

DATE Oct. 26th 1921.

1. NAME BOWERS, Samuel M SERIAL No. 730820

RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Hq Co 6th Inf 5th Div

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse Argonne American Cemetery 1232 (sec 68)

CTY. NAME Romagne sous Montfaucon NUMBER

118 Section Meuse 68 3

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Isolated Ling devant Dun Fontaines, Meuse e-518

GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES Verdun 35NE 287.76N 318.08E OK

CONCENTRATED TO 6/17/19 118 68 3

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. Collar ornament Hq. Co., 6 Inf. data f-1/pfb

DATE OF DEATH Nov 6, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Meuse

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

Rec'd World War Div. 3 APR 4 1928

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

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Oct. 26th 1921. 17 17 F

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT Block

Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse. CEMETERY

AUDITED BY
LORRINS

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4-11-28

A.G.O.
AUG 11 1926
WORLD WAR DIV.

AUG 18 1926
Major General
The Adjutant General
By

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Grave location blank

grave of;

Bowers 730820 Samuel M

Killed in action

Location of grave

North east edge of woods
Bois de Sartelle

Montfaucon Map I/50000,

Buried by comrades

J. D. Van Horn
Chaplain
11th Inf.

5x8

Place LEURCHAT EAU

Date 1st, July 1919.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name **BOWERS**
BOWERS, Samuel

Number:

Rank Unkn Organization: Hdq. Co. 6th Inf.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group _____ Unit _____

Disinterred (Date) _____ From: (Give complete location) _____

17th, June 1919. Isolated _____

LINYEdevant DUN. MEUSE.

35 NE 318.03 E 287.76 N

Reburied (Date) _____ in: (Give complete location) _____

17th, June 1919. Grave #118 Sec #68 Plot#3

ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY No. 1852.

ROMAGNE, MEUSE.

1232

Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
Burial good. Buried in uniform body decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? NO

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

CONFIRMED No. D. _____

12125

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon the bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct, as is required by C.O. 170, G.H.Q. 1918., 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 It. Whitney

R. H. ROSENTHAL
Sgt. Lieut. **U.M.C.U.S.A.**

HLV

C.O. Group _____ Unit _____

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Bowers</i>	<i>Bow</i>	3	⁰ <i>2 5 3</i>
BURIED	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
	GRAVE <i>17</i>	2	<i>17</i>
	ROW <i>17</i>	2	<i>17</i>
	BLOCK <i>7</i>	1	<i>6</i>
STATE	<i>Tenn</i>	2	<i>48</i>
RANK	<i>Prot</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>5</i>	2	<i>05</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>6</i>	3	<i>006</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARITAL	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Bowers</i>	<i>Bow</i>	3	⁰ <i>2 5 3</i>
RESIDENCE	STATE <i>Tenn</i>	2	<i>48</i>
	COUNTY <i>Warren</i>	2	<i>10</i>
	CITY <i>Natunga Valley</i>	3	<i>XXX</i>
RELATION	<i>mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Bad</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO. YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>no</i>	1	

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Brown, Samuel M-1232

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IN REPLY
REFER TO

QM 293 A-M

Bowers, Samuel M. (MA)

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

Mrs. Sallie Bowers,
R.F.D.#1, Box 110,
Watauga Valley, Tenn.

January 5, 1933.

Dear Madam:

During the past three years, numerous communications have been forwarded you relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

Under the law, 1933 is the last year you may make the pilgrimage at the expense of the Government, and it is imperative that this office have an expression from you as to whether or not you desire to take advantage of the opportunity afforded you.

It is requested therefore you answer the following inquiry, sign your name, and return this letter to this office.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE IN 1933? no

(Yes) or (No)

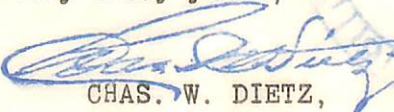
Mrs. Sallie Bowers.

Sign here

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


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

Encl.:
Env.



QM 293 A-M

Bowers, Samuel M. (MA)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

October 12, 1932.

Mrs. Sallie Bowers,
RFD 1, Box 110,
Watauga, Valley, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

Your Government has provided an opportunity for all Mothers and Widows of deceased members of the American Forces who were lost, buried at sea, or whose remains are now interred in Europe, to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. This was done in the hope that all who may make the pilgrimage will derive a measure of comfort and solace from the visit.

You are numbered among those who are privileged to make this pilgrimage.

During July and September of this year, inquiries were addressed to you as to whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage to Europe. To these inquiries no reply has been received from you.

You probably do not realize how important it is that a reply be received from you. If we do not receive replies, it becomes very difficult to make the necessary and proper arrangements for those who are to make the trip, as everything must be arranged in advance. Consequently, it is just as important for the Government to know the names of those who do not desire to take advantage of its offer as it is to know the names of those who do.

Will you please devote a few moments of your time to write either the word "YES" or "NO" in the following space _____, thus indicating whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage during 1933 and sign your name here _____. Use the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage, and return this sheet.

This reply will assure your Government that no worthy Mother or Widow has failed to receive its offer in commemoration of a loved one departed, and will greatly assist in making the necessary preparations for those of them who wish to take advantage of the privilege.

For The Quartermaster General,
Very truly yours,

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, Samuel H. (MA)

Sept. 6, 1932.

Mrs. Sallie Bowers,
RFD #1, Box 110,
Watauga Valley, Tenn.

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 Samuel M (MA)

July 8 1932

Mrs Sallie Bowers
R F D #1 Box 110
Watauga Valley Tenn

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.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

QM 293 A-M
Bowers, Samuel M. Pvt. (M-A) M

March 22, 1932.

Mrs. Sallie Bowers,
R.F.D. #1, Box 110,
Watauga Valley, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Samuel M. Bowers.

It is noted you previously stated your health was poor, and in this connection you are assured that should you make a pilgrimage competent personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past two years many mothers who were in poor health and of advanced age made the pilgrimage and appeared to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

Should you reconsider and desire to visit the grave of your son during the coming summer, it is requested that you notify this office at the earliest practicable date. You are assured the journey will not only be made at the expense of the United States, but everything possible for your comfort and welfare will be provided.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

September 29, 1931. AL

Bowers, Samuel M. (M-A) M

Mrs. Sallie Bowers,
R. F. D. #1, Box #100,
Watauga Valley, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

In order that the records may be complete, 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 1932?

2. Please state your age and condition
of health:

3. Do you speak English?

4. What other language do you speak?

Age:
Health:

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-M

June 11, 1931.

IN REPLY REFER TO
Stonuel M. Pvt. (M-A) M

Mrs. Sallie Bowers,
R.F.D.#1, Box #110,
Watauga Valley, Tenn.

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,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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

Write answer here

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

October 11, 1930

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Bowers, Samuel M. Pvt 1232 M

Mrs. Sallie Bowers
R. F. D. #1, Box 110
Watauga Valley, Tenn.

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>No. Am not able.</i>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age <i>60</i> Condition of health <i>Bad</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,
Captain, U. S. Corps,
Assistant.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bowers, Samuel M 1232 M

June 7, 1930

Mrs. Sallie Bowers
R. F. D. #1, Box 110
Watauga Valley, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bowers, Samuel M. 1232 M

February 3, 1930.

Mrs. Sallie Bowers,
R. F. D. #1, Box #110,
Watauga Valley, Tennessee.

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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age (Years) 59	Health (Good) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Poor) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (No)	Other language (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

January 25, 1930

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bowers, Samuel M. 1232

Mrs. Sallie Bowers,
RFD #1, Box ~~100~~, 110
Watauga Valley, Tenn.

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 Pvt. Samuel M. Bowers, Hq. Co., 6th Inf., 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.

Mrs. Sallie Bowers
R. F. D. # 1 Box 110
Watauga Valley
Tennessee
Relationship: Mother.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

J. T. Harris

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
(Bowers, Samuel M.)

June 29, 1929.

Mrs. Sallie Bower,
R.F.D. #1, Box 100,
Watanga Valley, Tenn.

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 Samuel M. Bowers, Hdq. Co., 6th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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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-M
Bowers, Samuel H. (MA)

Sept. 6, 1932.

Mrs. Sallie Bowers,
RFD #1, Box 110,
Watauga Valley, Tenn.

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.

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4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

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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 Samuel M (MA)

July 8 1932

Mrs Sallie Bowers
R F D #1 Box 110
Watauga Valley Tenn

Dear Madam:

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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.

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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) _____

QM 293 A-M
Bowers, Samuel M. Pvt. (M-A) M

March 22, 1932.

Mrs. Sallie Bowers,
R.F.D. #1, Box 110,
Watauga Valley, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Samuel M. Bowers.

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Should you reconsider and desire to visit the grave of your son during the coming summer, it is requested that you notify this office at the earliest practicable date. You are assured the journey will not only be made at the expense of the United States, but everything possible for your comfort and welfare will be provided.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Bowers, Samuel R. (H-A) M

September 29, 1931. AL

Mrs. Sallie Bowers,
R. F. D. #1, Box #100,
Watauga Valley, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

In order that the records may be complete, 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 1932?	
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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

June 11, 1931.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Bowers, Samuel M. Pvt. (M-A) M

Mrs. Sallie Bowers,
R.F.D.#1, Box #110,
Watauga Valley, Tenn.

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,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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

Write answer here

Sign here

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RECORDED - 11 - JUN 11 1931

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

QM 293 A-M

October 11, 1930

Bowers, Samuel M. Pvt 1232 M

Mrs. Sallie Bowers
R. F. D. #1, Box 110
Watauga Valley, Tenn.

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. FUGHES,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

Encls:
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bowers, Samuel M 1232 M

June 7, 1930

Mrs. Sallie Bowers
R. F. D. #1, Box 110
Watauga Valley, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bowers, Samuel M. 1232 M

February 3, 1930.

Mrs. Sallie Bowers,
R. F. D. #1, Box #110,
Watauga Valley, Tennessee.

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.

Encl.
Act
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U.S. Q. M. CORPS
 DIVISION
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 DISPATCH

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

January 25, 1930

Bowers, Samuel M. 1232

Mrs. Sallie Bowers,
RFD #1, Box 100,
Watauga Valley, Tenn.

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 Pvt. Samuel M. Bowers, Hq. Co., 6th Inf., 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?
2. If so, give her complete address.
3. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Act of Congress
Envelope

Q. M. G. M. DIV.
100
JAN 27 1930
DISPATCH

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bowers, Samuel M.
1232

Sept. 1, 1929.

Mrs. Sallie Bower,
RFD #1, Box 100,
Watauga Valley, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated ~~June 29, 1929~~ making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
(Bowers, Samuel M.)

June 29, 1929.

Mrs. Sallie Bower,
R.F.D. #1, Box 100,
Watauga Valley, Tenn.

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 Samuel M. Bowers, Hdq. Co., 6th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

FROM : Sgt. J.W. Sharp, C.R.O. Representative.
TO : Central Records Office, Welfare Department.
SUBJECT : Location of graves.

NAME Bowers, Samuel M 730820 FILE NO.
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Hq Co. 6th Inf.

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NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with records?	Yes
2.	Date of death.	KIA Date not shown GC 458 SP 1
3.	Date of burial.	Not known
4.	Grave location.	Liny-Devant-Dun, Meuse. Map 35 NE co-ordinates E 319.2 N 287.1
5.	How is grave marked?	Not shown.
6.	Identification tags.	
	(a) Buried with body?	"
	(b) Attached to grave marker?	"

REMARKS:

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Submitted by: _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

IN REPLY REFER TO AG 201 Bowers, Samuel M. (WW)

WASHINGTON April 16, 1923.

SUBJECT: Report of Death.

94913

To: Quartermaster General of the Army,
Washington, D.C.

1. An investigation recently completed by this Department in the case of Samuel M. Bowers, #730,820, private, Co C, 6th Infantry, who had been reported as killed in action November 9, 1918, now shows that he was killed in action November 6, 1918 and that the former report is erroneous.

By order of the Secretary of War:

W. H. Woodruff
Adjutant General.



APR 17 1923

94913 Bowers, Samuel M.

APR 17 1923

Bowers,

Samuel M.

730,820

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt. Hq. Co. 6th Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

Father

State your relationship to the deceased.

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

yes

(Yes or no.)

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

no

(Yes or no.)

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

J. B. Bowers

(Name of person to receive remains.)

Hunter

(Express office.)

Hunter

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

Watanga Valley

(City or town.)

Tenn

(State.)

(Sign here)

J. B. Bowers

Rd # 1, Box 100

(Number and street or rural route.)

Watanga Valley

(City, town, or post office.)

Tenn

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

drawn by M.H.

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checked by
S.S. - 16 - 21

September 14, 1923.

Mr. T.B. Bowers,
R.F.D. #1, Box 100,
Watauga Valley, Tenn.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the permanent grave of Private Samuel M. Bowers, Headquarters Company, 6th Infantry, is grave 17, row 17, Block F, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Remagen, Meuse-Avonfaucou (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. 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.

You are assured in effecting removal of the remains, the utmost care and reverence were exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed this sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

H.H. CHEAL

Assistant.

WPR

O.Q.M.G.
Central Mail & Files Br.
SEP 14 1923
M. H. W.

SEP 14 1923
M. H. W.

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 94913

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BOWERS, Samuel. M. Ser. No. 730820
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. Hq. 6th Inf.
(c) Date of death -- (d) Cause of death k/a
TYP. hmp
CKR. B. J.

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

(a) Grave No. 118 Row - Plot 3 Sec. 68 TYP. hmp
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Sallie Bower(mother) Watauga Valley, Tenn.

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

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt

(a) Name J. B. Bowers (b) Relationship Father
(c) Address P.O.# 1, Box 100, Watauga Valley, Tenn.
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? Yes
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at No

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. J. B. Bowers
Watauga Valley, Tenn.
Exp. & bill of papers - Hunter
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S.

Examiner's Initials JMH Date 5/14, 1921

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

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

Examiner's Initials Date, 192

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

Letter rec'd - Aug. 26 - 1920
from J. B. Bowers (father) R#1, Box 100, Watauga Valley,
Tenn. desires body remain in France.

(a) Cancellation memos referred to?
Examiner's Initials JMH Date 5/14, 1921

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232 Sec. 68 SHEET No. 14

WRITE NOTHING BELOW THIS LINE.
Location Index

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

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

S-1733/MB

dated 10/24
checked by
CS-16-24

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Oct 26, 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

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Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

- 1. Name BOWERS, Samuel M
- 2. No. 730820
- 3. Rank Pvt
- 4. Org. Hq Co 6th Inf
- 5. D.D. Nov 9
- 6. C.D. KIA

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

- 7. Grave No. 118 Sec. 68
- 8. Plot 3 Row _____
- 9. _____

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

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 68)

23. Disinterred (Date) 10-26-21

By E. Maire

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Samuel M. Bowers

Serial No. 730820

Rank Pvt.

Organization Hq Co, 6th Inf.

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

John H. P. ...
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).

Collar ornament Hdq. Co. 6th Inf.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed features unrecognizable

28. Nature of burial In uniform, burlap and pine 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 10-26-21 By E. Maire

31. Casket sealed by E. Maire

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) Eduro Maire



SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-13873

32. Designation of body:

Name BOWERS, Samuel M Serial No. 730820
Rank Pvt Organization Hq Co 6th Inf

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse Argonne American Cemetery 1232
Romagne sous Montfaucou Meuse

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) 10-26-21 By A. Heire

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 *G. C. Bland*
Geo. C. Bland, Capt. QMC

36. Remarks _____

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) 10-26-21

To point of Concentration Morgue, Romagne
(Name)
Convoyer I. J. Royed Signature Shipping Officer *G. F. Spann*
G. F. Spann, Capt. QMC

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date _____
By G.R.S. Representative _____

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date _____
To Permanent Cemetery _____
(Name)
Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer _____

40. Received: Date _____
G.R.S. Representative _____

41. Reinterred Meuse Arg. Cemetery. (Date) Oct. 26, 1921.

42. Grave No. 17. Section _____

43. Plot Block F. Row 17

G.R.S. Representative *G. C. Bland*
Geo. C. Bland,
1st. Lieut. QMC.



REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Oct. 26, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF BOWERS SAMUEL M. SERIAL NUMBER 730820

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Hq. Co., 6th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) Oct. 26, 1921. From (give complete location):

Gr. 118 sec 68 pt 3, Cem., #1232.

By: Group Maire Unit Sec. 1

3. Reburied (date): Oct 26, 1921. In (give complete location):

Row 17, Block F, Grave 17, Cem. 1232.

By: Group Reburial S. Unit Nature of reburial Unlined casket.

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

Badly decomposed features unrecognizable. U.S. uniform burlap and pine box,

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? No

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

730 - - - Hq. Co., 6th Inf. col. Orn. Hd Co., 6- Inf.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Imp to det.

(b) Weigh, (estimated) Imp to det.

(c) Hair—Color none visible

Quantity None

Characteristics None

(d) Hair on face—Color None

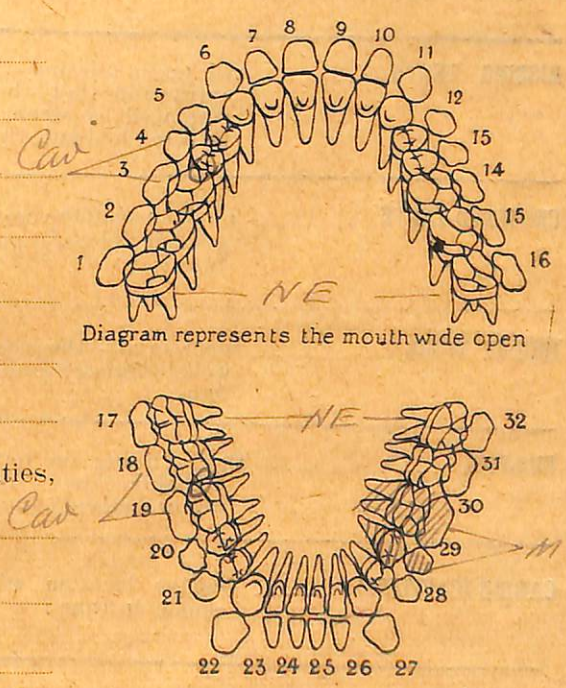
Location None

Quantity None

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) None visible

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

left humerus left pelvic fractured.



7. Disinterment supervised by Edmo Maire Approved: Geo. C. Bland 1st Lt. QM.

8. Reburial supervised by A.U. Dufault, concentration WS Approved: Geo. C. Bland, 1st. Lieut. QMC.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 94913

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BOWERS, Samuel. M. Ser. No. 730820
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. Hq. 6th Inf. } TYP. hmp
 (c) Date of death --- (d) Cause of death k/a } B. J.

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

(a) Grave No. 118 Row - Plot 5 Sec. 68 TYP. hmp
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Sallie Bower(mother) Watauga Valley, Tenn.

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
 Sec. #68 { letter of transmittal on JUN 1 1921, 192

Pr. 2 Not To Be Returned

mcN.

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

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

Date of and source.	Relationship and name.	Desires.	Action taken.
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VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J. _____, 192

COUNTRY _____ CEMETERY No. _____ SHEET No. _____

94913

Grave location blank

Grave of;

Bowers 730820 Samuel M

Killed in action

Location of grave

North east edge of woods
Bois de Sartelle

Montfaucon Map I/50000,

Buried by comrades

BOIS DE SARTELLE
(Meuse)

CMME. LINY-DEVANT-DUN

(C 518) SIT. 35 NE COORD {E. 319.2
N. 287.1

Walter
Chaplain

11th Inf



Grave location blank

Grave of;

Bowery, 2080 Samuel M.

Killed in
 Location of
 North east
 Bois de
 Montlancan Map 15000



Buried by

783

Communal List No. 518-783
 Daily Report No. _____

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BOWERS 730820 Samuel M.
(Surname) (Number) (First Name and Initials)

Private Hdq Co. 6th. Infantry
(Rank) (Organization)

PLACE OF DEATH: Wounded Nov 6/18

CAUSE OF DEATH:

DATE OF BURIAL:

PLACE OF BURIAL:

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

See correspondance - CURSKI, Theodore
2660574

GRAVE NUMBER:

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

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

G.R.S. FORM NO. 12

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

FROM : ADJUTANT GENERAL.
TO : C.O. Hdq Co. 6th. Infantry
SUBJECT : Information for burial Register.

1. You are directed to transmit without delay to the Chief, Graves Registration Service, the information indicated on enclosed Graves Location Blank as necessary for the completion of official records.

By Command of General Pershing:

Robert C. Davis
Adjutant General.

Note: ✓

No records available, F.B. M.C.

In case this item is checked, you will note hereon:

Nearest relative of deceased:

Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Received 1919
J. B. [unclear]
[unclear]



G.R.S. #106
DISPOSITION OF BODY

War Department
Office of the Quartermaster General.
Graves Registration Service.
Washington, D.C.

September 10, 1920.

For information of:

- (a) The Adjutant General of the Army
- (b) G.R.S., Paris, France,
- (c) Office Files.
- (d) Photographic Section.

Case of:

Pvt. Samuel M. Bowers, #730820,
Hdq. Co. 6th Inf.

Grave Location:

Grave #118, Sec. 68, Plot 3, Argonne
Amer. Cty. Romagne-sous-Mont faucon, Meuse.

Request for action checked below:

- (a) Return of Body to the U.S.
- (b) Permanent Burial in France.
- (c) Cancellation of former requests.
- (d) Change of address.
- (e) Photograph of grave,

has been made by:

Mr. T. B. Bowers,
Route #1, Box 100,
Watauga Valley, Tenn.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.,
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

NS-2992/L

MVB

FILES

September 10, 1920.

23.8-Cem. #94913 (Bowers, Samuel M, Pvt.)

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)
To: Mr. T. B. Bowers, Route #1, Box 100, Watauga Valley, Tenn.
Subject: Permanent burial in France.

1. In reply to your notation on letter from Auditor for the War Department, dated August 9, 1920, cancelling your previous instructions for the return of the remains of your son, Private Samuel M. Bowers, and directing that his body be permanently interred in the American Field of Honor at Romagne-sous-Mort facon, Department of Meuse, 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.

2. This office assures you that the grave of your son will always be fittingly and tenderly maintained by the Government.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

By:

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

MR.

mail
SEP 11 1920





TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

August 9, 1920.

OFFICE OF
AUDITOR FOR WAR DEPARTMENT
IN REPLYING QUOTE INITIALS

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Recorded, Compterial Div., O. O. M. C.
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Mr. T. B. Bowers,
Route #1, Box 100,
Watauga Valley, Tenn.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 2nd inst., in which you report the death of your son, Sam M. Bowers, H. G. Co., 6th Inf.

In reply you are advised that this office can make settlement of his accounts to the date of his death and any amount found due will be paid to the heirs entitled upon formal application. If your son left no widow or child surviving, the form enclosed is suitable for the use of his mother and yourself jointly for this purpose. When an application, properly executed is received in this office you will be further advised.

Relative to the disposition of the body of your deceased son, you should correspond with the Adjutant General of the Army, War Department, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully,

J. G. BAITY

Auditor for the War Department,

By *OR*



HG 906

We desire that the body be buried in France Plain and necessary blanks etc.
Receipt. T. B. Bowers

Bowers, Sam M.

it should be H. G. Co. N^d

The Inf^m

Thanking you for Past Favor

Yours Truly H. B. Barr
His Father



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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
WASHINGTON.

Bowers

ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY

8/26/20

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

Remarks: 92

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.

M.V.
Analysis Clerk.

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

I. GENERAL INFORMATION on Cemetery No. (furnished by: *MAT*) (date *9/2/20*)
Data sent Overseas *Bowers, Samuel M. Pvt. Hq. Co. 6 Inf. #790820*
Operations to commence (approx.)
Operations to be completed (approx.)
Bodies shipped from European Port
Bodies arrived at Hoboken

II. CASE OF *Bowers, Samuel M. Pvt. Hq. Co. 6 Inf. #790820*

The following information was abstracted (Date) *9/2/20* from: *Files*

SOURCE	CLK.	in OFFICE		Clk.	in OFFICE
A. G. O. Cards	<i>MAT</i>	<i>yes</i>	Shppg. Inquiry (sent.....)		
A.G.O. Corresp.			To.....		
G.R.S. Corresp. relative to disp.			OSP S-S Corresp. (see Remarks.)		

DESIRES as to Disposition.

Name of Relative	RETURN			REMAIN	SPECIAL
	N. C.	Pvt.	Int.		
Widow					
Children (Name oldest first)					
<i>✓</i> Father <i>J.B. Bowers</i> <i>Rt. 100, Watanga, Tenn.</i>			<i>✓</i>		
Mother <i>Tenn.</i>					
Brothers					
Sisters					

Body to be shipped to *J.B. Bowers, Watanga, Tenn.*
was shipped (Date)

REMARKS *Obj 1232 not audited*
BRB 9/2-20

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

Date 2-28-20

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME Bowers, Sam M,

Serial Number _____

RANK _____

ORGANIZATION

Hdq. Co., 6th Inf.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	(1) Bowers Samuel M. Pvt., Hdq. Co., 6th Inf. #33082
2.	Date of Death.	(2) no record
3.	Cause and place of death.	(3) H-A,
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	(4) #458 - SP-1.
5.	Date buried.	(5) 11-9-18.
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	(6) Isolated grave # not given c _____ #518, Siny Levant Dur. Meuse. ✓ Reburied: 6-17-19. Grave #118, Sec. 68, Plot 13 Argonne Amer. Cty. #1232 Romagny-sous-Montfaucon Meuse
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	(10) a no b yes,
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	(11) Mrs. Tallie Bower, (Mother) Watauga Valley, Tenn.
12.	Has been notified? (Give date)	3-20-19 5-28-19 (12) 2-28-20 — 107
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	(14) D-33985.
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	
15.	Inquiry made by?	

N.B. All Proper names to be typewritten, or printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.

Released by Information Control
Dept. _____
Directory _____
* Cards 5x8 ✓
Cards 4x6 _____

J. H. L.

