

To The Adjutant General

G.R.S. Form #114-B

JUN 1 - 1928 DATE Nov 9th, 1921.

1. NAME BOWERS, Ralph E. *Surv. name* SERIAL No. 2472973

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co.C., 315th M.G.Bn.
& DIVISION 80

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Arg. Amer. Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse) 1232 Sec. 60
 CTY. NAME NUMBER

18 Sec. 60 1

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 81 Bac, Fromereville, Meuse
 GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES Verdun 35 SE 265.30 N 320.95 E

CONCENTRATED TO 6/9/19 18 Sec 60 1
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Meuse Argonne 1232
 CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on body and cross.

DATE OF DEATH Oct 12, 18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Pa

data F-1.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE	GRAVE	ROW	PLOT	CEMETERY
<u>ccg</u>				

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

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Nov 9th, 1921. 35 Block E. 19.
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty # 1232. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse)

Rec'd World War Div
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JUN 9 1928
WORLD WAR DIV.

CEMETERY
Robert O. Davis
Major General,
The Adjutant General
By *MS*

AUDITED BY
JUN 10 1928
5120
4/6/28

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GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
JUN 26 1922

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

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



GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

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LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bowers 2472973 Ralph E.
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Priv. Co. C. 315 M. G.
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Mobile Hospital

CAUSE OF DEATH: G.I.W.

DATE OF BURIAL: Oct. 13, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: Military Cem.

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

3/5 Kilom. north of Francisco

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GRAVE NUMBER: 81

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? yes

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? yes

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

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

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NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

Henry D. Kroman A.P. Chaplain
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

Private

Co C, 315th M.G.Bn.
80th Division.

BOWERS, Ralph.E.-Pvt.2472973.
Died of wounds; Oct.12, 1918.

Place of death;- Mobile hospital # I, A.E.F.

Grave location;- Above Hospital Cemetery.

Signed statement of eyewitness.

I was nearby when Pvt Ralph E. Bowers was wounded by shell fire and saw him carried to the rear, October 11, 1918, in the Bois de Ogon.

Informant;- John J. Barry.

Private Co C. 315th Infantry.

I was nearby when Pvt Ralph E. Bowers, was wounded by shell fire and saw him carried to the rear, October 11, 1918, in the Bois de Ogon.

Informant;- Louis Martin.

Private Co C. 315th M.G.Bn.

Emergency address.

Mrs Donna Bowers. (Mother)
151 S. Irvin Ave. Sharon.
Pa,

From records of Major Carl H Tobey.
Adjutant 80th Division.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Remains of :

NAME: BOWERS Ralph E.

NUMBER: 2472973

RANK: Pvt

ORGANIZATION: Co C, 315th M G Bn

DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL MADE BY GROUP:

UNIT:

DISINTERMENTED: (Date)

FROM: (Give complete location)

9th June 1919.

Grave #81 FRENCH MIL. CEMETERY

FROMEREVILLE, MEUSE 35 SE 321 E 265.45 N

REBURIED (Date)

IN: (Give complete location)

9th June 1919.

Grave #18 Sec #60 Plot #1

ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY #1232

ROMAGNE, MEUSE.

1232 ✓

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

Burial good, body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body ? Yes.

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

Note:

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

Supervised by: Lt. Armitage

cmf.

R. H. ROSENTHAL

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

C.O. Group Unit

12304

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Bowers</i>	<i>B & W.</i>	3	<i>0 12</i> <i>2 5 3</i>
<i>Ralph E.</i>	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>35</i>	2	<i>35</i>
	ROW <i>19</i>	2	<i>19</i>
	BLOCK <i>E</i>	1	<i>5</i>
STATE	<i>Pa.</i>	2	<i>44</i>
RANK	<i>Pvt.</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>80</i>	2	<i>80</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>315</i>	3	<i>315</i>
ARM	<i>M.G.Bn.</i>	1	<i>2</i>
MARTIAL	<i>m</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Bogkway</i> <i>+ White</i>		3	
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	
	COUNTY	2	
<i>attys-at-law</i>	CITY	3	
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER <i>no sm</i>		1	
ELIGIBILITY <i>no law</i>	<i>Head</i>	1	<i>6</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

AUDITED

APR 13 1932

RS

m. p. H.
29/514/PJ.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bowers, Ralph E. - 1232 Att-at-law

July 8, 1930.

Brockway & White,
Sharon, Penna.

Dear Sir:

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

This office has no record of any person entitled under the Act mentioned to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe as the mother or widow of the above named deceased service man. To complete the list of eligibles and to assure that, if the above named man is survived by a mother or widow entitled to make a pilgrimage she receive an invitation to do so, it is requested you answer the following questions in the space provided on this letter and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

no

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

If so, give her name and address:

no

3. Is the deceased survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him according to the terms of Section 4 (a) of the enclosed Act as amended?

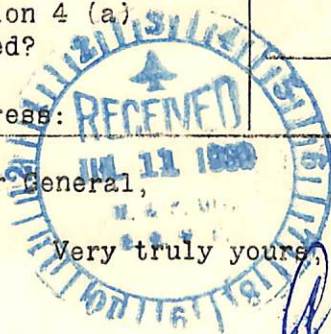
If so, give her name and address:

no

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:
Envelope
Act
Amendment



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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bowers, Ralph
1232

Sept. 12, 1929

Brockway & White,
Attorneys-at-Law,
Sharon, Pa.

Dear Sirs:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated Aug. 30, 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:

No.

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.

No.

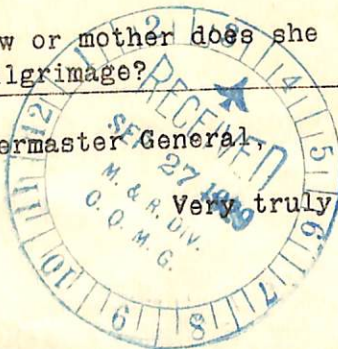
3. If survived by a widow or mother does she desire to make the pilgrimage?

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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John T. Harris
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, Ralph E.

August 31, 1929.

Brockway & White,
Attorneys-at-Law,
Sharon, Pa.

Dear Sirs:

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 ~~may~~ be able to furnish information concerning the next of kin of the late Private Ralph E. Bowers, Co. C, 315th M. G. Battalion, whose remains are now interred in the Meuse Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, 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?

No

2. If so, give her complete address.

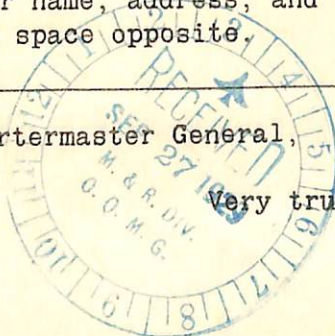
3. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

No

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Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bowers, ~~Reply E.~~

Ralph

August 30, 1929.

Brockway & White,
Attorneys-at-Law,
Sharon, 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 ^{may be able to furnish infor-} mation concerning the next of kin of the late Private Ralph R. Bowers, Co. C, 51st M. G. Battalion, whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, 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?

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2. If so, give her complete address.
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JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

Write.

Brockway & White
attorneys at Law.

Sharon

Pa.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29 , 1929.

Bowers, Ralph E.

Mrs. Dora Bowers,
151 S. Irvine Ave.,
Sharon, Pa.

XC-93782
8-15-Bm

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 Private Ralph E. Bowers, Co. C, 515th M.G. Battalion, whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

John T. Harris

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JOHN T. HARRIS,
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Assistant.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Muskett
895 S. Lane
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SHARON, PA.

U. S. F. D. No. 27-58.

AUG 8 1929

Route No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8,
9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bowers, Ralph E.
1232

September 12, 1929.

Brookway & White,
Attorneys-at-Law,
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Dear Sirs:

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

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JOHN T. HARRIS,
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Assistant.

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29, 1929.

Bowers, Ralph E.

Mrs. Dora Bowers,
151 S. Irvine Ave.,
Sharon, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Ralph E. Bowers, Co. C, 315th M.G. Battalion, whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a 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 an invitation to her to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

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

In reply refer to:
QM 293 C-R

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

September 1, 1923.

Mrs. Dora Bowers,
151 So. Irvine Ave.,
Sharon, Penn.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires you be informed that the permanent grave of Pvt. Ralph E. Bowers, Co. C, 315th Machine Gun Bn., is No. 35, Row 19, Block E, Meuse-Argonne American cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse) France.

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

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

Very truly yours,

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O.Q.M.G.
Central Mail & Files Bn.

H. H. Cheal.



Assistant.

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bowers 2472973 Ralph E.

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

Art Co C 315 M.G.

(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH:

Mobile Hos #1

CAUSE OF DEATH:

G.S.W.

DATE OF BURIAL:

Oct. 13 - 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL:

Military Cem

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

1/2 Kilom north of Brouerence

GRAVE NUMBER:

81

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?

yes

Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

yes

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

yes

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

1. G. R. S. Form No. 1.

Hq. G. R. S. File

2. Soldier's No. 2472973

3. Bowers Ralph E.
Surname (in block letters), First Name and Initials

4. Pvt. C. 315 M.G. B.M.
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. Oct. 12, 1918
Date of Death Cause, if known

6. French-American
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. Fromerence
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. 81 Row 2 - Amer. Plot
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

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

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

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

12. map No. 35 - S.E.
Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

2.6 N. 4.5 - N. - 321.00 E.

13. Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed: J. K. Lewis, Lt. Col.

Group.....Unit. 301 G. R. S.



American Expeditionary Forces
Headquarters Services of Supply
Office of the C.Q.M., A.E.F.
Graves Registration Service.

FROM : The Chief, G.R.S.

To : Chaplain Co. C., 315th M.G.Bn.

Sub-inspector, G.R.S.

SUBJECT : Information for relatives.

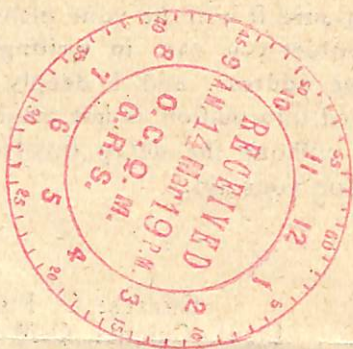
1. Information as to the circumstances connected with the death of

Private Ralph E. Bowers,
of the above company.

which are not of record in this office, is desired by his mother

Mrs. Dora Bowers, 151 S. Irvine
Avenue, Sharon, Penna.

2. I am sure it will be your pleasure to give what comfort you can in writing directly to the above address, and I deeply regret that



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

March 5, 1919.

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.
TO: Mrs. Dora Bowers, 151 S. Irvine Avenue, Sharon, Penna.
SUBJECT: Private Ralph E. Bowers, Co. C., 315th M.G.Bn.

In reply to your letter of inquiry, with reference to the regretted death of this soldier, according to the records at these headquarters he is buried in grave #81, Row #2 in the MILITARY CEMETERY at FROMBREVILLE, in the DEPARTMENT of the MEUSE. The grave is marked with the regulation cross. As these headquarters obtain only burial information, I have written to the Chaplain of Private Bowers' company, and you will doubtless hear from him, in due course, relative to the circumstances surrounding the death of your brave son.

By direction

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

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

MBD/im.

Form .004.5 enclosed.



Sharon Pa U.S.A.

Jan 6 - 1919.

2/5/19

Chief, Graves Registration Service,
Headquarters Service of Supply,
A.P.O. 717, Amer. Exp. Forces,
France.

Dear Sir:

I am one of the many heart-
broken mothers, who have
given their sons to this country.
As a favor I would ask you
to please give me a picture
of my sons grave, and details
of his death as to conscientious
and wounds. He was of Co.
C. 315 Mach. Gun. Battn.
Private Ralph Carl Bowers.

I suppose by this time
you have received enough
of these requests, to know

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4 - FEB 1919
O. Q. M.
G.R.S.

and understand what Mother
Love is, and surely to
God if it is in your power
you will grant me this
favor. You understand we
are powerless to get details
unless it comes from one
of his company, which seems
we can get no word from
them. We have had word
from his Captain but not
as to wounds.

I really don't think you can
understand how thankful
I would be for any informa-
tion regarding this.

Very truly,

Mr. Ibra Bowers,
1515 S. Irvine Ave., Sharon Pa.



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He died a soldiers death, from wounds received in action while fighting for his country.

Sincerly yours,

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American E.F.

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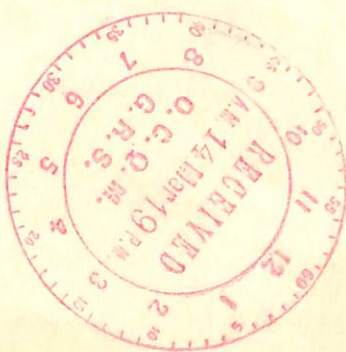
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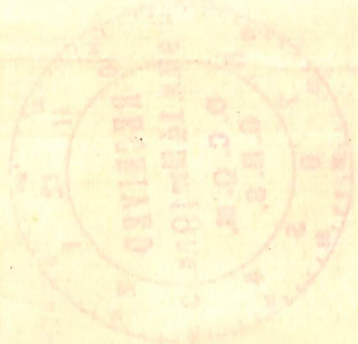
Mobile Hospital #1
12 October 1918

37558

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, Co "C" 315 MG Bn.
Subject: Death of soldier.

Report death of Private Ralph E Bowers, 2472973, Co "C" 315 MG Bn.
this hospital 4 PM this date. In line of duty. Cause of death: GSW FCC rt
femur, lt leg, neck, gas gangrene, post-operative shock.

Donald Macrae
Donald Macrae, Jr.,
Major, Medical Corps.



France, December 13, 1918.

Mr. A.G.Howell,
28 Erie Street,
Sharon, Penna.

Dear Sir:

Answering yours of November 18, 1918, regarding Private Ralph E. Bowers, Company C, 315th M.G.Bn., A.E.F., will say, he was wounded in the Bois de-Ogone, about two kilometers north of Montfaucon, France.

He was removed to a hospital, and we were notified that he had died from the effects of the operation there, necessary to save his life.

He was a soldier in my platoon, whom I valued very highly, always faithful and dependable and it was with great sorrow, that we learned of his death.

The same shell that wounded Private Bowers, also, wounded five of his comrades, two of whom have died since.

He died a soldiers death, from wounds received in action while fighting for his country.

Sincerely yours,

George F.Sullivan,
2nd Lieut. 315th M.G.Bn.
American E.F.

(Copy)



COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File# 37558

(a) Name BOWERS, Ralph E. Ser. No. 2472973
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. C. 315th M. G. Bn.
 (c) Date of death 10-12-18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA

TYP. hmp
 CKR. B. J.

3/24/22
 1/22/22
 for Concentration
 Munster - Argonne
 #1232
 att 4/14/22

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

(a) Grave No. 18 Row - Plot 1 Sec. 60 TYP. hmp
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Dora Bowers (Mother) 151 S. Irvine Ave. Sharon, PA.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious/diseases / / _____ CKR. B. J.

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt _____

no card in file 5-19-21

(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 JW Date 5-19, 1921

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

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

Examiner's Initials JW Date 5-19, 1921

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

Com. #4.9 Mrs. Dora Bowers, mother,
 151 S. Irvine St. Sharon, Pa. requests photo
 of grave & details of death.

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes

Examiner's Initials JW Date 5-19, 1921

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VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made _____, 192

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 192

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
letter on MAY 28 1921, 192

Sec 60

Par. 2 Not to be returned. LPU

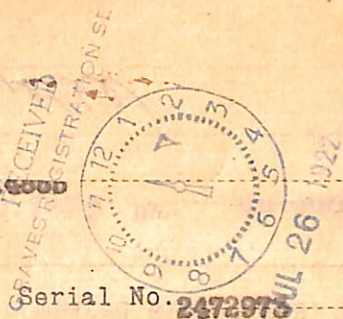
IX.

REMARKS

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

C-18800

Serial No. 2472975



32. Designation of body:

Name BOWERS, Ralph E.

Rank Pvt. Organization Co.C., 315th M.G. Bn.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer.Cty. # 1232 Romagne-sous-Montfaucon(Meuse).

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Nov 8 1921 By Ed Lavelle

35. I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector

F B Daniel

F B Daniel, Capt. OMC

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Nov 8 1921 cc

To point of Concentration Morgue Romagne (Name)

Convoyer W J Royed Signature Shipping Officer

G F Spann

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

G F Spann, Capt. OMC

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery

(Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred Meuse Argonne Cemetery 1232 Nov. 9th, 1921 (Date)

42. Grave No. 35 Section

43. Plot Block: E Row 19

G.R.S. Representative

James W. Younger

James W. Younger, Captain Q.M.C.

JEL

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Nov 8 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BOWERS, Ralph E.

10. Name _____

2. No. 2472973

11. No. _____

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank _____

4. Org. Co. C/ 315th M.G. Bn.

13. Org. _____

5. D.D. Oct. 12th. -18

14. (a) D.D. _____

6. C.D. WRIA

(b) D.B. None

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 18 Sec. 60

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____

8. Plot 1 Row _____

16. Plot _____ Row _____

9. _____

17. None

18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne American

19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Montfaucon

20. Dept. or County Meuse

21. Country France.

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232. Sec. 60

23. Disinterred (Date) Nov 8 1921

By Ed Lavelle

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Ralph E Bowers

Serial No. 2472973

Rank Pvt

Organization Co C 315th MG Bn

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

Rex M Moody
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

Rex M Moody

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).

No effects found

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable

28. Nature of burial Burlap, blanket, and wooden box.

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Nov 8 1921 By Ed Lavelle

31. Casket sealed by Ed Lavelle

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor Ed Lavelle)

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF BOWERS, Ralph E SERIAL NUMBER 2472973
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Cc. C. 315th M.G.Bn.

2. Disinterred (date): Nov 8, 1921 From (give complete location): gr 18, sec 60, plot 1

By: Group 5 Unit sec 1

3. Reburied (date): Nov. 9th, 1921. Grave 35, Row 19, Block E, Cemetery 1232. In (give complete location):

By: Group Reburial S Unit Nature of reburial Ulined Casket

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

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks: Tag on body reads Bowers, Ralph E. 2472973.

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

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

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

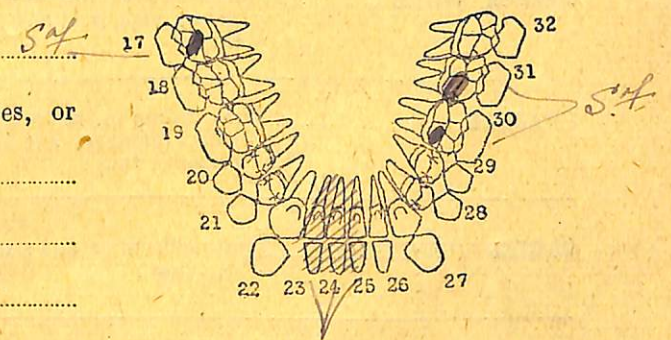
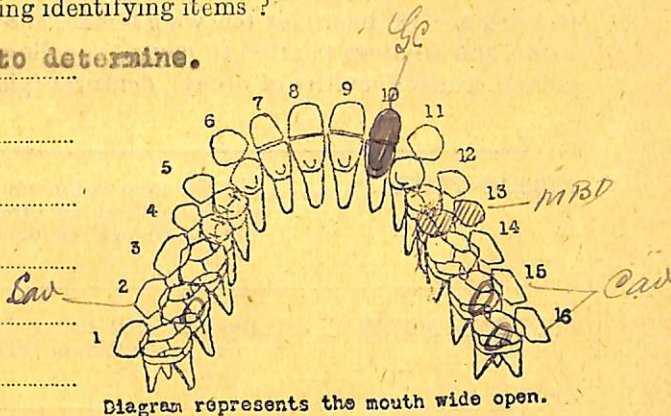
(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

Quantity do

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

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



7. Disinterment supervised by Lavelle Approved: F. B. Daniel
Ld Lavelle. (Title) F. B. Daniel. Capt. U.S.M.C.






8. Reburial supervised by A. U. Dufault Approved: James W. Yeunger
A. U. Dufault, (Title) James W. Yeunger,
Captain U.S.M.C.

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

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

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".
 (b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No. 6.

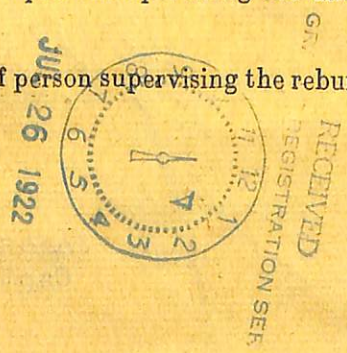
6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There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

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

DENTURES (PLATES) Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp."

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

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



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File# 37558

See Form 115
Att 4/14/22

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III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases CKR. B. J.

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

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
letter of transmittal on MAY 28 1921, 192

Sub 60
Par. 2 Not to be returned LPW

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

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

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

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

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August, 1920

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