

To The A. G. O.

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C.R.S. Form #114-B

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FULL NAME *BOWERS, Floyd*

RANK *Corporal* SERIAL *113581*

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION *Company D, 150th Machine Gun Battalion*

DATE OF DEATH *July 28, 1918*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME *Pa*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED *No record*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION. Date Grave Row Block

608 Cemetery

*C 37666  
Widow  
Grandmother  
23/306/ARK*

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WAR DIV.*

Rec'd World War Div  
3 MAR 12 1928

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2-8-29*

AUDITED BY: *W. Davis*  
*2827-26-24*  
*14 1-9-26*

Place Ch. 608

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date 4.19.21

1. REMAINS OF BOWERS, FLOYD SERIAL NUMBER 113581

RANK CPL ORGANIZATION CO. D. 150th M.G. Bn.

2. Disinterred (date): 4.19.21 From (give complete location): Gr 16 Sect C Plot 1

FIELD SECTION # 7

By: Group KELLY Unit \_\_\_\_\_

3. Reburied (date): 4.19.21 In (give complete location): Gr 16 Sect C Plot 1

FIELD SECTION # 7 PINE BOX & BURLAP

By: Group KELLY Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial \_\_\_\_\_

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

BADLY DECOMPOSED FEATURES UNRECOGNIZABLE

UNIFORM. BURLAP. PINE BOX AND RAIN COAT.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? YES On grave marker? NO

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

TAG ON BODY O.K.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) IMP TO DETER

(b) Weight (estimated) DO

(c) Hair—Color DARK BROWN

Quantity HEAVY

Characteristics STRAIGHT

(d) Hair on face—Color IMP TO DETER

Location DO

Quantity DO

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

missing parts) IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

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

IMP TO DETER

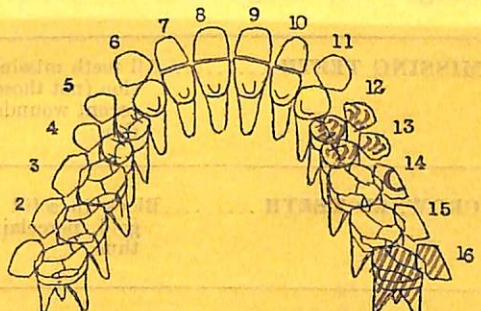
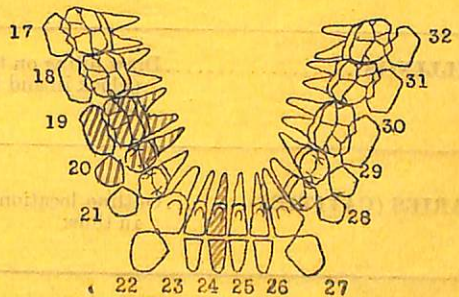


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



12, 13, broken off. 14, cav. 16, ext. 19, 20, 24, mis. a. d.

A-20993

7. Disinterment supervised by F.G. KELLY, SUP. EMB.

Approved: A.E. DEWEY, 1st LT. QMC.  
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by F.G. KELLY, SUP. EMB.

Approved: A.E. DEWEY, 1st LT. QMC.  
(Title)

G.F. FORM NO.

Pla Seringes (Aisne)

Date June 6, 19

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: Floyd Bowers

Number: ?

Rank: Cpl.

Organization: Co. D. 150th. MG. Bn.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group Unit 304

Disinterred (Date) June 5, 19 From: (Give complete location)

Grave #8 Sketch #/39-Carr. Map# 33 Soissons. SE. 270.8N-190.95E

Reburied (Date) June 6, 19 in: (Give complete location)

Grave # 16 Section C° Plot. #1. Cemetery #608 Seringes et Nesles (Aisne)

Map #33 Soissons. SE. 275.4N-195.25E

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

Buried 4 feet deep--- Body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? No tags.

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

Identified by name on cross.

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CONFIRMED No. P

Note:

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

Supervised by: Sgt. Glenn M. Mack

1st. Lt. Oscar W. Forsberg.

C.O. Group Unit 304

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Bowers	3	253
BURIED	Flayd	1	2
CEMETERY	608	1	2
GRAVE	23	2	23
ROW	16	2	16
BLOCK	B	1	2
STATE	Pa.	2	44
RANK	Cpl	1	2
DIVISION	42	2	42
ORGANIZATION	150	5	150
ARM	Mg. Co.	1	2
MARITAL	Remarried	1	3
NAME	Rhein	3	08 8 5
Mrs. Mamie R.	Rhe.	3	08 8 5
STATE	Penna	2	44
RESIDENCE	Berks	2	06
917 Pike St	Reading	3	237
CITY	Reading	3	237
RELATION	mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Poor	1	2
NO. OF SONS	two	1	2
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	No	1	
29/514/	Age	1	

Other Sons  
15  
Helson  
1724

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Sept. 8, 1932

Bowers, Nelson R. (AM) \*  
Bowers, Floyd (OA) ✓

Mrs. Mamie R. Rhein,  
917 Pike St.,  
Reading, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

In order that your desires may be of record, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:  
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bowers, Nelson R. (AM)\* Bowers, Floyd (OA)\* ✓

July 14, 1932

Mrs. Mamie R. Rhein,  
917 Pike St.,  
Reading, Penna.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries of Europe during the years 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933 for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces who were lost or buried at sea or whose remains are interred in Europe.

Your attention is particularly invited to the fact that this is the last opportunity you will have to make the pilgrimage under the provisions of the above mentioned Act. Unless you take advantage of this LAST chance to make a trip in 1933 you will receive no benefit from the Act. There is no provision of law which will permit the Government to make a money allowance to any mother or widow who does not choose to make the pilgrimage.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU GIVE THE MATTER YOUR MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BEFORE REACHING A DECISION, BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE TRIP AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

In order to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations for the mothers and widows making the journey in 1933, reservations for steamship transportation must be made by this office several months in advance. It is requested that you answer the questions below by writing "Yes" or "No" or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question. When you have answered the question, sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. PLEASE DO NOT DELAY, as it is essential that the information be in this office promptly.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make the pilgrimage during the years 1930, 1931 or 1932. There is enclosed a circular of information WHICH YOU SHOULD READ VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING YOUR DECISION.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

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

American Importer

7-27-32

O-A

Bowers, Floyd,

of ill health (orig. Miss Boyd)

I decline (because) the invitation extended  
(Accept or decline)

me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of the Government of the United States under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Mamie Rhein

(Name)

917 Pike St., Reading, Berks Co. Pa

(Town or city)

(State)

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American Importer

7-27-32

O-A

Bowers, Floyd Cpl.

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Mrs. Mamie Rhein

(Name)

917 Pike St., Reading, Berks Co., Pennsylvania

(Town or city)

(State)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1930 22679

*Amended, 1-20-32*

QM 293 A-M

\* Bowers, Floyd Cpl. (O-A) M  
Bowers, Nelson R. Pvt. (A-M)

January 20, 1932.

Mrs. Mamie R. Rhein,  
917 Pike Street,  
Reading, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communications of recent date declining the invitation to visit the graves of your sons, the late Private Nelson R. Bowers and Corporal Floyd Bowers.

It is deeply regretted that your health will not permit you to make the pilgrimage at this time and it is sincerely hoped that you will improve rapidly. You will again be communicated with relative to your desire to visit your sons' graves when the pilgrimages are being arranged for 1933, and it is hoped that at that time you will feel able to take advantage of the offer of the Government.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

LMS  
OK

*For Decline Cd.*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

July 22, 1931.

Bowers, Floyd Cpl. (O-A) M\*

Mrs. Mamie Rhein,  
917 Pike St.,  
Reading, Pa.

*R. Soud*

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.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 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 either of the words "Yes", "No", or "Undecided" 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 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*  
A. D. HUGHES,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.



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

*yes - if my health permits*  
Write answer here

*Mrs Mamie Rhein*

Sign here

President Roosevelt

Bowers, Floyd, Cpl.

7-22-31

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I decline 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.

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Mrs. Mamie Rhein

(Name)

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917 Pike St., Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania

(Town or City)

(State)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Bowers, Floyd Cpl 608 M

October 11, 1930

Mrs. Mamie Rhein  
917 Pike Street  
Reading, Pennsylvania

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?	<i>yes - if my health permits</i>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	<i>yes if law able</i>
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age <i>56</i> Condition of health <i>fair</i>
4. Do you speak English?	<i>yes</i>
5. What other language do you speak?	<i>none</i>

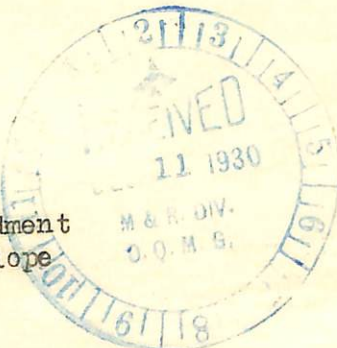
For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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Amendment  
Envelope

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bowers, Floyd 608 M

June 7, 1930

Mrs. Mamie Rhein  
917 Pike Street  
Reading, Pennsylvania.

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

March 13, 1930

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Bowers, Floyd 606 H

Mrs. Mamie Rhein,  
917 Pike St.,  
Reading, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(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,

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  
Bowers, Floyd 608

March 6, 1930

Berks Co. Trust Co.  
Reading, Pennsylvania.

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 guardian of the child of the late Cpl. Floyd R. Bowers, Co. D, 150th Mach. Gun. Bat., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow - who has not since remarried?

YES; HAS SINCE  
REARRIED

2. If so, give her complete address.

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

MRS.  
MOTHER: MARIE RHEIN  
917- PIKE ST.,  
READING, PA.

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

DATE February 10 1930

NAME	RANK	SERIAL	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
Bowers Floyd <i>R.</i>	Cpl	113581	Co D 150th Mach Gun Bat	July 28 1918

STATE	Pemsylvania	CTY. NO.	608	GRAVE	23	ROW	16	BLOCK	B
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	<u>Check relationship</u>		<u>Living</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>Deceased</u>
NAME AND ADDRESS	MOTHER	:	:	:	:
	STEPMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:	:	:
	MOTHER THRU ADOPTION (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:	:	:
	MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:	:	:
	WIDOW (Who has not remarried)	:	:	:	:
	<i>Married Man</i>	:	:	:	:

*no records* *Xc. 37666*  
*2/13*  
*Gen of Child. W*  
*Berks Co. Trust B.*  
*Reading - Pa.*  
  
*no acc. of*  
*Re. m. wife*

Veterans Bureau Claim Number 29/156

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bowers, Floyd

Sept. 26, 1929.

Berke County Trust Co.,  
Reading, Pa.

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 <sup>guardian of</sup> John Bowers, son of the late Cpl. Floyd, Co. D, 150th MG Bn., 42nd Div., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery,

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

Write answers in space below:

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried?
2. If so, give her complete address.
3. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bowers, Floyd  
608

Aug. 28, 1929.

Mrs. Mamie Rothermal Rhein,  
1416 N. 10th St.,  
Reading, Pa.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 21, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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


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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

*gan of John Bowers - done*  
*Berk County Trust Co.*  
*Reading Pa*

*37666*

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 21, 1929.

**Bowers, Floyd.**

**Mrs. Mamie Rothermel Rhein,  
1416 N. 10th St.,  
Reading, Pa.**

*X C 37-666*  
*7/19*  
*SP*

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late **Corporal Floyd Bowers, Co. D, 150th M.G. Bn., 42nd Division, whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.**

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

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is 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

~~Bowers, Floyd Cpl. (O-A) M~~  
✓ Bowers, Nelson R. Pvt. (A-M)

January 20, 1932.

Mrs. Mamie R. Rhein,  
917 Pike Street,  
Reading, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communications of recent date declining the invitation to visit the graves of your sons, the late Private Nelson R. Bowers and Corporal Floyd Bowers.

It is deeply regretted that your health will not permit you to make the pilgrimage at this time and it is sincerely hoped that you will improve rapidly. You will again be communicated with relative to your desire to visit your sons' graves when the pilgrimages are being arranged for 1933, and it is hoped that at that time you will feel able to take advantage of the offer of the Government.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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JAN 21 10:30  
LMS

MAJOR M. R. B. R.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

July 22, 1931.

Bowers, Floyd Cpl. (O-A) M\*

Mrs. Mamie Rhein,  
917 Pike St.,  
Reading, Pa.

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.

0589 JUL 23 1931  
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 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 either of the words "Yes", "No", or "Undecided" 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 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? \_\_\_\_\_  
Write answer here

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sign here

QM 293 A-1

October 11, 1930

Bowers, Floyd Cpl 608 M

Mrs. Mamie Rhein  
917 Pike Street  
Reading, Pennsylvania

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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Amendment  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bowers, Floyd 608 M

June 7, 1930

Mrs. Mamie Rhein  
917 Pike Street  
Reading, Pennsylvania.

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

March 13, 1930

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bowers, Floyd 608 M

Mrs. Mamie Rhein,  
917 Pike St.,  
Reading, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(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,

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  
Bowers, Floyd 608

March 6, 1930

Berks Co. Trust Co.  
Reading, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the <sup>guardian of the child of</sup> the late Cpl. Floyd R. Bowers, Co. D, 130th Inf., 6th Div., the Bat., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

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

2. If so, give her complete address.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Bowers, Floyd

Sept. 26, 1929.

Berks County Trust Co.,  
Reading, Pa.

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 guardian of John Bowers, son of the late Cpl. Floyd, Co. D, 150th MG Bn., 42nd Div., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery,

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

Write answers in space below:

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

2. If so, give her complete address.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
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JOHN T. HARRIS,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bowers, Floyd  
608

Aug. 28, 1929.

Mrs. Mamie Rothermal Rhein,  
1416 N. 10th St.,  
Reading, Pa.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 21, 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

June 21, 1929.

Bowers, Floyd.

Mrs. Mamie Rothermal Rhein,  
1416 N. 10th St.,  
Reading, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Corporal Floyd Bowers, Co. D, 150th M.G. Bn., 42nd Division, whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

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

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since re-married it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

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QM 293 A-C

BOWERS, Floyd - Corpl.

October 24, 1925

Mrs. Mamie Rothermal Rhein,  
1416 North 10th St.,  
Reading, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

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

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1-Incl.  
Record card.



Oise-Aisne Cty. 608

G.R.S. FORM #114-A.

STATION Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE February 12, 1928

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 BOWERS, Floyd *Pa*

10. Name \_\_\_\_\_

2. No. 113581

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

3. Rank Cpl.

12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_

4. Org. Co. D, 150th M.G.Bn. *42nd Div*

13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_

5. D.D. July 28, 1918

14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_

6. C.D. KIA.

(b) D.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 23 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_

8. Plot Block B Row 16

16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_

9. \_\_\_\_\_

17. \_\_\_\_\_

18. Cemetery Oise-Aisne

19. Commune or town Seringes-et-Nesles

20. Dept. or County Aisne

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 608

23. Disinterred (Date) February 12, 1928 By L. Gordon

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name BOWERS, Floyd

Serial No. 113581

Rank Cpl.

Organization Co. D, 150th M.G.Bn.

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

Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

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

27. Condition of body \_\_\_\_\_

28. Nature of burial Pine box and burlap

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? \_\_\_\_\_

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date February 12, 1928 By L. Gordon

31. Casket sealed by L. Gordon

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

*L. Gordon*  
L. Gordon.

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. \_\_\_\_\_

32. Designation of body:

Name BOWERS, Floyd Serial No. 113581

Rank Cpl. Organization Co. D, 150th M.G. Bn.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) February 12, 1928 By Charles E. Spahn

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 Charles E. Spahn

36. Remarks \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

To point of Concentration \_\_\_\_\_

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_ (Name)

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

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

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

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

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_ (Name)

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

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

41. Reinterred February 12, 1928, Oise-Aisne American Cty.

(Date)

42. Grave No. 23 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot Block B Row 16

G.R.S. Representative William E. Moore  
William E. Moore, Superintendent.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF BOWERS, Floyd SERIAL NUMBER ~~113381~~ 113581  
RANK Cpl. ORGANIZATION Co. D, 150th M.G.Bn.

2. Disinterred (date) : February 12, 1928 From (give complete location) :  
Grave 23, Block B, Row 16

By : Group \_\_\_\_\_ Cty. \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

3. Reburied (date) February 12, 1928 In (give complete location) :  
Grave 23, Block B, Row 16

By : Group \_\_\_\_\_ Cty. \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial Metallic casket

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

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Weight (estimated) \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Hair—Color \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

Characteristics \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Hair on face—Color \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

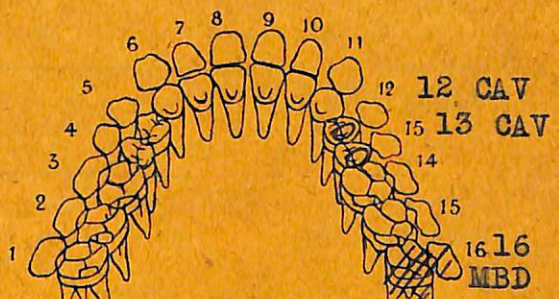
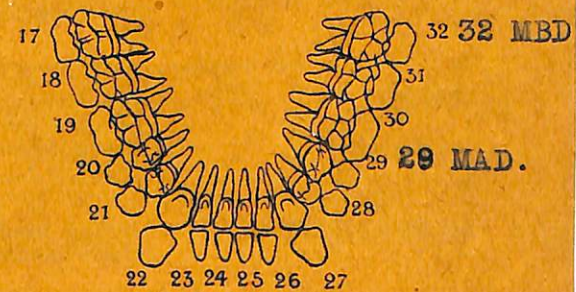


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



7. Disinterment supervised by [Signature]

Approved : [Signature]  
(Title) \_\_\_\_\_

8. Reburial supervised by [Signature]

Approved : [Signature]  
(Title) \_\_\_\_\_

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# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #15750

## I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BOWERS, Floyd Ser. No. 113581  
 (b) Rank Cpl. Organization Co. D, 150th M/G Bn.  
 (c) Date of death 7/28/18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. HB  
 CKR. *E.M.*

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

(a) Grave No. 16 Row - Plot 1 Sec. C TYP. HB  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Mamie Bowers (wife) 1416 N. 10th St., Reading, Pa.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases - CKR. *E.M.*

## IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

*no card in file 12-11-20*  
 Date of receipt PF

(a) Name \_\_\_\_\_ (b) Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
 (c) Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? \_\_\_\_\_  
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at \_\_\_\_\_  
 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Examiner's Initials PF Date 12-11, 1920.

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

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

Examiner's Initials PF Date 12-11, 1920.

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

*and* Mother, address above, Reading Pa. (11-29-20) asks to have son's body remain permanently

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? buried in France

Examiner's Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 608 SHEET No. 305

G. R. S. Form No. 115  
 Amended April 6, 1920

Make Form No. 114

**FURNISH TO COMPLETION**

FEB 5 1921 — *ap*

**CARDED**

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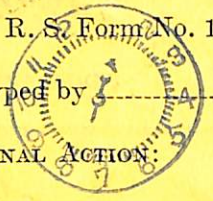
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VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

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



VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on Jan 15, 1920

Par. 2 - Not to be returned (241-17-21)

IX.

CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE.	ACTION TAKEN.
Desires body be _____	
Body to be shipped to _____	

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: B.A.W.P. - Mrs. Mary Rockermel (Grand-mother)  
Temple, Pa

March 7, 1921 - \$120 - Mrs. Mamie Romero (mother)  
1416 N. 10th St. Reading, Pa wishes remains  
left in Europe - N 3-12-21. aw.

Let 4/19/21 Inq. to mother re N/K. of Nelson & Floyd  
Bowers. <sup>GH</sup> 7/20/21 (Mother requests two sons be buried side  
by side.)

Let. Mother 8/29/21 states she is N/K of Nelson  
Bowers. <sup>GH</sup> 9/20/21

Let. 9/20/21 Inq. requests Mother to advise this  
office re. N/K Floyd Bowers.

Investigation made by this office and grave  
location shown on Form 115 is correct. <sup>GH</sup> 4/20/21

Location 100

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks:

A. G. O. Card & Corr.

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks:

G. R. S. Corr.

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks:

Checkers Clark 12-13

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks: Relationship year

*Checked*  
*12-13-20*

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February 15, 1921.

293.8-Cem #15750 (Bowers, Floyd, Corporal)

From: The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army (Cemeterial Division)  
91287 Bowers, Nelson, Pa. 112

To: Mrs. Mamie Bowers, 1416 N. 10th Street, Reading, Pa.

Subject: Regarding next of Kin.

1. In reply to your letter of November 29, 1920, you are advised that the records of this office show the emergency address of your son, Corporal Floyd Bowers, Company D, 150th Machine Gun Battalion, as Mrs. Mamie Bowers, Wife, 1416 N. 10th Street, Reading, Pennsylvania, and the emergency address of your son, Private 1st Class Nelson Bowers, Company D, 150th Machine Gun Battalion, Mrs. Mamie Bowers, Mother 1416 N. 10th Street, Reading, Pennsylvania. It is requested that you advise this office immediately as to whether your sons were married, and if so, the name and address of the widow of each. As soon as this information is received, further reply will be made of your letter of November 29, 1920.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

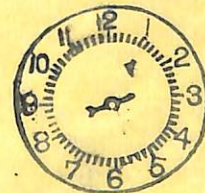
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CHARLES J. WYNNE,  
2nd Lieut., Q.M.C.

jew

Mailed Feb. 15, 1921.  
G.R.S.

CEMETERIAL DIVISION



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CEMETERIAL DIVISION

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Harlow C. W.

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION

*Handwritten signature and initials in red ink.*

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER	CEMETERY NO.	DATE
<u>Bowers, Floyd, Cpl.</u>	<u>608 - 305</u>	<u>Dec. 13, 1920</u>
SERIAL NUMBER	ORGANIZATION	
<u>113581</u>	<u>Co. D, 150th M. G. Bn.</u>	<u>C-37666</u>
	Date of death -	<u>7-28-18</u>

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

*Copy fwd to Adj. Dept.*

DATE 12/18/20

*2-4-21*

NAME OF BENEFICIARY	RELATIONSHIP
<u>Mrs. Mary Rothermel</u>	<u>Grand-Mother</u>
Address	
<u>Temple. Pa..</u>	

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**WAR DEPARTMENT**  
**OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY**

**CEMETERIAL DIVISION**

**WASHINGTON**

**Hoboken, N.J.**

FEB 12 1921

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

To: Mrs. Mamie Bowers, 1416 N. 10th St., Reading, Pa.

SUBJECT: Remains of Cpl. Floyd Bowers, Ser. No. 113581  
Co.D, 150th M.G. Bn

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above-named soldier remain in Europe

*no change*

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

The nearest next of kin may choose between, (1) return of the body to any address in the United States; (2) interment in the National Cemetery, Arlington, Va., or any other National Cemetery; or (3) body to remain in Europe.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Lieut. Colonel, U. S. Army.

If all blank spaces below are not filled out, it will necessitate a return of this paper and a **SERIOUS DELAY** in the shipment of this body. State in each case **WHETHER** or not these relatives are **STILL LIVING**.

Was soldier married? .....

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Father			
Mother			
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		

*Added 2-12-21*

Date .....

Signature .....

Address .....

Relationship .....

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ *March 7, 1921*

**RECEIVED**  
**MAY 8 1921**  
CENTRAL DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT

I, the undersigned, am the mother and nearest living next of kin of the within-named soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:  
(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

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

Signature X Mrs Mammie Bowers



**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.**

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

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

March 26th, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div., Cor. Branch.  
(BOWERS, Floyd)

Mrs. Mamie Bowers,  
1416 North 10th Street,  
Reading, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

Receipt of Shipping Inquiry Form dated  
March 7th, 1921, relative to the remains of the late  
Corporal Floyd Bowers, Serial Number 113581, Company D,  
150th Machine Gun Battalion, is acknowledged.

The Department desires to be assured that  
no relative properly entitled to a voice in the disposition  
of the remains is denied the opportunity of expressing his  
or her wishes. Therefore, please advise whether the de-  
ceased is survived by widow, children or father, giving  
their names and addresses.

Your immediate attention to this matter will  
be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Quartermaster Corps.  
Officer in Charge.

BY:

*J. F. Butler*  
J. F. BUTLER,  
Captain, Infantry.

FF/tlm

*J. F. Butler*  
Mailed - O.F.D.  
MAR 31 1921

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name **BOWERS, Floyd** Ser. No. **113581** HB  
 (b) Rank **Cpl.** Organization **Co. D, 150th M/G Bn.** TYP  
 (c) Date of death **7/28/18** Cause of death **K/A** } *E.M.*

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

(a) Grave No. **16** Row **1** Plot **8** Sect. **6** TYP **HB**  
**Mrs. Mamie Bowers (wife) 1416 N. 10th St., Reading, Pa.** *over*  
 (b) Emerg. Address

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases. CKR *E.M.*

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

*1/29/20. GRS files - Mrs. Mamie Bowers, mother Reading Pa. desires body to remain in France (J&V 1-17-21)*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on \_\_\_\_\_ 1921) (Letter of transmittal on *1/15/1921*)

*Car 2 - Not to be returned GRS*

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. **FEB 8 - 1921** 1921

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken

VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. *5/3* 1921

COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_ CEMETERY NO. \_\_\_\_\_ SHEET NO. \_\_\_\_\_

G.R.S. FORM 115-A August 1920

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B.A.N.R. - Mrs Mary Rothermel (Grand-mother)  
Temple, Pa - 2-4-21 (C)

FIELD REPORT. 15750  
GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bowers, 113581. Floyd.

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

Cpl. Co. "D" 150th M.G.Bn.

(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL July 28, 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL American Plot.

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

Map. \*) Soissons S.E. No. 33.

Key.) 270.7. & 19D.6.

GRAVE NUMBER 8

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? (AISNE)

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

VILLENEUVE-SUR-FAIF (E-190.6) (N-270.7)

REVIEWED  
OSP SS.

William A. Grebing

REPORTED BY: William A. Grebing.  
Capt. F.A.N.G.R.S.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

28 SEP 1918

15750  
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F.  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

December 3rd, 1918.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service,  
A.P.O. 717, American E. F.

TO : C.O. Co. D 150 MGBN

SUBJECT: Query as to Identification Tag.

1. This office has received from  
EFFECTS DEPOT.

identification tag as follows:

Name: BOWERS 113581 FLOYD

Rank: Cpl Organization: 150 MGBN

2. It is possible that the wearer of this tag was killed in action. If so, will you please fill out, as far as possible, the enclosed Grave Location Blank, and furnish any other information available which will tend to establish the place of his death and burial, and mail same promptly to office, G.R.S., Hdqrs. S.O.S., with return of this paper.

3. If he was not killed in action please advise as to present status, by notation hereon.

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

FIELD REPORT. 15750  
GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bowers. 113581. Floyd.

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

Cpl. Co. "D" 150th M.G.Bn.

(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL. July. 28. 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL. American Plot.

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

Map. \*) Soissons S.E. No. 33.

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

VILLENEUVE-SUR-FERRE (E-190.6) (N-270.7)

REVIEWED  
OSP SS.

REPORTED BY: William A. Grebing.  
Capt. F.A.N.G.R.S.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

28 SEP 1918

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FILE UNDER NO.

15750, Bowers, Floyd

## INDEX SHEET

### SYNOPSIS

See Board of Review letter dated 8/20/21 and reply thereto.  
The letter referred to above and the Board of Review Proceedings dated 8/10/21,  
which are held in this Department pending completion of their cases, will be filed  
in File #300.4, Board of Review, Cty. 608.

DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO.

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INSTRUCTIONS.—Under "Synopsis" make brief entry showing date of communication and from whom received and synopsis sufficient to identify the papers. When these index sheets become numerous under a subject they will be entered on the consolidated index sheet and then destroyed.

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Co. D, 150th Machine gun Bn  
42nd Division

FILE

15750  
BOWERS Floyd - Cpl. 113581  
Home : 1416 N. 10th Street  
Reading, Pa.

On the morning of July-28th 1918, this company was moving across an open field preparatory to moving into some woods about one kilometer north of Beuvarde, France on the Chateau-Thierry front.

At about 3.30 a.m. we encountered heavy shell fire. The first shell that hit in our company killed five men. The company scattered along the edge of the woods. We heard someone moan and our platoon Lieutenant sent me and another man out on the Field to see if anyone were still alive. Four men were killed almost instantly Corpl. BOWERS being one of them. He was buried the following day by men of this company. The location of his grave was taken from map Fere en Tardenois. printed July 19th 1918, Scale 1/2000. Co-od. 191.2-270.3. Grave #3.

Official Report

10/5/18 K

Informant : Ashton William E. - Sgt 84496  
Co. D, 150th Machine gun Bn  
Home : 511 N. Benton Ave. Helena, Montana.

Emergency address : February 21st 1919,  
1416 N. 10th. Street, Reading, Pa.  
J.R.

Sept. 20, 1921

file

9/20/21 att

293.8-Cem. #91287-(Bowers, Nelson, Pvt. 1st cl.)  
#15750-(Bowers, Floyd, Cpl.)  
The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)

Mrs. Mamie Rothermel Rhein, 1416 N. 10th St. Reading, Pa.

Disposition of remains.

FILE

1. With reference to your letter of August 29th 1921, referred to this office by our branch office at Hoboken, N. J., you are advised that it will be necessary for you to advise this office whether or not you are the legal next of kin to the late Corporal Floyd Bowers, Company D, 150th Machine Gun Battalion, in order that your request that his body be interred along side the remains of the late private 1st class Nelson Bowers, Company D, 150th Infantry, when transferred to a permanent American Cemetery in France, may be complied with. It is obligatory upon this office to follow the wishes of the legal next of kin with respect to the disposition of the remains of our soldier dead, and in the event you are not the legal next of kin to the deceased, it is suggested that you advise the legal next of kin to concur in the request you have made, in order that the necessary instructions may be issued in accordance with your wishes.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

att  
HW

MAILED  
SEP 21 1921  
C.R.E.

Noted on Form No. 115

Date 9/20/21 att

Copy filed OSP

September 10, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div., Cor.Br.  
(BOWERS, Nelson)

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

1. Forwarded herewith, for reply, is communication from Mrs. Mamie Rothermel Rhein dated August 29, 1921, relative to disposition of the remains of the late Nelson Bowers, Private 1st Class, Serial Number 113585, Company D, 150th Machine Gun Battalion, as records were returned to your office under date of September 1, 1921.

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

BY:

F. C. PALLAS,  
Executive Assistant.

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U. S. ARMY  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION

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SEP 14 1921  
S. H. G.

Reading, Pa.

Aug. 29, 1921

War Department, Quartermaster Corps  
Graves Registration Service, Pier 2  
Hoboken, N.J.

Attention Captain R.E. Shannon, Q.M.C.

File No. 293.6 Cem. Div. Cor. Br.  
(Bowers, Nelson)

Dear Sirs:

I acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 23, 1921. In reply I beg to advise that the deceased soldier, Nelson Bowers, Private 1st class, Serial #113585, Company D, 150th Machine Gun Battalion, is not survived by either widow, children or father. I am his mother and his nearest relative.

I have already sent a request that his remains be interred permanently in France.

Hoping this is satisfactory, I am

Very truly yours

Mrs. Mamie Rothermel Rhein

Noted on Form No. 115

Date \_\_\_\_\_

9/19

Synopsis of Form 115  
for

Bowers, Floyd.

Board of Review Case

E/a Mrs Mamie Bowers (Wife)  
1416 N. 10th St.  
Reading, Pa.

W.P. Rev. Mrs Mary Rothemel (grandmother)  
Temple, Pa.

Form 120 (Sent to E/a) returned signed  
by mother, Mrs. Mamie Bowers (no add. given)  
requests body remain in Europe for burial  
in P.A.C. Form 120 dated 3/7/21

No request for deep from any other relative  
except mother.  
Pa.

April 19, 1921

FILE

293.9 Cem. #91287 (Bowers, Nelson, Private 1st Class)  
#15750 (Bowers, Floyd, Corporal)

FILE

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

To: Mrs. Mamie Bowers, 1416 N. 10th Street, Reading, Pennsylvania.

Subject: Regarding next of kin.

1. Further reply to your letter of November 29, 1920, cannot be made by this office until it receives advice from you as to whether your sons, Corporal Floyd Bowers, Company D, 150th Machine Gun Battalion, and Private 1st Class Nelson Bowers, Company D, 150th Machine Gun Battalion, were married and if so, the name and address of the widow of each.

2. It is again requested that you immediately furnish this office with this information.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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CHARLES J. WYNN,  
Captain, U. S. A.

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MAILED  
APR 19 1921

G.R.S.

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*91287*

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March 17, 1921.

FILE

293.8 Cem. #91287 (Bowers, Nelson, Private 1st Class)  
#15750 (Bowers, Floyd, Corporal)

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

Mrs. Mamie Bowers, 1416 N. 10th Street, Reading, Pa.

Regarding next of kin.

1. On February 15, 1921, this office wrote you as per enclosed copy, but as yet no reply has been received. It is again requested that you advise this office immediately as to whether or not your sons, Corporal Floyd Bowers, Company D, 150th Machine Gun Battalion, and Private 1st Class Nelson Bowers, Company D, 150th Machine Gun Battalion, were married and if so, the name and address of the widow of each. Further reply cannot be made to your letter of November 29, 1920, until this information is received.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

1 Encl.

BR

CHARLES J. WYNNE,  
2nd Lieut., Q. M. C.

JW

*TMG*

MAILED

MAR 17 1921

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CROSS REFERENCE

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File  
J.P.

February 15, 1921.

~~293.8 Cem. # 91287 (Bowers, Nelson, Private 1st Class)~~  
~~# 15750 (Bowers, Floyd, Corporal)~~

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Cemeterial Division)  
To: Mrs. Mamie Bowers, 1416 N. 10th Street, Reading, Pa.  
Subject: Regarding next of Kin.

FILE

1. In reply to your letter of November 29, 1920, you are advised that the records of this office show the emergency address of your son, Corporal Floyd Bowers, Company D, 150th Machine Gun Battalion, as Mrs. Mamie Bowers, wife, 1416 N. 10th Street, Reading, Pennsylvania, and the emergency address of your son, Private 1st Class Nelson Bowers, Company D, 150th Machine Gun Battalion, Mrs. Mamie Bowers, Mother, 1416 N. 10th Street, Reading, Pennsylvania. It is requested that you advise this office immediately as to whether your sons were married, and if so, the name and address of the widow of each. As soon as this information is received, further reply will be made of your letter of November 29, 1920.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES J. WYNN, 2nd Lieut., Q.M.C. jew

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Copy sent to H. Hoban  
3/5/21

Suspended for — March 15/21

MAILED  
FEB 15 1921  
G.R.S.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A

Information requested of A.G.O.

File No 15750 Registration.

Date

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

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

Subject: Information required for G R.S.

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

- a. Surname Bowers
- b. Christian name Floyd
- c. Serial number 113581
- d. Organization Co. 8150th M.G. Bn.
- e. Rank Corp.
- f. Date of death
- g. Cause of death
- h. Authority (C.C.#)
- i. Emergency address Mrs. Mamie Bowers
- j. Relationship 1416 - N 10th St Reading, Pa  
Wife

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

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

DENTAL CHARTS

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

- a. Strike out teeth missing
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*E/A Mrs. Maude Bowers,  
" Mamie Rothermel  
Letter from uncle give mother name  
Copy as Mrs. Chester Bowers*

L. ROGERS,  
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.,

BY:

H. J. CONNER,  
Captain, Q.M.C.

MEMORANDUM.

January 25th, 1921

CASE OF: ~~BOWERS, 113585, Nelson Pvt. 1/cl. Co. D. 150th M.G.Bn.~~  
BOWERS, 113581, Floyd Cpl. Co. D. 150th M.G.Bn.

SUBJECT: Correct Emergency address.

1. E/A on case of Nelson Bowers is: Mrs. Mamie Bowers, (Mother) 1416 N. 10th Street, Reading, Pa. E/A on case of Floyd Bowers is: Mrs. Mamie Bowers, (Wife) 1416 N. 10th Street, Reading, Pa.
2. WarRisk gives as beneficiary on case of Nelson Bowers: Mrs. Mamie R. Rhein, 1416 N. 10th St., Reading, Pa.
3. A.G.O. gives E/A of Nelson Bowers as Mamie Bowers 1416 N. 10th St., On case of Floyd Bowers A.G.O. gives: Maude Bowers, Mrs. Mamie Rothernerl. A.G.O. states that letter in file from Uncle refers to Mother of both Bowers as Mrs. Chester Rhein.
4. Letters in file from mother are signed Mrs. Mamie Bowers.
5. It is requested that a letter be written to Mrs. Mamie Bowers, 1416 N. 10th St., Reading, Pa., asking if her sons were married and if they were their wives names and addresses. Also her correct name.

P.A. Cogan,  
Investigator.

ADDRESS TO THE  
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
MUNITIONS BUILDING

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

December 15, 1920.

File No. 293.3-Cem.#15750-(Bowers, Floyd Corporal)  
~~#91287-(Bowers, Nelson Private 1st class)~~  
From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army.  
To: Mrs. Mamie Bowers, 1416 N. 10th St., Reading, Pa.  
Subject: Disposition of remains.

1. In reply to your letter of November 29, 1920, requesting that the remains of your sons, the late Corporal Floyd Bowers, Company D, 150th Machine Gun Battalion and the late Private 1st class Nelson Bowers, Company D, 150th Machine Gun Battalion, be permanently interred in France, you are advised that instructions will be issued that <sup>the</sup> your wishes <sup>will respect the case of your son the late</sup> be complied with, provided there is no relative whose legal right to direct disposition has priority over yours. *Nelson Bowers*

2. The records of this office show that the remains of the late Corporal Floyd Bowers are now interred in Grave 16, Section C, Plot 1, American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Department of the Aisne and the remains of the late Private 1st class Nelson Bowers are now interred in the French Cemetery at Mery-sur-Marne, Department of Seine-et-Marne. Neither of these cemeteries will be permanently maintained by the Government as an American Field of Honor.

3. It is the policy of the Government to concentrate the remains of our soldier dead which are to remain permanently interred in France in American Fields of Honor and your attention in this connection is invited to paragraph 9, of the inclosed Cemeterial Division Bulletin No.10-F-W.

4. It is noted you desire the remains of your sons interred along side of each other. A copy of your letter will be forwarded to the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. in Europe, with request that your wishes be complied with, if found practicable. Upon receipt of advice from him, concerning the action taken in this matter, you will be duly advised and also notified of the new grave locations after the transfers have been effected.

5. Your request for a photograph of the grave of the late Private 1st class Nelson Bowers will be forwarded to the Photographic Section of the American Red Cross, attached to this office, for compliance. In this connection your attention is invited to paragraph 12, of the above mentioned Bulletin.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Lieut. Colonel, U. S. Army,  
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

*The records of this office show that the late Floyd*

## CEMETERIAL DIVISION BULLETIN No. 10-F-W.

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL,  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION,  
*Washington, D. C.*

1. **The Graves Registration Service** is now a branch of the Cemeterial Division of the Quartermaster General's Office and is the official organization of the War Department charged with the acquisition, maintenance, construction, registration, and control of all American cemeteries and plots in foreign cemeteries in Europe in which the remains of our soldier dead are interred. The headquarters of the Graves Registration Service Branch, Cemeterial Division, is now in Washington, D. C., where all data necessary for the final disposition of the remains of soldiers of the American Expeditionary Force are prepared. Burial reports of all descriptions are here completed and recorded, and inquiries of nearest relatives and friends of deceased members of the American Expeditionary Force are answered. This division is not prepared to give information on other subjects than the above.

2. **The exact location of a grave** is communicated whenever possible to the person whom the soldier had previously registered as the proper one to be addressed in case of emergency. Many changes in grave location have been made since first notifications were sent to relatives, in order that bodies may be better located and the care of graves more fittingly maintained. These transfers were made at the instance of the French Government, and all the allied armies have been engaged in this policy of concentration. This work has reduced the number of burial places for American dead from approximately 2,400 to 600. Entire cemeteries, which in the stress of battle and other emergency had been poorly located, were removed, all isolated graves opened and the bodies reinterred in concentration cemeteries.

3. **Change of address** on the part of relatives has caused the return of thousands of letters of notification to this office by the postal authorities, which accounts in many cases for failure of relatives to receive notification as to the change of grave location. Notification as to change of address, so that communication may be maintained with relatives, must be forwarded to this office if the records are to be kept up to date. If notification has not been received, we shall be glad to be advised.

4. **The return of bodies** from all countries in Europe is now being arranged for and will be completed as promptly as conditions and the reverent handling of our dead will permit. France has been divided into two general zones, the "zone of the interior" (including rear areas) and the "zone of the armies" (including battle areas). The field forces of the Graves Registration Service are actively engaged, in the midst of many practical difficulties, in removing bodies from the "zone of the interior." This work has been greatly retarded by reason of the impossibility of securing rail transportation and the difficulty in procuring supplies from contractors. It is difficult to forecast a date when removals from the "zone of the interior" may be completed, inasmuch as this work is dependent upon circumstances which can not always be controlled, but it is being prosecuted as vigorously as possible. The French Government has consented to the removal of all soldier dead buried within the "zone of the armies" after September 15, 1920. Arrangements to proceed in accordance with this agreement are now being made.

About four weeks prior to operations in the particular cemetery in which the remains of their kin are interred, this office will mail to relatives "Shipping inquiries" which give instructions for shipment or other disposition as recorded here, and request verification or notification concerning the legal next of kin, with whom, alone, this office must deal.

Relatives will be notified by telegram upon the shipment of the remains of their kin from a European port. Upon receipt of the body at Hoboken, N. J., an additional telegram will be forwarded stating the probable date of arrival of the remains at the place designated by the next of kin.

5. The "zone of the interior" includes the Departments of:

Ain (not Aisne).	Ariège.	Basses Alpes.
Allier.	Aube.	Basses Pyrenées.
Alpes Maritimes.	Aude.	Bouches du Rhone.
Ardeche.	Aveyron.	Calvados.
Cantal.	Haute-Loire.	Morbihan.
Charente.	Haute-Marne.	Mayenne.
Charente-Inferieure.	Haute-Pyrenées.	Nievre.
Cher.	Haute-Saone.	Orne.
Correze.	Haute-Savoie.	Puy-de-Dome.
Cote d'Or.	Haute-Vienne.	Pyrenées-Orientales.
Cotes-du-Nord.	Ille-et-Vilaine.	Rhone.
Creuse.	Indre.	Saone-et-Loire.
Deux Sevres.	Indre-et-Loire.	Sarthe.
Dordogne.	Isere.	Savoie.
Doubs.	Jura.	Seine.
Drome.	Landes.	Seine-Inferieure.
Eure.	Loire.	Seine-et-Marne.*
Eure-et-Loir.	Loire-et-Cher.	Seine-et-Oise.
Finistere.	Loire-Inferieure.	Tarn.
Gard.	Loiret.	Tarn-et-Garonne.
Gers.	Lot.	Var.
Gironde.	Lot-et-Garonne.	Vaucluse.
Herault.	Lozere.	Vendee.
Hauts-Alpes.	Maine-et-Loire.	Vienne.
Haute-Garonne.	Manche.	Yonne.

\* Seine-et-Marne, including only the following cemeteries containing American dead which are located within the arrondissements of this Department, within the "zone of the interior": Cannes-Ecluse, Fontainebleau (2), Lieusaint, Melun, Samois-sur-Seine, St. Mammes.

All Departments in France not included in the above are in the "zone of the armies."

The bodies which still remain in Russia can not be removed until weather conditions and the attitude of the Russian people will permit. Public announcement will be made at the appropriate time.

Removals must be made with due regard to orderly procedure, accuracy, and fairness; therefore no request for priority should be made. Regardless of whether or not their return has been requested, no bodies will be permanently left in *Germany*, *Luxembourg*, or *North Russia*. They will be interred in national cemeteries in the United States unless relatives direct otherwise.

6. All expenses of the shipment of remains to the railroad station or home town designated by the legal next of kin will be borne by the War Department. Expenses incident to and of the actual burial of the body will be reimbursed up to the amount of \$100 by the *Bureau of War Risk Insurance, Washington, D. C.*, upon presentation of an itemized statement of expenses or receipted bills. This will include any proper expense ordinarily incident to the handling of the body from the railroad station as well as the funeral charges and actual burial; not to exceed the \$100 mentioned above. The legal next of kin should communicate with the Bureau of War Risk Insurance on this matter.

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

Requests of individuals to return to the United States the remains of their soldier dead under their personal direction can not be granted. Our agreement with other nations contemplates that the entire responsibility of such transfer shall rest with this Government. Permits of this nature would be a manifest injustice to those relatives who, though equally bereaved, are unable to bear the considerable expense involved.

Requests from the legal next of kin that bodies remain in established French cemeteries will be granted when possible to do so, providing that the next of kin relieves the Government from further care of the grave. Formal release of a body will not be made to next of kin until the final disposition has been made of all bodies in that particular cemetery and the zone in which it is located. When, however, a body can not be left undisturbed, and the general policy requires evacuation of the cemetery in which it lies, it will be transferred at Government expense to a permanent American cemetery in that country, and its future maintenance will be a care of the Government. Bodies will be concentrated into larger general cemeteries and not into religious groups.

8. Relatives may convoy bodies from Hoboken or an authorized agent may, upon presentation of proper credentials to the office of the Graves Registration Service, at Hoboken, N. J., assume the custody of the remains of deceased members of the American Expeditionary Forces upon the arrival of the said remains at that port. When the remains are turned over to the nearest of kin the latter must take absolute possession and entire charge of the body and the responsibility of the United States Government thereupon ceases. The War Department representatives at Hoboken will issue Government transportation for the nearest relative or the accredited representative who accompanies the body to the home. It must be clearly understood, however, that the expenses of the journey of relatives from their homes to Hoboken for the purpose of meeting the remains of their soldier dead must necessarily be borne by themselves, as there are no appropriations available for this purpose. If the nearest relative does not take charge of the remains at Hoboken and accompany them to their homes, specially selected soldiers will be detailed to act as military escorts and these soldiers will proceed with the remains from Hoboken to the places designated by the next of kin for delivery.

9. Permanent cemeteries or fields of honor will be maintained by our Government in France,

Pursuant to paragraph 9 of the Cemeterial Division Bulletin (No. 10-F-W) the Secretary of War has designated the American Cemetery at Bony, Department of Aisne, as a permanent American Cemetery in France.

The Secretary of War has designated Suresnes Cemetery, Department of the Seine, on the outskirts of Paris for permanent retention, as well as the Argonne American Cemetery at Romagne-sous-Montfaucon and Belleau Wood, Department of the Aisne (near Chateau-Thierry). Perhaps one or two other designations may ultimately be made; if so, due notice of their location will be given. It will be the policy to concentrate upon these few permanent places the best care of our Government.

10. **Monuments.**—Thus far no private monuments of any sort have been authorized, all graves being temporarily marked with a cross or Jewish marker, pending the substitution of stone monuments of uniform and artistic design in place of crosses and other markers now employed. These permanent headstones will be put in place by the Government when cemeteries are completed.

11. **The present inscriptions on grave markers** were necessarily taken from burial reports, identification tags and other available means which sometimes proved to be not correct in every detail. A careful comparison of these inscriptions with the records of this office and of The Adjutant General's Office is being made, and the permanent stone markers will conform to the exact spelling and other data. Where possible, this service has taken the utmost care to indicate the graves of Jewish soldiers by the use of the approved Jewish marker. Because there was little or no means by which this office could determine the faith of soldiers, the Jewish Welfare Board has assisted in compiling a list of Jewish dead in Europe. Crosses which may have been inadvertently placed over such graves are being replaced by Jewish markers as rapidly as possible.

12. **Photographs of graves** have been taken by a section of the American Red Cross, assigned to the Graves Registration Service, and are being distributed without charge to the next of kin. These are being released automatically, without application, as each case is reached. Considering the large number of cases involved and the great amount of detailed work in the furnishing of these photographs, it must be understood that they can not be sent to any persons other than the relative of the deceased. Photographs have been received by the next of kin which clearly show mistakes in inscription. As stated in the above paragraph, all errors will be corrected. Photographs were taken by the photographic section in some cases before the corrected data had been inscribed upon the grave marker and while the establishment of cemeteries was still in progress. This will explain the appearance of any photographs which may show an untidy foreground or background. All of our cemeteries in Europe are now in excellent condition and innumerable letters of commendation have been received on this subject.

This office is unable to furnish sectional photographs of cemeteries.

13. **Inquiries concerning the following subjects should be addressed as indicated:**

- (a) *Personal effects:* Chief, Effects Bureau, 539 Greenwich Street, New York City.
- (b) *Pay:* Auditor for the War Department, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.
- (c) *Liberty bonds:* Chief of Finance, Washington, D. C.
- (d) *War risk insurance:* Chief, War Risk Insurance Bureau, Washington, D. C.

14. If in the dispatch of a great volume of daily correspondence there may be letters which seem to the readers to be too brief and businesslike, it is hoped that no one will believe us lacking in sympathy with those in sorrow. It is the aim of the office to show the utmost courtesy to all inquirers and to satisfy their desires within the limit of our power.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
*Major, United States Army, Chief, Cemeterial Division.*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

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

TO: The relatives of our dead.

SUBJECT: Participation of patriotic societies in funerals.

1. The American Legion has expressed its desire to render any possible aid and comfort to relatives of our soldier dead returned from Europe for burial at their homes, and to honor their fallen comrades through participation in the funeral ceremonies. To this end the Legion requested this office to furnish the National Headquarters with the names and addresses of next of kin, approximate date of return and other data. This information cannot be furnished to others than relatives of the dead, since it is peculiarly their property and its dissemination to others would be a violation of our obligation to them and to the dead.

2. The desire of the American Legion is brought to your attention in order that, should you wish any aid from the organization or that it participate in the funeral of your soldier dead, you may bring the matter to the attention of the commander of the local post, or if there be no local post, to the attention of the National Adjutant, American Legion, National Headquarters, Meridian Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind.

3. It is understood to be the intention of the National Headquarters, American Legion, in case there is no local post in the immediate vicinity of the intended burial place of any returned soldier's remains, to direct the nearest post to take action on those cases where relatives so request.

4. The American Red Cross desires also to render comfort to the relatives of our dead, through their local chapters, which are in operation in almost every town. We are sure they will be glad to serve whenever they may be called upon.

5. The same is doubtless true concerning the other welfare organizations which were officially recognized during the World War and are still in operation, as well as other military associations which are locally established.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

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

Supplemental:-

TO: The relatives of our dead.

The Jewish Welfare Board, whose National headquarters are at 149 Fifth Ave, New York City, will gladly render all necessary service to relatives of Jewish dead and will operate directly or through correspondents in each locality.

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By authority of the Quartermaster General

CHARLES C. BIRNOR,  
Colonel, U.S. Army,  
Chief, Cemeterial Division

FILE NO.

DATE :

It is requested that you fill out this blank form in order that this office may identify your son.

A.

1. What was the Last (or Surname) of your son ? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What was the First (or Christian) name of your son ? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What was his Serial Number ? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What was his Rank (per example Pvt. or Cpl. or Sgt.) ? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What was his organisation ? (Give company and regiment) \_\_\_\_\_

B.

- ✓ 1. What is your Last (or Surname) ? \_\_\_\_\_
- ✓ 2. What is your First (or Christian) name ? \_\_\_\_\_
- ✓ 3. What is your address ? \_\_\_\_\_

C.

- ✓ 1. What is the name of your son's wife ? \_\_\_\_\_
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December 15, 1920.

293.8-Cem.#15750-(Bowers, Floyd Corporal)  
~~#91287-(Bowers, Nelson Private 1st class)~~

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S.Army.  
To: Mrs. Mamie Bowers, 1416 N. 10th St., Reading, Pa.  
Subject: Disposition of remains.

1. In reply to your letter of November 29, 1920, requesting that the remains of your sons, the late Corporal Floyd Bowers, Company D, 150th Machine Gun Battalion and the late Private 1st class Nelson Bowers, Company D, 150th Machine Gun Battalion, be permanently interred in France, you are advised that instructions will be issued that your wishes be complied with, provided there is no relative whose legal right to direct disposition has priority over yours.
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  3. It is the policy of the Government to concentrate the remains of our soldier dead which are to remain permanently interred in France in American Fields of Honor and your attention in this connection is invited to paragraph 9, of the inclosed Cemeterial Division Bulletin No.10-F-W.
  4. It is noted you desire the remains of your sons interred along side of each other. A copy of your letter will be forwarded to the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. in Europe, with request that your wishes be complied with, if found practicable. Upon receipt of advice from him, concerning the action taken in this matter, you will be duly advised and also notified of the new grave locations after the transfers have been effected.
  5. Your request for a photograph of the grave of the late Private 1st class Nelson Bowers will be forwarded to the Photographic Section of the American Red Cross, attached to this office, for compliance. In this connection your attention is invited to paragraph 12, of the above mentioned Bulletin.
- By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Lieut.Colonel, U.S.Army,  
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CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Lieut. Colonel, U. S. Army,  
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

*Copy sent to H. B. Bowers  
12/15/20, J.S.*

December 15, 1920.

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From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army.

To: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. in Europe,  
8 Avenue d' Iena, Paris, France.

Subject: Disposition of remains.

1. The inclosed copies of communications dated October 4th 1920 and November 29, 1920 respectively, together with copy of reply thereto, to the latter, are referred to your office for the necessary action and reply to this office.

2. The remains of the late Corporal Floyd Bowers, Company D, 150th Machine Gun Battalion are now interred in Grave 16, Section C, Plot 1, American Cemetery #608, Seringes-et-Nesles, Department of Aisne and the remains of the late Private 1st class Nelson Bowers, Company D, 150th Machine Gun Battalion, are now interred in Grave # Number (unknown), French Cemetery #1883, Mery-sur-Marne, Department of Saine-et-Marne.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

M. N. GREELLY,  
Captain, Q.M.C.  
Executive Officer,  
Cemeterial Division.

LN

HC

Copy

Harlow, C. W.

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION

15750

FILE

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

Bowers, Floyd, Cpl.

508 - 305

Dec. 13, 1920

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

113581

Co. D. 150th M. G. Bn.

Date of death - 7-23-18

Adjustment Made  
FEB 25 1921

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WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

Original attached to #115

DATE

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File No. 21

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Mrs Mary Rothermel

Grand-mother

Address

Temple, Pa

3709/MB

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File Number 15750

TO: REGISTRATION BRANCH, G. R. S.

Date 12/8/20

FROM: INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME: Bowers, Floyd Serial Number 113581  
 RANK: Corp. ORGANIZATION:

No.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with records?	(1) Yes. (Co. D, 150th MG. Bn)
2.	Date of death.	(2) 7/28/18
3.	Cause and place of death.	(3) K/H
4.	Number of casualty cablegram.	(4) # 245
5.	Date buried.	(5) 7/28/18
6.	Grave location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of cemetery or commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	(6) Grave 8 Amer. Cty. # 938, Villeneuve-sur-Fere, Reinterred 6/3/19. (Fisher) Grave 16, Sec. C, Plot 1, Amer. Cty. # 608, Seringes-et-Nesles. (Fisher)
7.	Who reported burial?	(10-a) no. (10-b) no.
8.	Confirmed by G. R. S.?	(11) Mrs. Mamie Bowers, (Wife) 1416 N. 10th St., Reading, Pa. 4/25/19
9.	Report as to grave marker.	(12) 1427/19, Reading, Pa. 4/25/19
10.	Identification tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	(14) F-24803
11.	Complete emergency address?	
12.	Has been notified? (Give date.)	
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record.)	
14.	What is the photograph number?	
15.	Inquiry made by.	

RELEASED BY INFORMATION CONTROL DEPARTMENT.

..... X Confirmed. **RECEIVED**  
 ..... Unconfirmed. **OSP SS.**

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
WASHINGTON

*Bowers, Floyd*

ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY *12-8-20*

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| ..... Change of Address.<br>(G. R. S. Form 106.)                                | ..... Instructions for Disposition of Remains.<br>(Par. 7, Bul. 10-F-W.) |
| ..... Monument.<br>(Par. 10, Bul. 10-F-W.)                                      | ..... Photographs.<br>(Par. 12, Bul. 10-F-W.)                            |
| ..... Discrepancies in Inscription.<br>(Par. 11, Bul. 10-F-W.)                  | ..... <b>Permanent Burial in—</b>  |
| ..... Personal Effects.<br>(Par. 13 (a), Bul. 10-F-W.)<br>(G. R. S. Form 111.)  | ..... (a) France.<br>(G. R. S. Form 106.)                                |
| ..... Accrued Pay.<br>(Par. 13 (b), Bul. 10-F-W.)<br>(G. R. S. Form 111.)       | ..... (b) Other Countries.   |
| ..... Maintenance.<br>(Par. 9, Bul. 10-F-W.)                                    | ..... <b>Return of Bodies from—</b>                                      |
| ..... Liberty Bonds.<br>(Par. 13 (c), Bul. 10-F-W.)<br>(G. R. S. Form 111.)     | ..... (a) France.<br>(Par. 4, Bul. 10-F-W.)<br>(G. R. S. Form 106.)      |
| ..... War Risk Insurance.<br>Par. 13 (d), Bul. 10-F-W.)<br>(G. R. S. Form 111.) | ..... (b) Other Countries.   |
| ..... "Zone of the Interior."<br>(Par. 5, Bul. 10-F-W.)                         | ..... Expenses of Shipment.<br>(Par. 6, Bul. 10-F-W.)                    |
|   | ..... Conveying Bodies from Hoboken.<br>(Par. 8, Bul. 10-F-W.)           |
|   | ..... Permanent Cemeteries.<br>(Par. 9, Bul. 10-F-W.)                    |

Remarks: .....

*2 cases*

NOTE.—In addition to information furnished on Nos. 1, 6, 11, and 12, G. R. S. Form 101-A (Information Blank), supply data on the following:

Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15.

*✓*

*✓*

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Analysis Clerk.

THIS MEMO MUST NOT BE REMOVED

Date 1/7/20

FOLOW UP NO.

306

DATE 12/1/20

TO: 1. Inquiry Branch for reply.  
(a) Forms 124 not necessary  
(b) Form 124 attached.

- 2. Miss Berry
- 3. Miss Birckett
- 4. Miss Boland
- 5. Mrs. Cairns
- 6. Miss Crutchett
- 7. Lt. Denford
- 8. Mr. Good
- 9. Mr. Grant
- 10. Lt. Hanson
- 11. Mr. Hughitt
- 12. Mrs. Landman
- 13. Miss Olenin
- 14. Miss Rex
- 15. Mrs. Ruth
- 16. Mr. Sexton
- 17. Miss Schlegel
- 18. \_\_\_\_\_

*2 Cases*

SP. 28 P/206

*Bowers*

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

REGISTRATION SECTION  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION

File No. 15750  
OSPSS Ref. No. 608  
Follow-up No. 8

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

I. GENERAL INFORMATION on Cemetery No. (furnished by: 608 Z.K.) (date 12-4-20)

Data sent Overseas None

Operations to commence (approx.) Not yet advised

Operations to be completed (approx.) \_\_\_\_\_

Bodies shipped from European Port \_\_\_\_\_

Bodies arrived at Hoboken \_\_\_\_\_

II. CASE OF Bowers, Floyd, Corp. Co.D. 150th M.G. Bn 113581

The following information was abstracted (Date) 12-4-20 from: Files

SOURCE	CLK.	in OFFICE		Clk.	in OFFICE
A. G. O. Cards	<u>Z.K.</u>	<u>None</u>	Shppg. Inquiry (sent <u>None</u> )		
A.G.O. Corresp.	<u>Z.K.</u>	<u>None</u>	To _____		
G.R.S. Corresp. relative to disp.			OSP S-S Corresp. (see Remarks.)		

No A. G. O. Card and no correspondence  
DESIRES as to Disposition.

Name of Relative	RETURN		REMAIN	SPECIAL
	N. C.	Pvt. Int.		
Widow				
Children (Name oldest first)				
Father				
Mother				
Brothers				
Sisters				

Z.K. 12-4-20

Body to be shipped to \_\_\_\_\_

was shipped (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS City 608 Audited only. BCB 12/27

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OSP SS

*MR*

EDGAR S. RICHARDSON  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW  
20-21-22 LIBERTY BANK BUILDING  
OPPOSITE COURT-HOUSE  
READING, PA.

November twenty-ninth  
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War Department,  
Office of the Quartermaster General,  
Cemeterial Division  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: M. N. GREELEY, Capt. Q.M.C.

File No. 293.8 - Cem. #91287 (Bowers,  
Nelson, Pvt. 1/c) *Chy 1883*  
(Also case of Corp. Floyd Bowers #113581  
buried in Grave No. 16, Section C, Plot  
1, American Cemetery No. 608, Seringes-  
et-Nesles, Aisne)

*File*  
SUBJECT:- Request for permanent burial  
in France.

Dear Sir:

In answer to your letter of October 27th,  
directed to Edgar S. Richardson, Attorney, I wish  
to comply with this request and write to you per-  
sonally regarding my wishes.

As the mother of Private Nelson Bowers and  
Corporal Floyd Bowers, I hereby respectfully request  
and instruct you, that I wish to have the bodies of  
both of my sons permanently interred in France, where  
they fought and died.

I have not received photographs of the grave  
of my son Nelson, but I did receive photographs of  
the grave of my son Floyd. I would appreciate very  
much to have the photographs of Nelson's grave as  
soon as possible. I have just received word that  
Nelson is buried in France Cem.#1883, Mery-sur-Marne,  
Seine-et-Marne.

Yours very truly,

*Chy 1883 audited only*  
*Form 12-2-20*  
Mrs Mame Bowers

1416 N 10th St

Reading Pa.

*copy sent to H. Stokes  
3/7/21 JS.*

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File # 293.8 - 91287

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Co. D, 150th Machine gun Bn  
42nd Division.

BOWERS Floyd - Cpl. 113581  
Home : 1416 N. 10th Street  
Reading, Pa.

On the morning of July 28th 1918, this company was moving across an open field preparatory to moving into some woods about one kilometer north of Beuvarde, France on the Chateau-Thierry front. At about 3.30 a.m. we encountered heavy shell fire. The first shell that hit in our company killed five men. The company scattered along the edge of the woods. We heard someone moan and our platoon Lieutenant sent me and another man out on the Field to see if anyone were still alive. Four men were killed almost instantly Corpl. BOWERS b being one of them. He was buried the following day by men of this company. The location of his grave was taken from map Fere en Tardenois, printed July 19th 1918, Scale 1/2000. Co-od. 191.2-270.3. Grave #3.

Informant : Ashton William E. - Sgt 84496  
Co. D, 150th Machine gun Bn  
Home : 511 N. Benton Ave. Helena, Montana.

Emergency address : February 21st 1919.  
1416 N. 10th. Street, Reading, Pa.  
J.R.

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WAR DEPARTMENT.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

**FILL.**

Floyd Bowers, #113581

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