

To The A. G. O.

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G.R.S. Form #114-B

JAN 7 - 1926

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FULL NAME *BOWLIN, Russell*

RANK *Private, First Class* SERIAL *98944*

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION *Machine Gun Company, 167th Infantry*

DATE OF DEATH *July 26, 1918*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME *Ala.*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED. *No record*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION. *38-24*  
Date Grave Row Block

*608*  
Cemetery

A. G. O.  
7 1926  
WORLD WAR DIV.

Robert O. Davis, Major General  
ADMITTED BY  
252 7-26-24  
A-1-9-26

23/306/ARK

Rec'd World War Div.  
5 MAR 12 1928

Co. M.G. 167th. Inf.  
42nd. Division.

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BOWLIN, Russell.-Pvt.98944  
Home:Ashville, Ala.

Corp. McElhaney states: that Pvt. Bowlin was advancing with his squad at 5:00 P.M. July 26, 1918 thru the Foret de Fere and was hit by a machine gun bullet in the stomach and thru the shoulder, and said. "I an hit" Lived about two hours, was buried about the same place he was killed.

Informant: McElhaney, Woody L.-Cpl.99021  
Co.M.G. 167th. Inf.  
Home : Atmore, Ala.

Not Signed

Emergency address:  
T.C. Bowlin  
Ashville, Ala.

EB.





Place SERVICES ET NESLES (AISNE)  
QTY 608

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date 5.18.21

1. REMAINS OF BOWLIN, RUSSELL SERIAL NUMBER 98944  
RANK PTC ORGANIZATION M.G. CO. 167 Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): 5.18.21 From (give complete location): Gr. 51 Sec. J. Pt. 1  
By: Group Foster. Unit FIELD SECTION # 7

3. Reburied (date): 5.18.21 In (give complete location): Gr. 51 Sec. J. Pt. 1  
By: Group Foster. Unit FIELD SECTION # 7 Nature of reburial BURLAP & PINE BOX.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
BADLY DECOMPOSED FEATURES UNRECOGNIZABLE  
Uniform, burlap and pine box.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? YES On grave marker? YES  
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:  
Body tag reads: "L. BOWLIN, 98"

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

- (a) Height (actual measurement) IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE.
- (b) Weight (estimated) do
- (c) Hair—Color do  
Quantity do  
Characteristics do
- (d) Hair on face—Color do  
Location do  
Quantity do

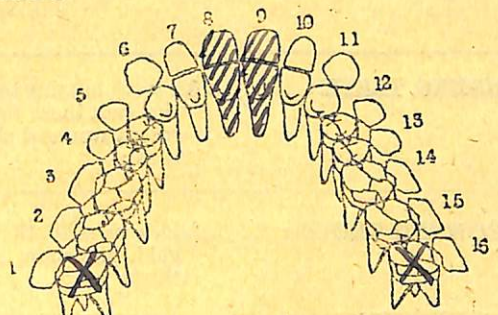
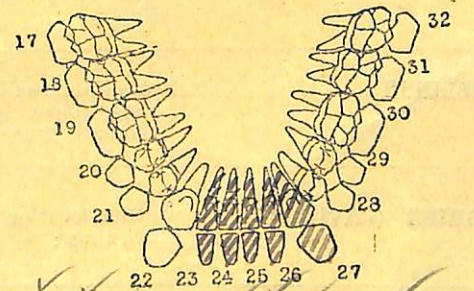


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.

- (e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE.



1, 16, undev; 8, 9, 23 - 27 incl, mis. a. d.

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) Left humerus fractured.

7. Disinterment supervised by H. H. Foster Approved: A. E. Dewey  
H. H. FOSTER, SUP. EMB. (Title) A. E. DEWEY, 1st. LT. QMC.

8. Reburial supervised by H. H. Foster Approved: A. E. Dewey  
TLCev H. H. FOSTER, SUP. EMB. (Title) A. E. DEWEY, 1st. LT. QMC.

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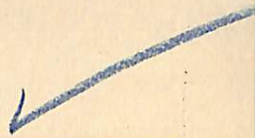
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|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| NAME <i>Bowlin,</i> | <i>B O W</i>            | 3           | <i>2 0 12</i> |
| <i>Russell</i>      | CEMETERY <i>608</i>     | 1           | <i>2</i>      |
| BURIED              | GRAVE <i>38</i>         | 2           | <i>38</i>     |
| <i>Enl 11-9-16</i>  | ROW <i>24</i>           | 2           | <i>24</i>     |
| <i>1890</i>         | BLOCK <i>B</i>          | 1           | <i>2</i>      |
| STATE               | <i>Alabama</i>          | 2           | <i>01</i>     |
| PANK                | <i>Pvt-1st.Cl.</i>      | 1           | <i>2</i>      |
| DIVISION            | <i>42</i>               | 2           | <i>42</i>     |
| ORGANIZATION        | <i>167</i>              | 3           | <i>167</i>    |
| ARM                 | <i>Inf</i>              | 1           | <i>1</i>      |
| MARTIAL             | <i>no</i>               | 1           | <i>2</i>      |
| NAME <i>Bowlin,</i> | <i>B O W</i>            | 5           | <i>2 0 12</i> |
| <i>Mrs. Thomas</i>  | STATE <i>Ala</i>        | 2           | <i>01</i>     |
| RESIDENCE           | COUNTY <i>St. Clair</i> | 2           | <i>58</i>     |
| <i>Mother dead</i>  | CITY <i>Ashtville</i>   | 3           | <i>XXX</i>    |
| RELATION            | <i>Stepmother</i>       | 1           | <i>.3</i>     |
| OTHER               | <i>guth</i>             | 1           | <i>1</i>      |
| ELIGIBILITY         | <i>Yes</i>              | 1           | <i>1</i>      |
| NATIVITY            |                         | 1           |               |
| RACE                |                         | 1           |               |
| ENGLISH             |                         | 1           |               |
| ATTENDANT           |                         | 1           |               |
| HEALTH              | <i>Bad</i>              | 1           | <i>2</i>      |
| NO. OF SONS         |                         | 1           |               |
| DATE OF TRIP        | MO.                     | 1           |               |
|                     | YR.                     | 1           |               |
| ACCEPTANCE          | <i>no</i>               | 1           | <i>2</i>      |

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CODE SLIP



| HEADING   | SUB-HEADING         | NO. OF COLS | CODE                      |
|---|---------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| NAME <i>Bowlin</i>                                    | <i>Bow</i>          | 3           | <i>2 5 12</i><br><i>3</i> |
| RUSSELL<br>BURIED                                     | CEMETERY <i>608</i> | 1           | <i>2</i>                  |
|   | GRAVE <i>38</i>     | 2           | <i>38</i>                 |
|   | ROW <i>24</i>       | 2           | <i>24</i>                 |
|   | BLOCK <i>B</i>      | 1           | <i>2</i>                  |
| STATE   | <i>ala.</i>         | 2           | <i>01</i>                 |
| RANK  | <i>Pvt. 1cl</i>     | 1           | <i>2</i>                  |
| DIVISION  | <i>42</i>           | 2           | <i>42</i>                 |
| ORGANIZATION  | <i>167</i>          | 3           | <i>167</i>                |
| ARM   | <i>Inf.</i>         | 1           | <i>1</i>                  |
| MARITAL   | <i>no</i>           | 1           | <i>2</i>                  |
| NAME <i>Bowlin (Stepmother)</i>                       |                     | 3           |                           |
| Mrs. Thomas C.<br>R.D.#2, Ashville, Ala.<br>RESIDENCE | STATE               | 2           |                           |
|   | COUNTY              | 2           |                           |
|   | CITY                | 3           |                           |
| RELATION  | <i>Mother</i>       | 1           | <i>1</i>                  |
| OTHER   |                     | 1           |                           |
| ELIGIBILITY   | <i>head</i>         | 1           | <i>6</i>                  |
| NATIVITY  |                     | 1           |                           |
| RACE  |                     | 1           |                           |
| ENGLISH   |                     | 1           |                           |
| ATTENDANT   |                     | 1           |                           |
| HEALTH  |                     | 1           |                           |
| NO. OF SONS   |                     | 1           |                           |
| DATE OF   | MO.                 | 1           |                           |
| TRIP  | YR.                 | 1           |                           |
| ACCEPTANCE  |                     | 1           |                           |
| <i>29/514</i>   |                     |             |                           |

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MAR 4 1982  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bowlin, Russell (OA) s

July 15, 1932.

Mrs. Thomas C. Bowlin,  
R.D. #2,  
Ashville, Ala.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

*No. (unable)*  
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

*Mrs. Thomas C. Bowlin*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

Ashville, Ala. R# 2

Nov. 24, 1931

M-A 293 MO  
IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Bowlin, Russell (OA) SM

A. D. Hughes,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant  
War Dept. Washington,

In reply to Q. M. 293 A. M.

Bowlin, Russell (O.A.) S.M. his  
natural mother, died July 15, 1903.  
(Fannie) Irene Bowlin

Yours truly,  
Mrs. Thomas A. Bowlin

*[Handwritten initials]*

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

Very truly yours,



(over)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

November 18, 1931.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Bowlin, Russell (OA) SM

Mrs. Thomas C. Bowlin,  
R. D. #2,  
Ashville, Alabama.


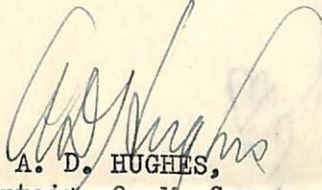
Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested you advise as to whether or not the late Private first class Russell Bowlin is survived by his natural mother, and if so, furnish her name and address.

For your convenience in replying there is enclosed a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Env.

(over)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

August 12, 1931

Bowlin, Russell Pvt. 1cl (OA) SM

Mrs. Thomas C. Bowlin,  
RD #2,  
Ashville, Alabama

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter forwarded you under recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, wherein you advise that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

Competent personnel will be provided to care for the mothers and widows from the time of their arrival in New York until their return thereto. Medical attendants and all other necessities will be arranged for and in the event you decide to make a pilgrimage, you are assured everything possible will be done for your care and welfare. During the summers of 1930 and 1931 many mothers of advanced age and in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited therefrom.

Your name is being placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make a pilgrimage in 1933. However, should you change your mind in view of the above, and desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, it is requested you advise this office in order that arrangements may be made for you.

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-AM

Bowlin, Russell Pvt lcl (OA) SM

July 8, 1931.

Mrs. Thomas C. Bowlin,  
RD # 2,  
Ashville, Alabama.

Dear Madam:

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

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



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

Write answer here

*I am a cripple cant walk*  
Mrs. Thomas C. Bowlin  
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bowlin, Russell 608SM

June 7, 1930

Mrs. Thomas C. Bowlin  
R. D. #2,  
Ashville, Alabama.

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? no

(Write answer here)

*Mrs Thomas C. Bowlin*  
(Sign here)

Jan 29 93 A. L.  
Bowlin, Russell  
608

Ashville, R#2, Ala.  
March 24, 1930.

Diggle ~~Out~~ <sup>DOES NOT DRIVE</sup> ~~ing~~ ✓

War Department  
Office of the Quartermaster General,  
Dear Sir:

I regret the delay in  
replying to your letters  
concerning the pilgrimage  
to Europeash Cemeteries, but  
it was unavoidable due to  
illness.

Below is the information  
you desire:

- (1) I was married to the  
father of Russell Bowlin  
January 15, 1905.
- (2) We were married at the  
time he entered military  
service.
- (3) Also at time of son's death.
- (4+5) At present time Mr.  
Bowlin is not deceased,  
and there has been  
no separation from him.

I consider the trip a  
great privilege, but my  
health is in such condition  
that I will be unable to  
take advantage of it at  
any time.

Very truly yours,  
Mrs. James C. Bowlin

QM 293 A-C  
Bowlin, Russell 608

December 18, 1929.

Mrs. Thomas C. Bowlin,  
RD #2,  
Ashville, Alabama.

Dear Madam:

According to our records this office has received no reply from you in response to our recent letter which read as follows:

"Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, enabling the mothers and widows of the members of the military and naval forces of the United States now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries.

"The records of this office indicate that you were the stepmother of the late Private Russell Bowlin, and in order to determine your eligibility under the Act to make the pilgrimage to his grave it will be appreciated if you will furnish the following information:

- (1) Date of your marriage to the father of Private Bowlin.
- (2) Were you married to Mr. Bowlin at the time his son entered the military service?
- (3) Were you married to Mr. Bowlin at the time of his son's death?
- (4) If not, give date of your separation from him.
- (5) If Mr. Bowlin is deceased, give date of his death."

In order that there may be the least possible delay in obtaining the above requested information you are invited to use for your reply the enclosed Government envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.  
Act.  
Env.

QM 293 A-C  
Bowlin, Russell  
608

November 6, 1929.

Mrs. Thomas C. Bowlin,  
Rural Del. #2,  
Ashville, Alabama.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, enabling the mothers and widows of the members of the military and naval forces of the United States now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries.

The records of this office indicate that you were the step-mother of the late first-class Private Russell Bowlin, and in order to determine your eligibility under the Act to make the pilgrimage to his grave it will be appreciated if you will furnish the following information:

- (1) Date of your marriage to the father of Private Bowlin.
- (2) Were you married to Mr. Bowlin at the time his son entered the military service?
- (3) Were you married to Mr. Bowlin at the time of his son's death?

For the Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Act.  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Aug. 28, 1929.

Bowlin, Russell  
608

Mr. Thos. C. Bowlin,  
RD#2,  
Ashville, Ala.

Dear Sir:

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

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

Write answers in space below

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

*Single Man*  
*Not married*

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.

*Stepmother*

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

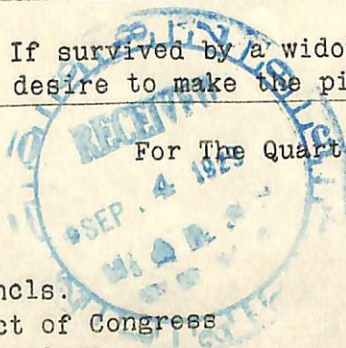
*No*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bowlin, Russell,

June 21, 1929.

Mr. Thos. C. Bowlin,  
RD/2,  
Ashville, Ala.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late **Private, first class Russell Bowlin, M.G.Co., 167th Inf., 42nd Div., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.**

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

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relative is a stepmother, mother through adoption or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. If he was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bowlin, Russell (OA) s

July 13, 1932.

Mrs. Thomas C. Cowlin,  
R.D. #2,  
Ashville, Ala.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 12, 1932

Bowlin, Norvin W. (ABB)

Mrs. Mattie M. Bowlin  
Hedrick,  
Iowa.

Dear Madam:

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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  
Bowlin, Russell (OA) SM

November 18, 1931.

Mrs. Thomas C. Bowlin,  
R. D. #2,  
Ashville, Alabama.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested you advise as to whether or not the late Private first class Russell Bowlin is survived by his natural mother, and if so, furnish her name and address.

For your convenience in replying there is enclosed a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

August 12, 1931

Bowlin, Russell Pvt. 1cl (OA) SM

Mrs. Thomas C. Bowlin,  
RD #2,  
Ashville, Alabama

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter forwarded you under recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, wherein you advise that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

Competent personnel will be provided to care for the mothers and widows from the time of their arrival in New York until their return thereto. Medical attendants and all other necessities will be arranged for and in the event you decide to make a pilgrimage, you are assured everything possible will be done for your care and welfare. During the summers of 1930 and 1931 many mothers of advanced age and in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited therefrom.

Your name is being placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make a pilgrimage in 1933. However, should you change your mind in view of the above, and desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, it is requested you advise this office in order that arrangements may be made for you.

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-AM

Bowlin, Russell Pvt 1cl (OA) SM

July 8, 1931.

Mrs. Thomas C. Bowlin,  
RD # 2,  
Ashville, Alabama.

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

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bowlin, Russell 608SM

June 7, 1930

Mrs. Thomas C. Bowlin  
R. D. #2,  
Ashville, Alabama.

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)

QM 293 A-C  
Bowlin, Russell 608

March 28, 1930.

Mrs. Tomas C. Bowlin,  
Route #2,  
Ashville, Alabama.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of  
March 24, 1930, furnishing information requested by  
this office under date of December 18, 1929.

In the event you desire to make the pil-  
grimage at any time during the years 1931, 1932 or  
1933, it is requested you communicate with this  
office.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C  
Bowlin, Russell 608

December 18, 1929.

Mrs. Thomas C. Bowlin,  
RD #2,  
Ashville, Alabama.

Dear Madam:

According to our records this office has received no reply from you in response to our recent letter which read as follows:

"Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, enabling the mothers and widows of the members of the military and naval forces of the United States now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries.

"The records of this office indicate that you were the stepmother of the late Private Russell Bowlin, and in order to determine your eligibility under the Act to make the pilgrimage to his grave it will be appreciated if you will furnish the following information:

- (1) Date of your marriage to the father of Private Bowlin.
- (2) Were you married to Mr. Bowlin at the time his son entered the military service?
- (3) Were you married to Mr. Bowlin at the time of his son's death?
- (4) If not, give date of your separation from him.
- (5) If Mr. Bowlin is deceased, give date of his death."

In order that there may be the least possible delay in obtaining the above requested information you are invited to use for your reply the enclosed Government envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C  
Bowlin, Russell  
608

November 6, 1929.

Mrs. Thomas C. Bowlin,  
Rural Del. #2,  
Ashville, Alabama.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, enabling the mothers and widows of the members of the military and naval forces of the United States now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries.

The records of this office indicate that you were the step-mother of the late first-class Private Russell Bowlin, and in order to determine your eligibility under the Act to make the pilgrimage to his grave it will be appreciated if you will furnish the following information:

- (1) Date of your marriage to the father of Private Bowlin.
- (2) Were you married to Mr. Bowlin at the time his son entered the military service?
- (3) Were you married to Mr. Bowlin at the time of his son's death?

For the Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Q. M. G. M. & R. DIV.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bowlin, Russell  
608

Aug. 28, 1929.

Mr. Thos. C. Bowlin,  
RD#2,  
Ashville, Ala.

Dear Sir:

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

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

Bowlin, Russell 293 A-C  
IN REPLY REFER TO

June 21, 1929.

Mr. Thos. C. Bowlin,  
RD#2,  
Ashtville, Ala.

Dear Sir:

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

Private records of this office show that you are the father of the ~~interred~~ remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

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

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relative is a stepmother, mother through adoption or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. If he was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Act of Congress.  
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*Handwritten initials*

QM 293 A-C

Bowlin, Russell

February 11, 1929.

Mr. Thos. C. Bowlin,  
R. D. #2,  
Ashville, Ala.

Dear Sir:

In order to conform to the plans for beautification of the permanent American Military Cemeteries in Europe it has been necessary to make a re-arrangement of the graves in these Cemeteries, which may be considered as permanent for all time.

The enclosed card gives the final resting place of your son, the late Russell Bowlin, Private, first class, MG. Company, 167th Inf.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

J. McCLINTOCK,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

1 Incl.  
Record card.

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D. M. G. M. S. R. C. M.

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To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE January 14, 1928

## REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

## DISINTERMENT

## COMPARATIVE REPORT

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

1. Name BOWLIN, Russell *Ala* 10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. No. 98944 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Rank Pvt., 1/cl. 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Org. M.G.Co., 167th Inf. 42nd Div 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_  
 5. D.D. July 26, 1918 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
 6. C.D. KIA. (b) D.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 53 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. Plot Block B Row 24 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_ 17. \_\_\_\_\_  
 18. Cemetery Oise-Aisne 19. Commune or town Seringes-et-Nesles  
 20. Dept. or County Aisne 21. Country France  
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 608  
 23. Disinterred (Date) January 14, 1928 By P.N. McCabe  
 24. Inscription on grave marker:  
 Name BOWLIN, Russell Serial No. 98944  
 Rank Pvt., 1/cl. Organization M.G.Co., 167th Inf.  
 25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? no On body? yes

Signature Junior Technical Assistant

## PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 27. Condition of body \_\_\_\_\_  
 28. Nature of burial Pine box and burlap.  
 29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? \_\_\_\_\_  
 30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date January 14, 1928 By P.N. McCabe  
 31. Casket sealed by P.N. McCabe

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

*P.N. McCabe*  
P.N. McCabe

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

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

Name BOWLIN, Russell Serial No. 98944

Rank Pvt., 1/cl. Organization M.G.Co., 167th Inf.

33. Consigned to: \_\_\_\_\_

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

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) January 14, 1928 By Charles E. Spahn

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector Charles E. Spahn  
Charles E. Spahn

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

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

To point of Concentration \_\_\_\_\_ (Name)

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

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 January 14, 1928, Oise-Aisne American Cty.

(Date)

42. Grave No. 38 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot Block B Row 24

G.R.S. Representative William E. Moore

William E. Moore, Superintendent.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Jan. 14, 1928.

1. REMAINS OF BOWLIN, Russell SERIAL NUMBER 98944  
 RANK Pvt. 1cl. ORGANIZATION M.G.Co. 167th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Jan. 14, 1928. From (give complete location): Grave 53 Block B Row 24  
 By: Group Cty. Unit \_\_\_\_\_

3. Reburied (date): Jan. 14, 1928. In (give complete location): Grave 38 Block B Row 24  
 By: Group Cty. Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial Metal Casket

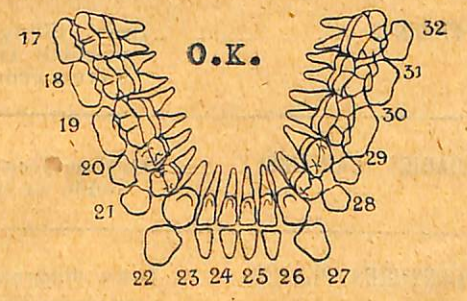
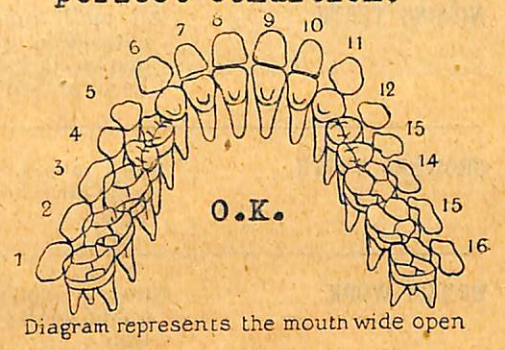
4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Pine box & burlap

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? al. Strips  
 (b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:

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

- (a) Height (actual measurement) \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) Weight (estimated) \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) Hair—Color \_\_\_\_\_  
 Quantity \_\_\_\_\_  
 Characteristics \_\_\_\_\_
- (d) Hair on face—Color \_\_\_\_\_  
 Location \_\_\_\_\_  
 Quantity \_\_\_\_\_
- (e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) \_\_\_\_\_
- (f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty)  
Right humerus fractured lower third.  
Left clavicle and left radius missing.

**Teeth very large and in perfect condition.**



7. Disinterment supervised by P. H. M. Caber Approved: W. G. Moor  
 (Title) \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. Reburial supervised by Charles E. Fisher Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Title) \_\_\_\_\_

QM 293 A-C

BOWLIN, Russell - Pvt. 1cl

October 24, 1925

Mr. Thomas C. Bowlin,  
R.D. #2,  
Ashville, Ala.



Dear Sir:

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

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

1-Incl.  
Record card.

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA File #18920

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BOWLIN, Russell Ser. No. 98944 <sup>ok (12-17)</sup>  
(b) Rank Pvt. <sup>1/cl (12-17)</sup> Organization M/G 167th Inf. TYP. HB  
(c) Date of death 7/26/18 (d) Cause of death K/A CKR. E.M.

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

(a) Grave No. 51 Row - Plot 1 Sec. J TYP. HB  
(b) Emerg. Address R.C. Bowlin (father) Ashville, Ala.

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

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt \_\_\_\_\_

(a) Name Thomas C Bowlin (b) Relationship Father  
(c) Address Ashville, Ala.  
(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. Thomas C Bowlin  
Ashville Ala.  
Exp. Site Office White Hall, Ala.  
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S.

Examiner's Initials P.F. Date 12-11, 1920.

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

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

Examiner's Initials P.F. Date 12-11, 1920.

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

Father T. C. Bowlin, Ashville Ala.  
Ala. Rt 2 - 2/10/19 Asks photos of grave

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? <sup>yes 96 st</sup>

Examiner's Initials J.H. Date 12-13, 1920.

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 608 SHEET No. 306

G. R. S. Form No. 115 Amended Apr. 16, 1920 3-7729  
FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

Make Form No. 114

CARDED

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VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made 12/14, 1920.

Typed by *W.*, Checked by *MCH*, FEB 1 12/14 1921, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

CEMETERIAL D  
OVERSEAS PROJECTS, INC.

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on 1-15-, 1920

*Par. #1. To be returned (ECS) 1-17-21*

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: *2-5-21 J#120 T.C. Bowlin father  
n. R. R. #2 Ashville Ala wishes body left  
in Europe. 2-8-21 ECS #205*

**FEB 14 1921 PROPOSED CABLEGRAM TO EUROPE - BODY  
TO REMAIN. 2/14/21 THG.**

**FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN - BODY  
TO REMAIN IN EUROPE. FEB 11 1921 C.M.**

*Letter from Europe 3/3/21 states return has been  
cancelled as per cable. 3/24/21 GP*

Location Index

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks:

*Fetterly*

A. G. O. Card & Corr.

*12-11-20*

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. W. Asent 190 12-13*

*checked  
ARE 12-13-20*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
Hoboken, N.J.

Feb. 9, 1921.

From: Graves Registration Service Officer, Hoboken, N.J.  
To: Cemeterial Division (Overseas Project Sub-Section)  
Subject: Supplementary advice concerning:

Name Bowlin, Russell Ser. No. 98944  
Rank Pvt. 1/c Organization M.G. 167th Inf.  
Cemetery No. 608 Cable Reference No. (Sheet No.) 306

Request shown below dated Feb. 5th, 1921 is latest in this case.

| <u>Name of Relative</u>   | <u>Return to</u> | <u>Remain in</u> | <u>Special</u> |
|---|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Widow <u>None</u>   |                  | <u>France</u>    |                |
| Children _____  |                  |                  |                |
| Guardian _____  |                  |                  |                |
| Father <u>T. C. Bowlin - Ashville, Alabama.</u><br><u>R.D.#2,</u> |                  |                  |                |
| Mother _____  |                  |                  |                |
| Brother _____   |                  |                  |                |
| Sister _____  |                  |                  |                |
| Others _____  |                  |                  |                |

Body ~~to be returned to~~ for interment in: a permanent Amer. cty.

1 inclosure.

R. E. SHANNON,  
GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER,  
Capt., Quartermaster Corps,

*me*

Cable Letter Feb. 14, 1921 forwarding advice to Europe dispatched \_\_\_\_\_ 1921

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
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|---|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Widow <u>None</u>   |                  | <u>France</u>    |                |
| Children _____  |                  |                  |                |
| Guardian _____  |                  |                  |                |
| Father <u>R.D.#2,<br/>T. C. Bowlin - Ashville, Alabama.</u> |                  |                  |                |
| Mother _____  |                  |                  |                |
| Brother _____   |                  |                  |                |
| Sister _____  |                  |                  |                |
| Others _____  |                  |                  |                |

Body to be shipped to, or for interment in: a permanent Amer. cty.

1 inclosure.

R. E. SHANNON,  
GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER,  
Capt., Quartermaster Corps,

Cable Letter Feb. 14, 1921 forwarding advice to Europe dispatched \_\_\_\_\_ 1921

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

CEMETERIAL DIVISION

WASHINGTON

Hoboken, N. J.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE BODY OF A SOLDIER WHOSE NEXT OF KIN IS NOT KNOWN

JAN 31 1921

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

To: Mr. Thomas C. Bowlin, Ashville, Ala.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. 1/c Russell Bowlin, Ser. No. 98944, M.G. 167 Inf.

ECS

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above-named soldier be returned to the United States and delivered to you at Ashville, Ala.

*Remain in Europe*

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General

**FEB 14 1921 PROPOSED CABLEGRAM TO EUROPE - BODY TO REMAIN.**

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

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

Was soldier married? *No*

*Noted 1/31/21*

| NAME OF—                                 | NO. AND STREET                   | TOWN.           | STATE.      |
|--|----------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Soldier's widow                          | <i>Not married</i>               |                 |             |
| Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.) | <i>1 No children</i>             |                 |             |
| Father                                   | <i>D. C. Bowlin R.D. # 2</i>     | <i>Ashville</i> | <i>Ala.</i> |
| Mother                                   | <i>Mrs. Bowlin</i>               |                 |             |
| Brothers. (Name oldest first.)           | <i>1 Russell Bowlin R.D. # 2</i> | <i>Ashville</i> | <i>Ala.</i> |
| Sisters. (Name oldest first.)            | <i>1 Ethel Bowlin R.D. # 2</i>   | <i>Ashville</i> | <i>Ala.</i> |

Date

*February 5<sup>th</sup> 1921*

Signature

*T. C. Bowlin*

Address

*Ashville Ala*

Relationship

*Father*

Address

Relationship

Signature

Date

I, the undersigned, am the father and nearest living next of kin of the within-named soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:

(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

1. ~~As stated on first page of this sheet.~~

2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to \_\_\_\_\_ (Name.)

\_\_\_\_\_ (R. R. station.) \_\_\_\_\_ (State.)

3. To be returned to the U. S. and buried in \_\_\_\_\_ National Cemetery.

4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

Signature

T. C. Bowlin

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

1. If definite instructions for the disposition of a body are not received from the next of kin within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.

2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.

3. This paper **MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT OF KIN IN THE ORDER** shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.

4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest next of kin in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.

5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.

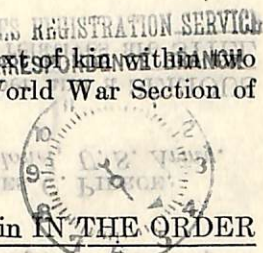
6. If YOU are not the nearest next of kin, please ask the nearest next of kin, if living near you, to fill out this paper.

7. If YOU are not the nearest living next of kin and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.

8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.

9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

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



REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, AND SHIPMENT OF BODY

BISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records Office Chief G.R.S.

DISCREPANCY found upon examination of body.

- 1. Name Bowlin, Russell
- 2. No. 98944.
- 3. Rank Pvt. 1/o
- 4. Org. M/G. 167th Inf.
- 5. D.D. 7/26/18.
- 6. C.D. K/A.
- 10. Name
- 11. No.
- 12. Rank
- 13. Org.
- 14. (a) D.D.
- 15. (b) D.B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

- 7. Grave No. 51. Sec. J.
- 8. Plot 1 Row 121 III
- 9.
- 15. Grave No.
- 16. Plot
- 17.

- 18. Cemetery American
- 19. Commune or town Seringes-Et-Nesles
- 20. Department or county Aisne

- 21. Country France
- 22. G.R.S. Headquarters Code No. 608

- 23. Disinterred (Date) By

- 24. Inscription Name on grave marker Rank Organization

- 25. Was identification disk found on grave marker? On body?

Signature of Junior Technical Assistant.

(The following space is reserved for notations to be made by office Chief Graves Registration Service.)

PREPARATION

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

RECEIVED

27. Condition of body.....

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28. Nature of burial.....

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

CEMETERY DIVISION  
OVERSEAS DEPT. OF ARMY

30. Body prepared and placed in casket..... By.....  
(Date)

31. Casket sealed by.....

Signature of Embalmer (Supervisor).....

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

32. Designation of body { Name ... Bowlin, Russell..... Serial No. 98944.  
Rank ... Pvt. 1/c..... Organization ... M/G. 167th Inf.

33. Consignee-Name ... Thomas G. Bowlin, Ashville, Ala. (Expr. tele. offices, Whitney, Ala.)  
Address.....

34. Casket boxed and marked..... By.....  
(Date)

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.....

36. Remarks.....

37. Shipped from cemetery..... (Date)..... To (Point of concentration).  
Convoyer..... Signature Shipping Officer.....

38. Received at point of concentration..... (Date.)  
Signature Receiving Officer.....

39. Shipped from point of concentration..... (Date)  
To..... Convoyer.....  
(Port.)  
Signature Shipping Officer.....

40. Received European part..... (Date)  
Signature of G.R.S. Representative.....

41. Shipped to..... On.....  
(U.S. port.) (Boat.)  
Date Convoyer..... (Signature of Shipping Officer.)

42. Received..... (Date)..... By G.R.S. Representative..... (Signature)

43. Shipped to destination..... (Date)..... { B/L or Express Order No.....  
Convoyer..... Shipping Officer.....

Feb. 9th, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div., Cor. Br.  
(Bowlin, Russell)

Mr. T. C. Bowlin,  
R. D. No. 2,  
Ashville, Alabama.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt of shipping inquiry dated February 5th, 1921, relative to the remains of your son, the late Russell Bowlin, Private First Class, Serial No. 98944, Machine Gun 167th Infantry, is acknowledged.

Instructions have been issued that your request that the remains of your late son be left in France for burial in a permanent American Cemetery, be complied with. You are assured that the grave site will always be maintained as a fitting memorial of the late soldier's sacrifice.

The Department desires to convey renewed assurance of its sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

By:

*HK* F. C. PALLAS,  
Executive Assistant. *JJ*

ff/hk

*all*

Feb. 9th, 1921.

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MAILED-O.F.D.

FEB 10 1921

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #18920

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BOWLIN, Russell Ser. No. 98944 *ok. (12-17)*  
 (b) Rank Pvt. *1/col. (12-17)* Organization M/G 167th Inf. TYP HB  
 (c) Date of death 7/26/18 Cause of death K/A *E.M.*

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

(a) Grave No. 51 Row 1 Plot 1 Sect. J TYP HB  
 (b) Emerg. Address R.C. Bowlin (father) Ashville, Ala.

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

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

*Mr. Francis B. Johnson, Washington, D.C.*

*A.G.O. Card: Thomas C. Bowlin (Father) Ashville, Ala, requests body returned to U.S. and shipped to his address. (EBS) 1-17-21*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 192)  
 (Letter of transmittal on 1-15-1921)

*Par. #1. To be returned (EBS) 1-17-21.*

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. JAN 26 1921 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

| Date of and Source           | Relationship and name              | Desires                 | Action taken  |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| <i>Feb. 9, 1921 Form 129</i> | <i>Father (2-5-21) T.C. Bowlin</i> | <i>Remain in France</i> | <b>FEB 14 1921 OVERSEAS ADVISED</b><br><i>by proposed cable #205 v. dyt reman. 2/14/21 M.G.</i> |

*Letter 3/2/21 from Europe states return has been cancelled as per cable 3/24/21 GP*

VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. FEB 11 1921 192

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FIELD RECORD.

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

CONFIRMED

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bowlin 98944 Russell  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Private M.G.Co., 167th Inf.  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL. Approximately Aug. 5/18  
Reburied Battlefield Cemetery 8/17/18  
PLACE OF BURIAL. Battlefield Cemetery...

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

Battlefield Cemetery 1/8 kilometer  
west of La Croix Rouge Fme. Conde-  
en-Brie Map 1:20000 at cross-point  
of coordinates 267.90 - 192.60 33SE

Comm. Parc en Ardennes  
Field Sketch No. 4-Wynne.

GRAVE NUMBER..... 85 Row D.

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?..... Cross? Yes

Headboard?..... Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?..... Yes

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

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

Killed in action.

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REPORTED BY: Charles J. Wynne.  
2nd Lt. Inf. U.S.A. Com'd'g.

Group #1 Unit 304 Graves Reg. Ser.  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

(Sgt. Miller) 23 SEP 1918  
This portion to be sent to Chief of Graves Registration Service

Bowlin,

Russell

<sup>8</sup>  
93,944

Pvt

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial num)

MG Co, 167th Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased.

Father

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:

Thomas C Bowlin Whitney Ashbury

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Thomas C Bowlin

Ashville Ala

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

3-6713

Drawn by P.F.

658-306

12-11

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APR 12-13-21

FROM: ~~Q. M. G.~~  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
Munitions Building  
Room 1128

PLEASE  
EXPEDITE

Adjustment Made

WAR. DEPARTMENT

Office of the Quartermaster General of  
Washington

G.R.S. Form 8-7-A-0  
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date Dec. 13, 1920

File No. *17920 Special* Registration.

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)  
To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.  
Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

- 98944*
- |  |                                    |
|--|------------------------------------|
| a. Surname <i>OK</i> Bowlin                | f. Date of death <i>OK</i> 7-26/18 |
| b. Christian name <i>OK</i> Russell        | g. Cause of death <i>OK</i> K/A    |
| c. Serial Number <i>OK</i> 98944 or 93944  | h. Authority (C.O.#)               |
| d. Organization <i>OK</i> M. G. 167th Inf. | i. Emergency address               |
| e. Rank <i>Private 1/c</i>                 | j. Relationship                    |

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

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

DENTAL CHARTS

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

- a. Strike out teeth missing
- |             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |            |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|-------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8           | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1          | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| upper right |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | upper left |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 8           | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1          | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| lower right |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | lower left |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

*Donnelly M. P. - A.P.S.  
w. W.D. wgs - 3-12/14/20*

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

BY:

*H. J. COLLIER*  
1st Lieut. Q.M.G.

CEMETERY NO: 608

SHEET NO: 306

TYPED BY: FFD

S/713/LML

Rec'd World War Div.  
Date: *12/14/20*

Reference: 18920.

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

April 19, 1919.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.  
TO : J.C. Bowlin, Ashville, Alabama. Route 2.  
SUBJECT : Pvt. Russell Bowlin,

In reply to your letter of inquiry, with reference to the  
regretted death of this soldier, according to the records at these head-  
quarters he is buried in the American Battle Area Cemetery at FARDEN-  
TARDENOIS, Commune offere-en-Tardenois, department of the AISNE. The  
grave, which is #85, is marked by a regulation cross with identification  
tag attached.

By direction

MBD/ES.

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

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

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O&P SS.

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TO: - REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S

File Number

FROM: - *Free*

Date: *1/15/19*

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME *BOWLIN - RUSSELL* - NUMBER *98944*

RANK *PVT.* ORGANIZATION *M. G. Co 167 INF*

| NO. | QUESTION   | REPLY   |
|-----|--|---|
| 1.  | Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?  | ① <i>yes</i>  |
| 2.  | Date of Death.   | ② <i>2/26/18</i>  |
| 3.  | Cause and place of death.  | ③ <i>N/A.</i>   |
| 4.  | Number of Casualty Cablegram   | ④ <i>cc 257</i>   |
| 5.  | Date buried.   | ⑤ <i>8/5/18</i>   |
| 6.  | Grave Location<br>(a) Complete record required<br>(b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required              | ⑥ <i>Grave # 85</i>   |
| 7.  | Who reported burial;   | ⑦ <i>(AMER-) B/A FERRE-</i>                                 |
| 8.  | Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.  | ⑧ <i>- EN - TARDENOIS -<br/>Aisne</i>                       |
| 9.  | Report as to Grave Marker.   | ⑨ <i>566</i>  |
| 10. | Report as to Identification Tags.  | ⑩ <i>CHAS. WYNN,<br/>2nd LT.</i>                            |
| 11. | Who is nearest relative?   | ⑪ <i>yes</i>  |
| 12. | Has N/R been notified?<br>(Give Date)  | ⑫ <i>cross</i>  |
| 13. | Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case.<br>(Reply in all cases if no information on record.) | ⑬ <i>buried with Body<br/>attached to Grave<br/>Marker.</i> |
| 14. | What is the Photograph No.?  | ⑭ <i>R. C. Bowlin -<br/>Ashville, Ala.<br/>12/28/18.</i>    |

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

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OSP SS.

Photo no  
Grauc no

18920

Ashtville, Ala, Rt 2

Feb 10 - 1919

Chief, Grauc Registration  
Service, American E.F.

Dear Sir

I would like to  
know the number  
of my son Grauc  
Prut Russel Bowlin  
Machine Gun Company,  
1st Inf. I would  
like to know where  
he was buried &  
how many  
Photographs you will  
send me I would  
like to have as  
many as a half

a dozen or all of his  
Brothers & sisters  
would like to have  
a Photograph of his  
grave send as many  
Photos as you are  
allowed to send

J. C. Bowlin  
Asheville, Ala.  
Route 2.

