been made that you desire to have an upper berth aboard ship, and every consideration will be given your request when cabin assignments are made. Arrangements will also be made to quarter you with an American mother or widow.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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IF YOU DESIRE 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.

*case*

Bower, William (MA)  
Bower, Mrs. Ida  
RFD #1 Box 5  
Riverton, Franklin Co. Nebraska.  
President Harding May 17 1933.

Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

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

Cities where I desire to stopover:

No. of days

*There is only two requests I would like to make and that is an super (noted) berth on ship and a room mate in my one language America. I do not care to stop any where.*

Very truly yours,



*Mrs Ida Bower*  
(Your name)

*Riverton Nebraska*  
(Your address)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bower Wm (MA)

July 8 1932

Mrs Ida Bower  
R F D #1 Box 5  
Riverton Neb

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

"Yes"

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Mrs Ida Bower.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bower Wm (MA)

July 8 1932

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R F D #1 Box 5  
Riverton Neb

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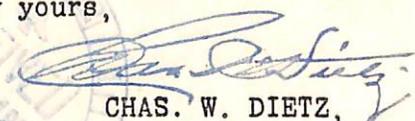
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Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

Undecided  
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Mrs Ida Bower

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

January 12, 1932.

Mrs. Ida Bower,  
R. F. D. #1, Box #5,  
Riverton, Nebraska.

Dear Madam:

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

It is noted you previously stated your health was poor, and in this connection you are advised that competent personnel will be provided to care for your comfort and needs and doctors and nurses will be available. During the summers of 1930 and 1931 hundreds of mothers in poor health and of advanced age made the journey and appear to have benefited therefrom. D

In the event you change your mind and desire to visit the grave of your son during the coming summer, it is requested you notify this office. Should you make a pilgrimage you are assured that the journey will not only be made at the expense of the Government but that everything necessary for your comfort and welfare will be provided.

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-M  
Bower, William Pvt. (M-A) M

June 11, 1931.

Mrs. Ida Bower,  
R.F.D. #1, Box #5,  
Riverton, Nebr.

Dear Madam:

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

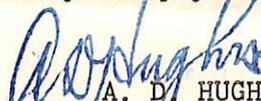
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As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? No.

Write answer here

Mrs Ida Bower.  
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

October 10, 1930

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Bower, William Pvt 1232 M

Mrs. Ida Bower  
R. F. D. #1, Box 5,  
Riverton, Nebraska

Dear Madam:

A reply has not been received to office letter of recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages in 1931, 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?	No.
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	No.
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age 55. Condition of health Very Poor
4. Do you speak English?	Yes
5. What other language do you speak?	None

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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

Bower, William 1232 M

June 7, 1930

Mrs. Ida Bower  
R. F. D. #1, Box 5  
Riverton, Nebr.

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)

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Bower, William 1232 M

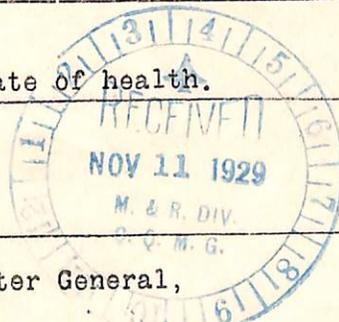
Mrs. Ida Bower,  
R. F. D. #1, Box 5,  
Riverton, Nebraska.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress not later than December 15, 1929. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No) <i>No</i>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No) <i>No</i>
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes)	(No) <i>No</i>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <i>54</i> (Years)	Health <i>Poor</i> (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	<i>yes.</i> English - (Yes)	(No) Other language (Specify language spoken)



For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*John T. Harris*  
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, William  
1232

Sept. 4, 1929.

Mr. Henry Bower,  
RFD #1, Box #5,  
Riverton, Nebr.

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:

*He has no widow*

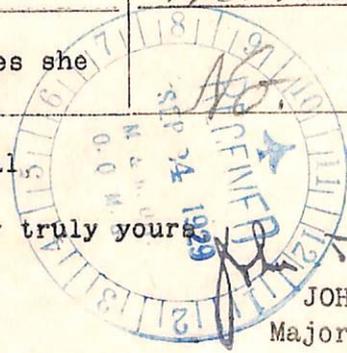
2. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

*Mrs Ida Bower  
Riverton Nebr.  
Mother.*

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

For The Quartermaster General

Very truly yours,



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

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PARTY "A"  
HEUSE ARGONNE GROUP.

1. Arrived at Le Havre, France, at 6:10 PM May 25, on the SS President Harding, in charge of Capt. John O'Daniel, Inf., and Lt. Russell J. Nelson, Inf., and were met by Lt. Col. R.H. Jordan, Q.M.C. Left Le Havre at 6:55 PM and arrived at the Gare des Invalides at 10:45 PM. De-trained and spent the night at the Hotel Lutetia.
2. Friday, May 26, the morning was spent in conferences with the Conducting Officers. Lunch was held at the hotel and the pilgrim visited Napoleon's Tomb during the afternoon.
3. Saturday, May 27, the morning was free, lunch was at the hotel, and that afternoon the pilgrim attended the ceremony at the Arc de Triomphe and had tea at the Restaurant Laurent.
4. Sunday, May 28, the pilgrim left Paris at 8:00, visited Meaux, lunched at the town of Reims, and visited Verdun. Stayed overnight here.
5. Monday, May 29, left for the cemetery, had lunch there and went to Montfaucon and Verdun. Stayed overnight there. Dinner at the hotel.
6. Tuesday, May 30, Memorial Day Services at the cemetery, lunched there and had dinner at the hotel.
7. Wednesday, May 31, left for St. Mihiel cemetery, lunched at the Grand Hotel, Nancy, and had dinner at the hotel at Verdun.
8. Thursday, June 1, visited the cemetery and departed for Reims, where the night was spent.
9. Friday, June 2, visited O.A. cemetery and departed for Reims, visited the A.M. Cemetery, lunched at Chateau Thierry and then went to Paris.
10. Saturday, June 3, the morning was free. Lunch at the hotel and a visit to the Louvre in the afternoon.
11. Sunday, June 4, church in the morning, lunch at the hotel, and went on a sightseeing tour at night.
12. Monday, June 5, went to Sacre Coeur in the morning, lunched in the Bois, and visited the Lafayette Esplanade.
13. Tuesday, June 6, shopped during the morning, lunched at the hotel and then went to Versailles.
14. Wednesday, June 7, visited Notre Dame, lunched at the hotel and then went to Cluzay.
15. Thursday, June 8, departed from the Gare des Invalides for Le Havre, arrived there at noon and embarked on the SS Manhattan, which sailed at 1:15 PM.

BOWER IDA (MRS.)

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	BOWER	3	2 5 12 / 3
BURIED	William.		
	CEMETERY 1232	1	1
	GRAVE 32	2	32
	ROW 2	2	02
	BLOCK 74	1	8
STATE	Nebr.	2	32
PANK	Pnt	1	2
DIVISION	32	2	32
ORGANIZATION	127	3	127
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARTIAL	No	1	2
NAME	Bower	3	2 5 12 / 3
Mrs. Ida	STATE nebr.	2	32
RESIDENCE	COUNTY Franklin	2	31
R 70-1-Box 5	CITY Riverton	3	X X X
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER	Father	1	1
ELIGIBILITY	Yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	Yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Bad	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR. 1933	1	4
ACCEPTANCE	yes	1	1
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**AUDITED**  
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\$ no. 1419704

Riverton Nebr  
March 26. 1919.

Dear Sir:-

I have sent your card stating my wish and family to have my son William Bower co F/27th Inf body remain abroad if a cemetery is set apart for this purpose only as I feel his body will be cared for just as good there as here and I could not see him and would only make matters worse I would like to know where he was wounded and how long he lived after he was hurt and if he saw any thing I never got a letter nor a card stating he got

(No)  
Wm. B. Bower, William

REC'D  
ENLISTED DIVISION

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over there and I feel they  
are piled up some where  
I would like to have all  
his belonging if he had  
any if I could get them  
we would be pleased to  
know all we could about  
him thanking you for all  
favores received.

Very respectfully.

Mrs Ida Bower.

Riverton

Nebr

Mother of William Bower  
Co., Ft. 127th Inf.

Rec'd Cas. Div.

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Wm. 293.8 Bowers, Williams

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ENLISTED DIVISION



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From: Central Records Office, A.P.O 902, A.E.F., April 29, 1919.

To: The A.G.O., War Department, Washington, D.C.

1. Returned with the information that

Name Bower, William Rank Pvt.

Number EXX 1419704 Organization Co. F, 127th. Inf.

Died of wounds 10-4-18 c.c. 282, in Mobile Hosp. #2. Buried 10-4-18 Amer.

Cemetery Chateau Salvange, Rarecourt, Meuse. Grave #68.

For the Commander in Chief:

EARLE BOOTHE,  
Adjutant General.

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115 REC'D BACK A G O, MAY 15 1919

Rec'd Cas. Div.

MAY 15 1919

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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QM 293 A-M  
Bower, William (MA)

January 27, 1933

Mrs. Ida Bower,  
RFD 1, Box 5,  
Riverton, Nebraska.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date relative to the pilgrimage you are scheduled to make to the grave of your son, the late Private William Bower, sailing May 17th on the PRESIDENT HARDING.

Notation has been made that you desire to have an upper berth aboard ship, and every consideration will be given your request when cabin assignments are made. Arrangements will also be made to quarter you with an American mother or widow.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bower Wm (MA)

July 8 1932

Mrs Ida Bower  
R F D #1 Box 5  
Riverton Neb

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

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

(Write answer here)

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

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

January 12, 1932.

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For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Bower, William

December 28, 1931

SUBJECT: Correction in Headstone Listing.

TO: Chief, American Graves Registration Service in Europe,  
20 rue Molitor, Paris, France.

1. It is requested the headstone listing be corrected and the stone recut if necessary for the following case in the Meuse Argonne American Cemetery:

Grave 52, Row 2, Block H, should read

William Bower - Pvt. - 127 Inf. - 32 Div. - Nebraska - Oct. 4, 1918

2. It is requested this office be advised when action has been taken.

For The Quartermaster General:

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

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EUROPE: CORRECT DATE OF DEATH

Grave 32, Row 2, Block H, Meuse-Argonne A/C

William Bower - Pvt. - 127 Inf. - 32 Div. -- Nebraska - Oct. 4, 1918

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

June 11, 1931.

Bower, William Pvt. (M-A) M

Mrs. Ida Bower,  
R.F.D. #1, Box #5,  
Riverton, Nebr.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

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Sign here

October 10, 1930

Bower, William Pvt 1232 M

Mrs. Ida Bower  
R. F. D. #1, Box 5,  
Riverton, Nebraska

Dear Madam:

A reply has not been received to office letter of recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages in 1931, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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

Bower, William 1282 M

June 7, 1930

Mrs. Ida Bower  
R. F. D. #1, Box 5  
Riverton, Nebr.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Bower, William 1232 M

Mrs. Ida Bower,  
R. F. D. #1, Box 5,  
Riverton, Nebraska.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress not later than December 15, 1929. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bower, William  
1232

Sept, 4, 1929.

Mr. Henry Bower,  
RFD #1, Box #5,  
Riverton, Nebr.

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

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

**Bower, William.**

June 20, 1929.

Mr. Henry Bower,  
RFD#1, Bx. #5,  
Riverton, Nebr.

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 William Bower, Co. F. 127th 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.

In reply refer to:  
QM - 293 C-R

Sept. 7, 1923.

Mr. Henry Bower,  
R.F.D. 1, Box 5,  
Riverton, Nebr.

Dear Sir:

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

Private William Bower, Company F, 137th Infantry,  
is Grave 32, Row 2, Block H, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-  
sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

Very truly yours,

H. H. CHEAL,

H. J. Conner,  
Assistant.

In

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

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In effecting removal, the utmost care and reverence were

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

March 11, 1933.

Bower, William MA M

Mrs. Ida Bower,  
RFD #1, Box 5,  
Riverton, Nebraska.

Dear Madam:

With reference to previous correspondence on this subject, you are informed that your passport has been received and will be delivered to you aboard ship.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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1933 MAR - 13 - AM 10:16

OCMG M&R BR

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Bower, William, Pvt.,  
Co. F, 127th Inf.

June 28, 1933.

Mrs. Ida Bower,  
Rte. #1, Box 5,  
Riverton, Nebraska.

Dear Madam:

In compliance with your recent request,  
instructions have been issued to forward you a  
flag in honor of the above named decedent, pro-  
vided a flag has not previously been furnished  
for him.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JAS. H. LAUBACH,  
Lt. Colonel, Q.M. Corps,  
Assistant.

COPI FOR: COMMANDING OFFICER, Washington Quartermaster Depot.

With instructions to furnish flag.

0278

1933 JUN -28- PM 12:30

msb  
O QMG M & R BR

# American Gold Star Mothers

OF THE WORLD WAR, INC.  
NEW YORK STATE



Headquarters: Pennsylvania Hotel, Seventh Avenue and 33rd Street, New York City

Quarter Master General  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have been informed that I am entitled to an American flag from the Government in memory of

my beloved Son SON OR DAUGHTER Name of Deceased William Bower <sup>243</sup>

Address of Deceased Road 1 Box 5' Riverton Nebraska  
NUMBER STREET CITY STATE

Army, Navy, Marine Army 129 Inf. F  
RANK REGIMENT COMPANY

Stationed at Verdun

Lost at Sea  Among the Missing  Or Unknown

Place and Date of Death Verdun Oct 4. 1918.

Where Buried Muse Argonne Cemetery

Name of Mother Mrs Ida Bower

Address Road 1. Box 6' Riverton Nebraska.  
NUMBER STREET CITY STATE

I will be very grateful if same will be forwarded to me.

Respectfully yours,

*Mrs Ida Bower.*

# American Guild Star

OF THE WORLD WAR, INC.  
NEW YORK STATE



Headquarters: Pennsylvania Hotel, Seventh Avenue and 33rd Street, New York City

Quarter Master General  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have been informed that I am entitled to an American flag from the Government in memory of

my beloved \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Decedent

SON OR DAUGHTER

Address of Decedent \_\_\_\_\_

Army, Navy, Marine \_\_\_\_\_

Stationed at \_\_\_\_\_

Lost at Sea \_\_\_\_\_ Among the Missing \_\_\_\_\_ Or-Unknown \_\_\_\_\_

Place and Date of Death \_\_\_\_\_

Where Buried \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Mother \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

I will be very grateful if same will be forwarded to me.

Respectfully yours,



Mrs. Helen Brown

Bower, William  
Pot.

109.22  
16.50  
13.50

WESTERN MILITARY BUREAU  
ROUTE AND SCHEDULE

EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE SAILING FROM NEW YORK CITY May 17, 1933

Franklin County, State of Nebraska

Name Bower, Mrs Ida (A-5)

Address RFD #1, Box 5, Riverton, Nebraska.

Route going: CB&Q St Louis, B&O New York

Return: Same route

		ROAD	TRAIN	TIME	DATE
Itinerary going	Lv Riverton	CB&Q	16	10:09 AM	May 13
	Ar St Louis	"	"	7:12 AM	" 14
	Lv "	B&O	2	8:55 AM	" "
	Ar New York	"	"	12:55 PM	" 15
	Lv (Jersey City)				
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Accommodations: Coach Riverton, Nebr. to Table Rock, Nebr. Standard sleeper Table Rock, Nebr. to St Louis, Mo. and St Louis, Mo. to New York, N.Y.

Elapsed Time: 49 hrs:46 min.

2 1/4

Extra Fare:

MAA

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bower, William (son)  
Pvt. Co. F, 127th Inf.

July 12, 1935

Mrs. Ida Bower,  
Rte. 1, Box 5,  
Riverton, Nebraska.

Dear Madam:

In compliance with your recent request,  
instructions have been issued to forward you a  
flag in honor of the above named decedent, pro-  
vided a flag has not previously been furnished  
for him.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JAS. H. LAUBACH,  
Lt. Colonel, Q.M. Corps,  
Assistant.

1935 JUL - 12 - M 11:16  
OQMG M & R BR  
COPY FOR: COMMANDING OFFICER, Washington Quartermaster Depot.

With instructions to furnish flag

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Riverton Nebr  
July 6. 1933.

Dear Sir,

When I got your letter I was not at home so will answer it to day. Now in regard to the flag, I have never received a flag only a little one I got from the city of New York. so if I am entitiled to one I sure would be glad to get it.

A gold star mother

Part. Wm Bower.  
1232  
Co 7. 127 Inf.

Mrs Ida Bower  
Riverton  
Nebr  
Rout 1. Box 6;

243-514



QM 293 A-M  
Bower, Wm. (MA)

June 29, 1933.

Mrs. Ida Bower,  
R. F. D. #1, Box #6,  
Riverton, Nebraska.

Dear Mrs. Bower:

Receipt is acknowledged of the letter of June 8th signed by you and the other members of Party A who visited the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in France.

It is gratifying to know that your trip was entirely satisfactory and that the officers of the Army, the nurses and other personnel rendered such courteous and efficient 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 journey might have a comfortable and pleasant trip. I feel, however, that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation and consideration shown by the mothers and widows themselves.

You are assured that the Meuse-Argonne Cemetery will be forever maintained in the same fine condition in which you found it, as it will be the constant effort of the Quartermaster Corps to make it a fitting resting place for the heroes buried there.

With sincere appreciation of the complimentary remarks regarding the conduct of the pilgrimage, I am

Sincerely yours,

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

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mef

1933 JUL - 9 - AM 10:12

OQMG M & R BR

J.L.D.  
JEL  
Riz  
RTE

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

*Bauer, William  
 Private*

Party ..... **A** .....

Number ..... **11** .....

**REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATIONS.**

..... **Bower, Mrs. Ida** .....  
 Name of Pilgrim  
 ..... **RFD #1 Box 5, Riverton** .....  
 City Home Address County  
 ..... **Nebraska** .....  
 State

Actual cost of  
 Through Pullman at the  
 Lower Berth Rate.

New York, to ..... **Riverton, Nebr.** .....

Destination of Ticket **Riverton, Nebr.** .....

\$..... **13.50** .....

via ..... **B. & O. to St. Louis - C. B. & O. to Riverton, Nebr.** .....

..... **June 16, 1933** .....

Date of Departure

..... **July 21, 1933** .....

Expiration Date of Ticket

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower Seat or Coach	Car	U.S.G. Order No.	Actual Cost
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Ar. <b>St. Louis, Mo.</b>	"	"	<b>6/17</b>	<b>9:30 P.M.</b>	<b>lower 8</b>	<b>33</b>		
Lv. "	<b>B&amp;O</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>6/17</b>	<b>11:45 P.M.</b>				
Ar. <b>Kansas City, Mo.</b>	"	"	<b>6/18</b>	<b>7:50 a.m.</b>	<b>lower 6</b>	<b>26</b>		
Lv. "	"	<b>41</b>	<b>6/18</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>sec 5</b>			
Ar. <b>Napier, Mo.</b>	"	"	<b>6/18</b>	<b>1:40 P.M.</b>	<b>seat</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1028682</b>	<b>13.50</b>
Lv. "	"	<b>3</b>	<b>6/18</b>	<b>1:43 P.M.</b>				
Ar. <b>Riverton, Nebr.</b>	"	"	<b>6/18</b>	<b>8:47 P.M.</b>	<b>no pullman</b>			
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Cost \$

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**13.50**

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**GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.**

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BOWER-1419764 - William  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt. C.F. 127 inf.  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL. October 4, 1918

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

American Cemetery  
Chatham Subcamp  
Rancocas, Newark

GRAVE NUMBER. 65

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS :  
Was one buried with body? yes  
Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker?  
If name unknown and tags missing, description and marks should be given here :

REPORTED BY :  
William L. Wood, Chaplain  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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G.R.S. Form #114 B

To The A. G. O.

12460

DATE Oct. 18, 1921

1. NAME BOWER, William

OCT 6 - 1926

SERIAL No. 1419704

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. F. 127th Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse Argonne Amer. Romagne/s/Montfaucon 1232 sec 62

CTY. NAME NUMBER

82 sec 62 2

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Near Froidos Meuse.

COORDINATES Bar-le-Duc 51 NE 255.3N 308.3 E

CONCENTRATED TO June 16 1919 82 62 2

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Meuse Argonne. 1232.

CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on body

DATE OF DEATH Oct. 14, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Nebraska

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none

Data form 1 SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

M. B. BIRDSEYE  
1st Lt., Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Oct. 18, 1921 32 2 Block H

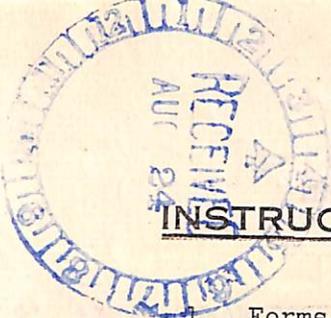
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Meuse-Argonne American Cty 1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse)

CEMETERY Robert C. Davis, Major General, The Adjutant General, By A.S.A.

OCT 6 1926 WORLD WAR DIV.

AUDITED BY Rev. 4-15-23



INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.
2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.
3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.
4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form I6, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.



Place NEUFCHATEAUDate 27th June 1919REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name BOWER, WilliamNumber: 1419704Rank Pvt

Organization:

Co F 127th Inf

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit:

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

16th June 1919Amer Mil Cty Grave 62 Row 3CHATEAU SALVANGE MEUSE51 NE E 308.3 N 255.3

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

16th June 1919Grave No 82 Sec 62 Plot 2ARGONNE AMER CEMETERY No 1232ROMAGNE MEUSE

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

Burial good; buried in blanket; body decomposed.Was one identification tag found upon the body? YesWhat other means of identification were found upon the body? None

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon the bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct, as is required by C.O. 170, G.H.Q. 1918., whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by Lt Nichols

CONFIRMED No. D.....

R. H. ROSENTHAL2nd Lieut. Q.M.G.U.S.A.

JMB

C.O. Group

Unit

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #30608.

(a) Name BOWER, William. Ser. No. 1419704.
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. F, 127th Inf.
(c) Date of death 10-4-18. (d) Cause of death DWRIA.

TYP. rln.
CKR [initials]

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

(a) Grave No. 82 Row - Plot 2 Sec. 62. TYP. rln.
(b) Emerg. Address Henry Bower, (Father) RFD #1, B #5, Riverton, Nebr.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

CKR [initials]

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt

(a) Name Mrs. Ida Bower (b) Relationship "Father"?
(c) Address R # 1 Box 5, Riverton, Nebr.
(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 bCR Date 5-6-1920

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

Mrs. Ida Bower Mother, Riverton, Nebr., dated 3-26-19 confirming request in Par. IV., item "d", above, or requesting that

Examiner's Initials bCR Date 5-7-1920

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

no request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to?

Examiner's Initials bCR Date 5-6-1920

COUNTRY FRANCE,

CEMETERY No. 1232-Sec. 62. SHEET No. 16.

JUN 9 1921

checked [initials]

5-7-21



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Oct. 18, 1921.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters. Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name <u>BOWER, William</u>	10. Name
2. No. <u>1419704</u>	11. No.
3. Rank <u>Pvt.</u>	12. Rank
4. Org. <u>Co. F, 127th Inf.</u>	13. Org.
5. D.D. <u>Oct. 4th 18</u>	14. (a) D.D.
6. C.D. <u>DOW RIA</u>	(b) D.B. <u>No discrepancies.</u>

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. <u>82</u> Sec. <u>62</u>	15. Grave No. Sec.
8. Plot <u>2</u> Row	16. Plot Row
9.	17. <u>No discrepancies.</u>

18. Cemetery <u>Meuse Argonne Amer.</u>	19. Commune or town <u>Romagne/s/Mont faucon</u>
20. Dept. or County <u>Meuse</u>	21. Country <u>France</u>
22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. <u>1232 sec 62</u>	

23. Disinterred (Date) Oct. 18, 1921. By Ed. Lavelle.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name <u>William Bower</u>	Serial No. <u>1419704</u>
Rank <u>Pvt.</u>	Organization <u>Co. F, 127th Inf.</u>

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

*Rex M. Moody*  
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant  
 Rex M. Moody

PREPARATION

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

Tags agree with GRS records. GRS plaque also agrees.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Wooden box and uniform.

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Oct. 18, 1921. By Ed. Lavelle.

31. Casket sealed by Ed. Lavelle.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) *Ed. Lavelle*  
 Ed. Lavelle.

ADMITTED BY

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-11869

32. Designation of body: \_\_\_\_\_

Name POWER, William Serial No. 1419704

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. F, 127th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse Argonne Amer. Romagne/s/Montfaucon 1232

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Oct. 18, 1921. By Ed. Lavelle.

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 Ed. J. Turgeon, Captain, QMC.

36. Remarks None.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) October 18th, 1921. d

To point of Concentration Morgue, Romagne.

Convoyer W. J. Royed. Signature Shipping Officer C. F. Spann, Captain, QMC.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_

By G.R.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_

To Permanent Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

40. Received: Date \_\_\_\_\_

G.R.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

41. Reinterred Meuse Argonne Cem. 1232, Oct, 18, 1921.

42. Grave No. 32 (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. P/dv Block H. Row 2

G.R.S. Representative James W. Younger



# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF BOWER, William SERIAL NUMBER 1419704

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. F. 127th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Oct. 18, 1921 From (give complete location): gr 82, sec 62, plot 2.

By: Group 5 Unit sec 1

3. Reburied (date): Oct. 18, 1921. Meuse Argonne Cem. 1232, Row 2 Bl. H.Gr. 32. In (give complete location):

By: Group Reburial S c. Unit 5 Nature of reburial unlined casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: wooden box and blanket and burlap, badly decomposed, features not recognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? yes On grave marker? yes.

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks: tags agree with G.R.S. records, G.R.S. plaque also agrees.

3 MBD.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) impossible to determine.

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

Quantity do

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

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

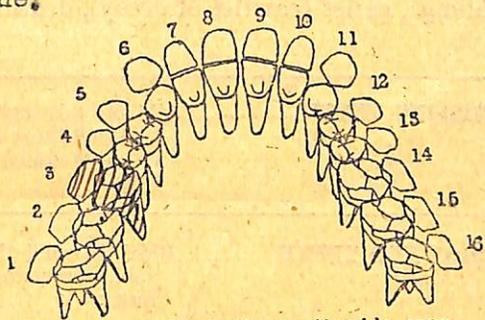
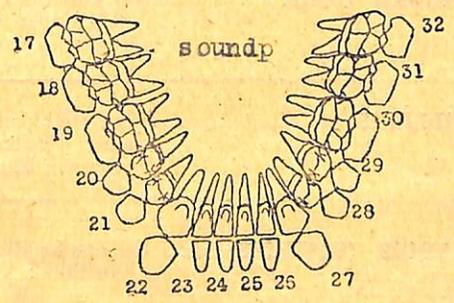


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



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7. Disinterment supervised by Ed Lavelle  
Ed Lavelle.

Approved: Edw. J. Turgeon  
Edw. J. Turgeon, Capt. C.M.C.  
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by W. B. SHEILD  
W. B. SHEILD

Approved: JAMES W. YOUNGER  
(Title) JAMES W. YOUNGER  
CAPT. QMC

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

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

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

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



# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #30608.

(a) Name BOWER, William. Ser. No. 1419704.  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. F, 127th Inf.  
 (c) Date of death 10-4-18. (d) Cause of death DWRIA.

} TYP. rln.  
*OB*

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

(a) Grave No. 82 Row - Plot 2 Sec. 62. TYP. rln.  
 (b) Emerg. Address Henry Bower, (Father) RFD #1, Box #5, Riverton, Nebr.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases //////////////////// CKR. *OB*

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

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V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on ....., 192  
*Sec. #62.* { letter of transmittal on JUN 1 1921, 192  
 Par. #2, Not To Be Returned  
*men.*

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

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

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