

G.R.S. Form #114 B

To The A. G. O.

6300

DATE Oct. 15th 1921.

MAY 14 1926

1. NAME BOWKER, Walter H. SERIAL No. 1909009

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. D, 328th Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION Argonne Amer. Romagne/s/Montfaucon 1232 sec 81

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

16

sec 81

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GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Chatel Chehery (Ardennes);

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES 35 S. W. 279.5 N. 297.9 E.

CONCENTRATED TO 6.2.19. 16. 81 1.

DATE

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Meuse Argonne Cemetery

1232.

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

DATE OF DEATH Nothing of record.

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

Data form 1.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE

GRAVE

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SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Oct. 15th 1921.

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Meuse-Argonne Amer. Ctr. #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

CEMETERY

AUDITED BY
1 M. C. 23-23
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MAY 19 1926

MAY 15 1926
WORLD WAR DIV.

C° D. 328th Inf.
82nd Div.

BOWKER, Walter, Pvt I909099
Home: 91 Glenn St. Malden, Mass.

This soldier killed by shell fire, instantly, on Oct. 8th I9I8,
about IO AM. Hill 223 near Chatel Chehery, Argonne Forest, France. Buried
at Chatel Chehery church yard N° 37.

(No informant given.)

Emerg. add.:
Mrs Ella Bowker Sprol:
(above)

Signed: Folsone, L.L. Ist Lt 328th Inf.
2/I5/I9

HC

Bowker, Walter H.

Party "I" - Itinerary - Meuse-Argonne Group

Sailed June 25, 1930 on SS REPUBLIC. Capt. F. M. Child and Lt. G. E. Young in charge. Arrived Cherbourg 10.30 pm July 5th. Tender arrived 5.35. am July 6th, bearing Major Dailey and 8 other officers; 4 nurses and 2 civilian employees. Train left at 8.31 am. Arrived Gare des Invalides 2.15 pm. Met by Col. Ellis, members of his staff and a detail of interpreters and nurses.

July 7th. Morning devoted to transaction of personal business. Exchange of money, preparation of laundry, etc. Left hotel by bus at 3 pm for Arc de Triomphe where Mrs. Emmeline Neubert placed a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent after ceremony. Returned to hotel for dinner. Evening free.

July 8th. Left hotel 7.15 am for Montmirail, Chalons s/Marne, St. Menehould and Verdun.

July 9th, 10th, 11th. Daily trips from Verdun to the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery.

July 12th. Left Verdun 9.15 am. Lunch at Cemetery. Left 2 pm via Charpentry, Argonne Forest, Four de Paris, Vienne-le-Chateau, Vienne-la-Ville, Somme-Bionne. Arrived Suippes 4 pm. Rest stop Hotel de Champagne. Left 4.30 pm via Jonchery, St. Hilaire-le-Grand. Arrived Reims 6 pm. Dinner and sleep Hotel Bristol Crystal.

July 13th. Visit Cathedral and Reims in morning. Lunch Hotel Bristol Crystal. Left Reims 1.30 pm via Champfleury, Ay, Epernay, Dormans. Arrived Chateau Thierry 3.30 pm. Rest stop Hostellerie du Bonhomme. Left 4 pm via Le Thiolet, Montrouil-sux-Lions, La Forte-sous-Jouarre. Arrived Paris 6.45 pm.

July 14th. Sightseeing trip Paris Notre Dame. Lunch at Hotel. Sightseeing trip Paris Napoleon's Tomb. Dinner at Hotel.

July 15th. Morning free. Lunch at Hotel. Depart Versailles, Belle Cycliste-Suresnes. Dinner at hotel.

July 16th. Fontainebleau via Melun. Lunch Hotel Legris. Visit Chateau. Dinner at hotel.

July 17th. Boat train for Cherbourg 10.30 am. Arrived Cherbourg 4.13 pm. SS AMERICA sailed shortly after 6.10 pm. Capt. Child and Lt. Young in charge. Arrived New York July 26th.

Mrs. Ella B. Sproul

Bowker, Walter H.
Pvt.

Gold Star Pilgrimages
Party I, sailing June 25, 1930

Route Going and Returning: NYNH&HRR

Itinerary:

June 24, Leave Boston (So. Sta.)	9:00 A.M.	EST	Train	No. 9
Arrive New York (GUT)	2:30 P.M.	"	"	" 9

Parlor Car, Boston to New York.

Elapsed time, 5 hrs. 30 min.

Sproul, Mrs. Ella B. I-4
91 Glenn St., Malden, Mass.

WAR DEPARTMENT
 "PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"
 -- ROOM 901 --

225 West 34th St., New York, N.Y.

BOWKER, WALTER H.

MA

Party I
 Number 1657

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

MRS. ELLA B. SPROUL

Name of Traveler
MALDEN, MIDDLESEX COUNTY,
 Home Address
MASS.

Estimate cost of through Pullman.

New York, to BOSTON, MASS.

\$ 1.50 *Roston*

New York, to BOSTON, MASS.
 Destination,

Via N Y N H & H TO BOSTON

JULY 27, 1930
Date of Departure

	Road	Tr.NO.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	car	U.S.G. Order NO.	Est.Cost
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Remarks::

Escorted to train by Capt Arnold J. Hunt

June 10th, 1930

Mrs. Ella B. Sproul,
91 Glenn Street,
Malden, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Please attach the enclosed tags to each
piece of baggage, thus to protect the safe arrival of
same in New York.

Upon your arrival in this City, you will
be met at the Railroad Station by a United States Army
Officer, in uniform, you will wear on the left sleeve
of his coat a blue cloth band, showing a Gold Star and
the word "Pilgrimage". This officer will escort you
and your baggage to your Hotel in New York City.

For The Officer in Charge:

George F. R. Taylor,
1st. Lieut., Q.M. Corps,
Assistant.

Enclosures:
2 tags.

Name SPROUL, Mrs. Ella B.,
HOTEL COMMODORE
Paris Hôtel BOULEVARD . . . ANN
Home address 91 Glen St., Malden, Middlesex County, Massachusetts
Party I Group I Unit SS. REPUBLIC
Date of arrival July-6-1930 Date of departure SS. AMERICA-July-17-1930
Relationship Mother
Name of deceased BOWKER, Walter H.
Rank Pvt Organization Co. C, 328th Inf
Cemetery Meuse-Argonne

REMARKS

is Ella B Sprout



Wm Judy R. N.

Bowker, Walter H.
MEDICAL RECORD

Part, I Group 1.

Regt, Co C, 328 Inf.

Station: Paris

Date: July 15-17

Name Sprout, Ella B.

Home address 91 Glen. St. Malden. Mass

Address of Nearest friend or relative Mrs Diehl (daughter)
274 Washington St. Malden. Mass.

Religion Prot. Age 56

History of Present complaint:

(over)

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

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Disposition: (include dates)

Remarks: July 15th A.M. Nausea Vomiting during the night - no Temp.
30° Sel de Hunt Therp. - Milk of mag. at 9 a.m. Therp. More Comf.
Rest in bed. Emission of milk of mag. Sel de Hunt at 2 P.M. & 9 P.M.

July 17-30 - To Cherbourg - Beach -

NAME SPROUL, MRS. ELLA B.

92

S.S. AMERICA

JUL 25 1930

71537

HOME MALDEN, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, MASS.

R.R. *N.Y. & N.H. R.R. Boston*

STATION

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE

Aug.

*Mrs. S. Diehl
2274 Washington
Malden, Mass
Middlesex Co.*

206-13

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Bowker</i>	<i>B O W</i>	3	<i>2 5 3²</i>
<i>Walter H</i> BURIED	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	
	GRAVE <i>20</i>	2	<i>20</i>
	ROW <i>20</i>	2	<i>20</i>
	BLOCK <i>D</i>	1	<i>4</i>
STATE	<i>ny</i>	1	<i>37</i>
RANK	<i>Port</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>82</i>	2	<i>82</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>328</i>	3	<i>328</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Sprout</i>	<i>SPR</i>	3	<i>9 6 8</i>
<i>Mrs. Ella B.</i> RESIDENCE	STATE <i>mass</i>	2	<i>25</i>
	COUNTY <i>Middlesex</i>	2	<i>09</i>
	CITY <i>Malden</i>	3	<i>083</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>Good</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>yes</i>	1	

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QM 293 AM
Bowker, Walter H. Pvt. 1232M

August 8, 1930.

Mrs. Ella B. Sproul,
91 Glenn St.,
Malden, Mass.

Dear Madam:

The testimonial dated July 25th to the Secretary of War, which you and the other mothers and widows returning on the SS America were so kind as to send regarding your pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, has been referred to me for reply.

It is gratifying to know that the officers of the Army and the nurse in charge of your group rendered such courteous and efficient service. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages and has expended every effort that those making the journey might have a comfortable and pleasant trip. I feel, however, that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation shown by the mothers and widows who are making the pilgrimage.

I am indeed pleased to receive such complimentary remarks concerning the care and consideration shown the women making the journey by the personnel connected with the pilgrimage.

Sincerely yours,

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

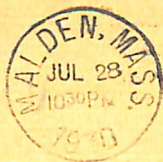
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WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300.



PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

NAME Sproul, Mrs. Ella B.

ADDRESS 91 Glenn St., Malden, Middlesex Co. Mass.

DATE _____

TO: OFFICER-IN-CHARGE,
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

I BEG TO INFORM YOU THAT I HAVE RETURNED
TO MY HOME SAFELY AND IN GOOD HEALTH.

SINCERELY,

(SIGNED) Mrs. Ella B. Sproul

STATE

MASSACHUSETTS

Bowker, Walter H.

M

91 Glenn St.,

Malden

NAME Sproul, Mrs. Ella B.

HOME ADDRESS Middlesex Co.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN

Mrs. S. Diehl - 2274 Washington St.
Malden, Mass.ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE JUN 24 1930

HOTEL COMMODORE

ROOM NO. 703

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE JUN 25 1930

S/S REPUBLIC

VESSEL

CABIN NO.

206-B

CHERBOURG

M. A.

DESTINATION

CEMETERY

Party I

MEDICAL RECORD

M.L. Judy, R.N.,

Station: Paris,

Date: July 15, 1930

Name Sproul, Ella B.

Home address 91 Glen St. Malden, Mass.

Address of Nearest friend or relative Daughter, Mrs. Diehl
274 Washington St., Malden, Mass.

Religion Prot. Age 56

History of Present complaint: July 15th: a.m. nausea and vomiting during the night. No temp. 8:30 Sel de Hunt. 9 a.m. Milk of Mag. more comfortable. Rest in bed. Sel de Hunt repeated, 2 pm & 9 pm

7/17/30 to Cherbourg, Beach.

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RETURN NEW YORKJUL 26 1930
DATE

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 NAME Sproul, Mrs. Ella B. HOME ADDRESS 91 Glenn St., Malden
 Middlesex Co. Mass.
 RETURN ON S. S. **S/S AMERICA** HOTEL **MCALPIN** ROOM NO. **1071**

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE **7/27**
 ROAD **my rrrr** TRAIN **10** CAR **30** BERTH or SEAT **S 30**

REMARKS

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bowker, Walter H. 1232-M
Republic 6/25

May 12, 1930

Mrs. Ella B. Sproul
91 Glenn Street
Malden, Mass.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not furnished the name of your Emergency Addressee as requested in letter of instructions from this office.

It is requested that in the blank space below you write the name and address of the person in the United States whom you desire to be notified in case you become seriously ill or other emergency arises while you are making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Name

Mrs. Symoure Kiehl

Noted

Address

274 Washington Malden Mass,

Please fill in the above and mail it TODAY in the self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes

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

Encl.
Env.



QM 293 A-C
Bowker, Walter H. 1232 M

June 9, 1930.

Mrs. Ella B. Sproul
91 Glen Street
Malden, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 6, 1930, advising that you do not desire to sail on August 30th, when making the pilgrimage to the grave of the late Walter H. Bowker.

In this connection, you are advised that your name has been retained on the list of mothers and widows scheduled to sail on the SS "Republic," on June 25, 1930, and arrangements are being made accordingly.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

MS

91 Glen St. ^{Middlesex Co.}

Malden, Mass

June 6, 1930

Walter H. Barker
1232-M

Q. M. General - in ref. to Q. M. 293 A-C

Dear Sir:-

I have so made my
plans that it is much
more convenient to make
my trip when planned - on
June 25th. Thanking you.

Yours very truly,
(Mrs) Ella B. Spraul

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 12, 1930.

Bowker, Walter H. 1232 M

Mrs. Ella B. Sproul,
91 Glenn St.,
Malden, Mass.

Dear Madam:

The following instructions prepared by the Secretary of State contain the necessary instructions to be followed by you in obtaining the passport or travel document to be utilized in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. Please read the directions carefully and call in person upon the nearest Passport Agent or clerk of a Federal or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens. Passport Agencies are located in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle. In large cities there are usually two or more courts and at each county-seat a state court authorized to accept these passport applications.

When you make this call be sure to take with you the four photographs called for in the instructions together with your invitation as a means of identification. You should take with you to the passport office at this time a friend who is an American citizen and who has known you for several years. The passport Agent or clerk of the court will mail your application to the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C., who will issue the passports and travel documents and will deliver them to The Quartermaster General to be held by him until your arrival in New York.

The instructions prepared by the Secretary of State are as follows:

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than 2½x2½ inches in size and such documentary

evidence of her American citizenship as she may have in her possession. In the absence of evidence of citizenship, her application should be witnessed by a credible person residing in the same community who is an American citizen, has known her for a long period of time and is able to swear to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that she is a citizen of the United States.

"A mother or widow who does not owe allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Pilgrimage Travel Document through a clerk of a Federal court or a State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens or through a Passport Agent upon the form of application prescribed for that purpose, entitled APPLICATION FOR A PILGRIMAGE TRAVEL DOCUMENT, issued under the Act of March 2, 1929, submitting therewith four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3 x 3 inches in size and not less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size. When making application she should be accompanied by a credible witness who has known her for a period of two years or more.

"The Act of March 2, 1929, provides that no fee shall be charged for the execution of an application for a passport or travel document or for the issue of a passport or travel document to a mother or widow making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces are now interred.

"Special Pilgrimage Passports and Pilgrimage Travel Documents when issued by the Department of State will be forwarded to the War Department.

"Applicants resident in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle should execute applications at the Passport Agencies in those cities."

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Republic
~~6/25/30~~
1232

Bowker, Walter H

I Accept the invitation extended
(Accept or decline)

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

Mrs. Ella B. Sproul

(Name)

91 Glenn St., Malden, Middlesex Co., Mass.

(Town or City)

(State)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Bowker, Walter H 1232 -M

Mrs. Ella B. Sproul,
91 Glenn Street,
Malden, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes) <i>yes</i> (No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <i>yes</i> (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) <i>No</i>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age Health <i>Good</i> (Years) <i>56</i> (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <i>yes</i> (No) Other language _____ (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General, *14* 1929

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.
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Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bowker, Walter,
1232

Sept. 4, 1929.

Mrs. Ellen Bowker,
91 Glenn St.,
Malden, Mass.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 29, 1928, 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 widow

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

Mother, Mrs. Ella B. Sproul

91 Glen Street

Malden Mass.

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

yes

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

June 29, 1929.

Bowker, Walter H.

Mrs. Ellen Bowker,
91 Glenn St.,
Malden, Mass.

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 - Walter H. Bowker, Co.C. 328th 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.

QM 295 AM
Bowker, Walter H. Pvt. 1252M

BOWKER

August 8, 1950.

Mrs. Ella B. Sproul,
91 Glenn St.,
Malden, Mass.

Dear Madam:

The testimonial dated July 28th to the Secretary of War, which you and the other mothers and widows returning on the SS America were so kind as to send regarding your pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, has been referred to me for reply.

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Sincerely yours,

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

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X 330.13 PILGRIMAGE, GOLD STAR

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bowker, Walter H. 1232-M

June 12, 1930

Mrs. Ella B. Sproul,
91 Glenn Street,
Malden, Massachusetts.

Dear Madam:

Somewhat heavier clothing is required to be worn in Europe than is necessary in the United States, in order to be comfortable. During the summer in Europe it is cool during the day and the nights are frequently chilly. Considerable rain is usually encountered during this time.

In order that you may be comfortable at all times, regardless of the condition of the weather, and may avoid missing any of the sights or any part of the itinerary which has been planned for you, the following suggestions are made.

The clothing which you will take with you should be slightly heavier and warmer than you would normally wear in the United States during the summer and should be strong and durable. It is essential that you take with you the necessary equipment to afford protection from the cold and dampness. Be sure to take at least two pairs of comfortable shoes to provide a change in the event your feet become wet, a pair of rubbers, an umbrella, and a sweater or some warm wrap to be used should the weather become uncomfortably cool. It is very desirable that, in addition to the sweater, you have with you a full length coat of medium weight for general wear.

The shortages of suitable facilities for laundry and the frequency of the moves you will make while in Europe will make it impracticable to secure as frequent service of this nature as may be desired. You should therefore provide yourself with sufficient Underwear, nightgowns, stockings and handkerchiefs to meet your requirements should it be impossible to have your washing done more frequently than once in two weeks.

If you will read carefully the suggestions made above, and comply with them, it will add greatly to your comfort throughout the trip and will assist the Government in carrying out successfully its plans for conducting the pilgrimage. This letter is being sent to every mother and widow who has accepted the invitation sent to her by the Government to visit the grave of her son or husband.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-C
Bowker, Walter H. 1232 M

June 9, 1930.

Mrs. Ella B. Sproul
91 Glen Street
Malden, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 6, 1930, advising that you do not desire to sail on August 30th, when making the pilgrimage to the grave of the late Walter H. Bowker.

In this connection, you are advised that your name has been retained on the list of mothers and widows scheduled to sail on the SS "Republic," on June 25, 1930, and arrangements are being made accordingly.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bowker, Harry C. 1232 M

June 5, 1930

Mrs. Killie Wright Bowker
2332 N. 65th Street
Omaha, Nebraska.

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)

Bowker, Walter H. - 1232

June 5, 1930.

Mrs. Ella B. Sproul,
91 Glenn Street,
Halden, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements have been completed for your transportation to New York City on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe. One week before your departure the railroad ticket agent, of the first road shown below, will deliver your railroad and pullman ticket to you. Your route to New York will be as follows:

Lv. Boston (So. Sta.)	NYNH&H	Train No. 9	9:00 AM	(EST)	June 24
Ar. New York (G.C.T.)	"	" " "	2:30 PM	"	" "

All railroad employees have been instructed by their officials to see that you are shown every courtesy and given assistance, particularly at points where it is necessary to change cars.

Should you not receive your ticket six days before the date shown for your departure please take up at once with the ticket agent and if he does not have your ticket, telegraph this office, collect, to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-C
Bowker, Walter H. 1232-M

June 3, 1930

Mrs. Ella Sproul
91 Glenn St.
Malden, Mass.

Dear Madam:

The acceptances from the mothers and widows who are to make the pilgrimage to France, sailing on the SS REPUBLIC, June 25, 1930, are far in excess of the number anticipated, and due to this fact this boat will be somewhat crowded and the accommodations will not be as satisfactory as The War Department desires to furnish. Over 300 women have accepted invitations to sail on this boat and it is desired if possible to reduce this number to around 200 by voluntary transfers of women who are booked to sail.

Much more comfortable accommodations can be furnished on the SS REPUBLIC, sailing August 30, 1930, and should you change your sailing date to August 30th, a more comfortable trip can be assured.

If you desire to change from June 25th to August 30th, please notify this office at once, in order that the necessary adjustments can be made.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bowker, Walter H. 1232-M
Republic 6/25

May 12, 1930

Mrs. Ella B. Sproul
91 Glenn Street
Malden, Mass.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not furnished the name of your Emergency Addressee as requested in letter of instructions from this office.

It is requested that in the blank space below you write the name and address of the person in the United States whom you desire to be notified in case you become seriously ill or other emergency arises while you are making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Name

Address

Please fill in the above and mail it TODAY in the self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

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-C
Bowker, Walter H. 1232-M
Republic 6-25

May 8, 1930,

Mrs. Ella B. Sproul,
91 Glenn Street,
Malden, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Requests for stop-overs on return from the pilgrimage to the American cemeteries in Europe are being received by this office, in some cases, too late to take action.

Transportation arrangements for the round-trip are made a month before departure and requests for stop-overs on return must be in this office at that time.

Stop-overs can not be allowed on the trip to New York or in Europe, but may be allowed at any point on return from New York provided there is no additional cost or, if there is, that it is paid in advance by the pilgrim.

If you desire stop-overs at any point on return, please advise this office AT ONCE as to the cities where you desire to stop and we will be glad to arrange accordingly, or advise you if there is any additional cost to be paid by you. Send your request direct to this office and do NOT include it with your passport application.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 12, 1930.

Bowker, Walter L. 1232 M

Mrs. Ella B. Sproul,
91 Glenn St.,
Malden, Mass.

Dear Madam:

The following instructions prepared by the Secretary of State contain the necessary instructions to be followed by you in obtaining the passport or travel document to be utilized in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. Please read the directions carefully and call in person upon the nearest Passport Agent or clerk of a Federal or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens. Passport Agencies are located in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle. In large cities there are usually two or more courts and at each county-seat a state court authorized to accept these passport applications.

When you make this call be sure to take with you the four photographs called for in the instructions together with your invitation as a means of identification. You should take with you to the passport office at this time a friend who is an American citizen and who has known you for several years. The passport Agent or clerk of the court will mail your application to the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C., who will issue the passports and travel documents and will deliver them to The Quartermaster General to be held by him until your arrival in New York.

The instructions prepared by the Secretary of State are as follows:

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than 2½x2½ inches in size and such documentary

evidence of her American citizenship as she may have in her possession. In the absence of evidence of citizenship, her application should be witnessed by a credible person residing in the same community who is an American citizen, has known her for a long period of time and is able to swear to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that she is a citizen of the United States.

"A mother or widow who does not owe allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Pilgrimage Travel Document through a clerk of a Federal court or a State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens or through a Passport Agent upon the form of application prescribed for that purpose, entitled APPLICATION FOR A PILGRIMAGE TRAVEL DOCUMENT, issued under the Act of March 2, 1929, submitting therewith four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3 x 3 inches in size and not less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size. When making application she should be accompanied by a credible witness who has known her for a period of two years or more.

"The Act of March 2, 1929, provides that no fee shall be charged for the execution of an application for a passport or travel document or for the issue of a passport or travel document to a mother or widow making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces are now interred.

"Special Pilgrimage Passports and Pilgrimage Travel Documents when issued by the Department of State will be forwarded to the War Department.

"Applicants resident in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle should execute applications at the Passport Agencies in those cities."

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

Bowker, Walter H. 1232-M

March 27, 1930

Mrs. Ella B. Sproul,
91 Glenn St.,
Malden, Mass

Dear Madam:

This letter, which contains general information regarding the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, is being sent to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during the calendar year 1930. The general plan for the conduct of the pilgrimage is shown in the Pilgrimage Regulations, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. In addition to the information shown in the regulations, the following explains in detail some of the most important things connected with the pilgrimage.

Formal invitations are being extended to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during 1930. In so far as practicable, these invitations are being extended with a view to keeping the women from each state together and the order in which the invitations to the women from the several states are issued is based on a drawing by lot which was held about one month ago. Inclosed with each invitation is a card for acknowledgment and it is quite important that you accept or decline this invitation promptly in order that the necessary railroad, steamship and hotel reservations may be arranged. The government will defray all the necessary expenses of the pilgrimage, including railroad fare, hotel accommodations, steamship fare and all other incidental expenses. It will not provide anything other than the necessary expenses so that you should bring with you such funds as you may desire to use for making small purchases and for other uses distinctly of a personal nature.

Arrangements have been made with the American Railroad Association which assures us the united support and cooperation of all of the railroads in the United States in handling the movement to and from New York City. The local ticket agent will secure your railroad and sleeper ticket and will make the necessary pullman reservations. Before your departure from your home we will mail you a check, sufficient to pay for your meals and other travelling expenses while enroute to New York. Your railroad ticket will provide for a round trip from your home to New York and upon arrival in New York the army officer in charge of the New York office will collect the return trip stub and hold it until your return to New York from Europe.

Upon arrival in New York, you will be met by an army officer

and escorted to a first class hotel where reservations have been made. The duration of your stay in New York will be from 24 to 48 hours. At the proper time, you will be escorted to the steamship upon which passage has been engaged for Europe. All of the women making this trip will be provided with cabin class accommodations aboard steamers which means that from two to four will be quartered in the same stateroom. If you have any friend that you would like to be quartered with we will endeavor to arrange it if you will communicate with this office.

The ocean voyage will last about 8 days and when the ship docks at Cherbourg, France, each party will be met by officers especially detailed for the purpose and taken in a special train to Paris where first class hotel accommodations have been reserved. The first day in Paris will be a day of rest. On the 2d day, the women of each party will place a wreath on the tomb of the French unknown soldier. In the afternoon there will be a reception in which the French war mothers, government officials, and prominent civilians will participate. The following morning the groups going to the different cemeteries will leave Paris, travelling in motor busses, and proceed to the cemeteries where they will remain for about 7 days. Twenty-five women will be assigned to each bus and an army officer will have charge of the bus. The itineraries to and from the cemeteries and the daily itineraries while at the cemeteries have been varied so as to take in points of historical interest as well as some parts of the battlefields where American troops were engaged. Upon return to Paris, each party will remain for about 5 days and during this time an opportunity will be given to see the points of historical interest in Paris and vicinity. The entire duration of your stay in Europe will be 14 days, and the itineraries have been so arranged that each day will be provided for. Except in case of illness or other unavoidable cause it will not be possible for any woman making the pilgrimage to remain in Europe for a longer period than 14 days nor to leave the party with which she is travelling unless she is prepared to pay all of her expenses after leaving the party since the Act of Congress authorizing the pilgrimage specifically states that the government shall not pay the expenses of any woman who willfully leaves her party.

Upon return to the United States each ship will be met in New York City by army officers who will escort the mothers and widows to the trains which will take them home. Before leaving New York each woman will be provided with her return railroad ticket, a sleeping car ticket and funds to cover the cost of meals and other travelling expenses.

Army officers are being used as guides and escorts throughout this entire movement and care has been taken to select officers who will see that proper care is taken of the women who are entrusted to their charge. Arrangements have been made for taking care of women who may be taken sick during the pilgrimage and also to care for the remains of any who may die and provision has been made for returning the remains of any who may die to their homes. It is essential that each woman making the pilgrimage furnish The Quartermaster General with an emergency address of some relative or friend to be notified in the event of an emergency. Medical care will be provided by civilian agencies. If such care is needed in New York City it will be furnished by the hotel physicians or

by local hospitals. Aboard ship, medical care will be provided by the ship's doctors and in Paris arrangements have been made with the American Hospital for the hospitalization and treatment of any women who may need it. In addition to this, six doctors of the regular army will be on duty throughout the pilgrimage.

Baggage will be limited to not to exceed two pieces of hand baggage and the articles taken should be such as will be required for a trip of about one month. Laundry service can be obtained in New York and Paris. Since the climate of Europe is much colder than that of the United States, each woman should provide herself with sufficient warm clothing to stand the motor bus trip and the visit to the cemeteries.

Since it is necessary for this office to make all reservations for your accommodations throughout this pilgrimage, it will be greatly appreciated if you will make prompt reply to any communications received from this office.

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.
Regulation.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Bowker, Walter H 1232 -M

Mrs. Ella B. Sproul,
91 Glenn Street,
Malden, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl.
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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

Bowker, Walter,
1232

Sept. 4, 1929.

Mrs. Ellen Bowker,
91 Glenn St.,
Malden, Mass.

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 addressees are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29, 1929.

Bowker, Walter H.

Mrs. Ellen Bowker,
91 Glenn St.,
Malden, Mass.

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 - Walter H. Bowker, Co.C. 328th 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
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON

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IN REPLY
REFER TO

AG 201 Bowker, Walter H. (WW)

SUBJECT: Date of death

November 5, 1928

To:

The Quartermaster General,

Washington, D. C.

An investigation recently completed by this office in the case of Walter H. Bowker, Army serial number 1,909,009, Private, Company D, 328th Infantry, who was reported to have been killed in action between October 8th and 15th, 1918, shows that this soldier was killed in action October 8, 1918.

By order of the Secretary of War:



E E Hagler
Adjutant General.

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293 Bowker, Walter H

September 20, 1923.

Mrs. Ellen Bowker,
91, Glenn St.,
Malden, Mass.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires you, to inform the Infantry,
is Grave 20, Row 20, Block D, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-
sous-Montfaux (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.

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



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AG 201 Bowker, Walter H. (WW)

Date of death

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Washington, D. C.

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By order of the Secretary of War:

E. B. Hagler, Jr.

Adjutant General.



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Bowker, Walter H.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #43779

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BOWKER, Walter H. Ser. No. 1909009
 (b) Rank P Organization Co. C, 328th Inf.
 (c) Date of death 10-8-18 (d) Cause of death K/A
 TYP. aeu
 CKR. 30

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

(a) Grave No. 16 Row — Plot 1 Sec. 81 TYP. aeu
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Ellen Bowker, Mother, 91 Glenn St., Malden, Mass.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases CKR. 30

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt —

(a) Name Mrs. Ella B. Sproul (b) Relationship Mother
 (c) Address 91 Glenn St. Malden, Mass.
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at —

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. —

(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. —

Examiner's Initials MH Date 4/21, 1920

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

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

Examiner's Initials — Date —, 1920.

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

Let 3/9/19 - Ella Bowker
Sproul (mother) 91 Glenn St., Malden, Mass.
No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? —

Examiner's Initials MH Date 4/21, 1920

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 1232, Sec. 81 SHEET No. 23

DUPLICATE

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

STATION Romagne, Cemetery #1232.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Oct. 14, 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 Bowker, Walter H
2. No. 1909009
3. Rank Pvt.
4. Org. Co. D, 328th Inf
5. D.D. 10-8-15th
6. C.D. KIA

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 16 Sec. 81
8. Plot 1 Row _____
9. _____
18. Cemetery Arg-Amer
20. Dept. or County Meuse
22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232 Sec. 81
23. Disinterred (Date) Oct. 14, 1921.

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

19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Montfaucon
21. Country France
24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Walter H. Bowker
Rank Pvt.

Serial No. 1909009
Organization Co D, 328th Inf.

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

Signature E. J. Lock
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 "Co. D 328 Inf".

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed; features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Uniform, burlap 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 Oct. 14, 1921. By H. E. Strong.

31. Casket sealed by H. E. Strong.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

H. E. Strong.

AUDITED BY

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-7886

32. Designation of body:

Name Bowker, Walter H Serial No. 1909009

Rank Pvt Organization Co. D. 328th Inf

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Argonne Amer. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon #1232

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Oct. 14, 1921. By H. E. Strong.

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 Geo. C. Bland, 1st Lieut. OMC.

36. Remarks None.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) October 14th, 1921. d

To point of Concentration Morgue, Romagne.

Convoyer W. J. Royad. Signature Shipping Officer Albert M. Jackson
(Name Captain, C.A.C.)

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred Meuse Argonne Cemetery # 1232 Oct 15th 1921
(Date)

42. Grave No. row 20 block D grave 20. Section

43. Plot Row

G.R.S. Representative James W. Younger, Capt OMC.

1663-*Republic 6/25/30* 1232
RETURN RECEIPT

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

Ella B. Sprout
(Signature or name of addressee.)

Deliver to addressee only.
(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, *June 2*, 192*0*

Form 3811

95-6116

1663-c *Republic 6/25/30* 1232
RETURN RECEIPT

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Ella B. Sprout
(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, *June 9*, 192*0*

Form 3811

95-6116

Bowler, *Walter* *1,909,099*

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number)

Pvt

Co. D. 328 Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased *Mother*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? *No.*

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here) *Mrs. Ella B. Sprout*

(Number and street or rural route.) *91 Glen Street*

(City, town, or post office.) *Malden Mass.*

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Oct. 14, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF BOMKER, Walter H. SERIAL NUMBER 1909009
 RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. D. 328th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Oct. 14, 1921 From (give complete location): Gr. 16, Sec. 81, plot 1
 By: Group 4 Unit sec 2.

3. Reburied (date): Oct. 15th 1921 In (give complete location): MeuseArgonne Cemetery # 1232 row 20 block D grave 20
 By: Group re-burial S Unit Nature of reburial unlined casket

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

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? yes On grave marker? no

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

Collar ornament Co. D. 328th Inf.

5, 12, 16, 17, 19, 31, 32 M.B.D.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items? 4, 29, 30 decayed to roots

7, 13, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, MAD.

(a) Height (actual measurement) impossible to determine. 3, 14, S.F. cavity.

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color apparently med. brown.

Quantity slight.

Characteristics straight.

(d) Hair on face—Color none.

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)

left femur fractured. Right and left tibia and fibula fractured.

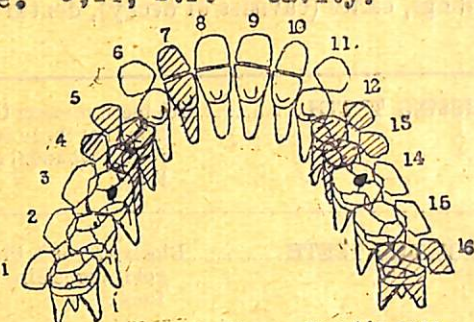
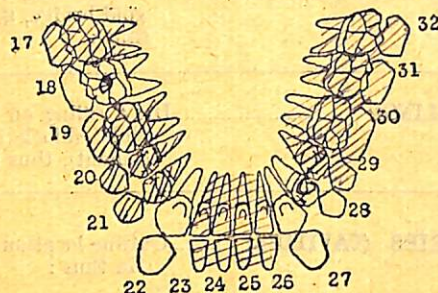


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



7. Disinterment supervised by H.E. Strong
H.E. Strong.

Approved: Geo. C. Bland
 (Title) 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

8. Reburial supervised by W. B. Shields
W. B. Shields

Approved: James W. Younger
 (Title) Capt. Q.M.C.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #43779

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BOWKER, Walter H. Ser. No. 1909009
 (b) Rank P Organization Co. C, 328th Inf. } TYP sew
 (c) Date of death 10-8-18 (d) Cause of death K/A } 30

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

(a) Grave No. 16 Row — Plot 1 Sec. 81 TYP. sew
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Ellen Bowker, Mother, 91 Glenn St., Malden, Mass.

III. ~~Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases~~ CKR. 30

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

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
Section 81 letter of transmittal on 5-2-, 192
One 2- now to be returned (Jen)

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

COUNTRY _____ CEMETERY No. _____ SHEET No. _____

No 1900009

4377A

Name BOWKER

W. H.

Rank Pvt. Co D (Corp) (Regt) 328 Inf.

Date of Death Oct. 8, 1918

Place CHATEL CHEHERY, MEUSE

Cause Killed in action

Date of Burial Oct. 12, 1918

Grave No 37

Cemetery Chatel Chehery

(Tag) Tag
Identified by (Papers)

(Clothing)
List of Effects

Field record made by

Q. M. Sgt. Sr. Gr.

Company 305 Graves Registration Ser.

For additional data use reverse side.

Form .004.5 sent
April 26th 1919

91 Glen Street,
Malden Mass.

March 9, 1919

Chief Graves Registration Service
Headquarters Services of Supply
A. P. O. 717
American C. F. France.

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to you in regard
to the photograph of the grave of my
son Walter Howard Bowker Co D
328th Infantry who died between
Oct 8th and 15th and reported buried
at American Battle Area Cemetery
of Chatel Chehery, Ardennes France.
I shall be very grateful
if you will send the picture as
soon as possible. Thanking

your in advance I am,
yours very respectfully.
(Mrs Charles) Ella Bowker Sproul.

Date 16, JUNE 1919

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Remains of:

Name: BOWKER, W. H.

Number 1908009

Rank: Unknown

Organization

Co. D. 308th Inf.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group:

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From (Give complete location)

6 2, JUNE 1919

Grave# 37 Plot C B/A CTY. CHATEL CHEHRY,

ARDENNES. Map 35 SW E 297.9 N 279.5

Reburied (Date)

In: (Give complete location)

2, JUNE 1919

H Grave# 16 Sec 81 Plot 1.

ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY #1232

ROMAGNE, MEUSE.

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

Body buried in uniform and badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? No Yes

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

Notes:

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, C.H. 2, 1918., after being carefully examined for clues of identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Lt. Wilson.

R. H. ROSENTHAL

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

C.O. Group Unit

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