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DATE 12/1/21

1. <sup>mem</sup> NAME BOWMAN, Alex J. SERIAL No. 139105  
 RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Bty A, 147th Fd. Art.  
 & DIVISION  
 GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse. 1232 - 31

41 PW  
37 Div

GRAVE	CTY. NAME	ROW	PLOT
115	Sec.31.		3

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 74 Plot D Montfaucon Meuse *cty 912*

GRAVE	COMMUNE	DEPT.
<u>Verdun 35SE</u>	<u>N275.8</u>	<u>E309.5</u>

COORDINATES

DATE	GRAVE	ROW	PLOT
<u>5/7/19</u>	<u>115</u>	<u>Sec 31</u>	<u>3</u>

CONCENTRATED TO

CEMETERY	CTY. NUMBER
<u>Meuse Argonne</u>	<u>1232</u>

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

DATE OF DEATH Tag on cross and body. *Oct. 15, 1918* data f-1/pfb

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME *Calif*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED *none*

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE	GRAVE	ROW	PLOT	CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR *Major M. B. BIRDSEYE*  
1st Lt., Q.M. Corps, U.S. ARMY

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 12/1/21 18 36 Block X C/

DATE	GRAVE	ROW	PLOT

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

AUDITED BY  
20K 3-29-23

The Adjutant General  
By H

CEMETERY  
MAY 4 - 1926  
WORLD WAR DIV.

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GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

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

Received  
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M & R BRANCH  
O.Q.M.G.

**GRAVE LOCATION BLANK**

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

**Bowman** 139105 **Alex J.**  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

**Private** **Battery A, 147 F.A.**  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: **Field Hospital 127**

CAUSE OF DEATH: **GSW head**

DATE OF BURIAL: **October 16, 1918**

PLACE OF BURIAL: **A.E.F. Cemetery**

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

**Just east of Bois Chehemine House**

**( 09.8, 75.8 )**

GRAVE NUMBER: **134**

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

Headboard?..... Bottle?.....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

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

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE: **Mrs Kate Bowman,**

**R#1. Hawood, California.**

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

**Jerome O. Williams, Chaplain, Hq. 32nd Div.**  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

**N Alex J. Nec. 139106**  
**Home : R.F.D. No 1 Hayward, Calif.**

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**flow , Herman D. 2nd Lt.**  
**t. A. 147th F.A.**  
**3 Delaware Ave. West Pittston , Pa.**  
**rch 9th 1919**

**Emergency Address :-**  
**Mrs Kate Bowman (Mother)**  
**R.F.D. No 1 Hayward , Calif.**

**Searcher : William J. Young ; Cndg. Officer**  
**1st Lt. 147th F.A., Comdg Bat A.**

Bat. A. 147th F.A.  
88th Division

BOWMAN Alex J. Mec. 139106  
Home : R.F.D. No 1 Hayward, Calif.

" About 10.00 A.M. October 15th 1918 battery was in position just south of Gesnes. Mechanic Bowman and comrade were resting behind caisson of second piece. Several shells came in and one landing within 10 feet of where Mechanic Bowman was sitting, a splinter from one of the shells making a severe wound in the head just behind the ear. First aid was rendered him immediately but the profuse flow of blood was very difficult to check. He was carried to an ambulance on the road a 100 meters distant where he was turned over to the care of an ambulance driver, and hurried to Field Hospital No 127, southern edge of Bois Chemin where he died at 12 midnight the same date. "

Informant : Berlew, Herman D. 2nd Lt.  
Bat. A. 147th F.A.  
Home : 306 Delaware Ave. West Pittston, Pa.  
March 9th 1919

Emergency Address :-  
Mrs Kate Bowman (Mother)  
R.F.D. No 1 Hayward, Calif.

Searcher : William J. Young ; Cndg. Officer  
1st Lt. 147th F.A., Comdg Bat A.

Date June 9th, 1919.REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Number: 139105

Name: BOWMAN, Alex J.Rank: Pvt.Organization: Bat A. 147 F.A.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

7th May 1919.Grave #74, B/A Cemetery MONTEAUCON MeuseMap 35 SE E 309.5 N 275.8

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

7th May 1919.Grave #115, Sec. 31, Plot 3.ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY No. 1232ROMAGNE MEUSE

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

Burial good Body wrapped in blanket Body badly decomposedWas one identification tag found upon the body? YesWhat other means of identification were found on the body? None

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct as is required by G.O. 170, G.H. 2, 1918., after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Lt. CaswellR. H. ROSENTHAL2nd Lieut. O.M.G.U.S.A.

C.O. Group

Unit

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CONFIRMED No. 11039  
11039

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HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	BOWMAN	3	2 5 12 3
BURIED	Alley J		
	CEMETERY 1232	1	1
	GRAVE 18	2	18
	ROW 36	2	36
	BLOCK C	1	3
STATE	Calif	2	04
BANK	Pmt	1	2
DIVISION	41	2	41
ORGANIZATION	147	3	147
ARM	7d Art.	1	3
MARTIAL	no	1	2
NAME	Bowman	5	2 5 12 3
Mrs Kate	STATE Calif	2	04
RESIDENCE	COUNTY Alameda	2	01
	CITY Hayward	3	029
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER	Sister	1	2
ELIGIBILITY	Yes	1	
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Bad	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	no age	1	2 76

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Bowman Alex J (MA)

July 8 1932

Mrs Kate Bowman  
Route #1 Box 397B  
Hayward Calif

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.

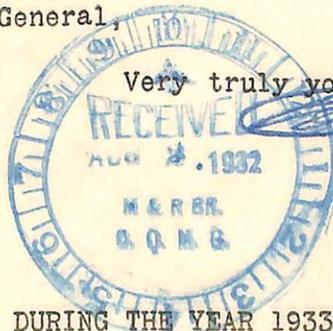
IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU GIVE THE MATTER YOUR MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BEFORE REACHING A DECISION, BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE TRIP AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

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

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

*no*  
(Write answer here)

(Sign here) *Kate Bowman*

January 12, 1932.

QM 293 A-M  
Bowman, Alex. J. (MA) M

Mrs. Kate Bowman,  
Route 1, Box 597 B,  
Hayward, California.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Alex J. Bowman, in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in France. In reply to a questionnaire you advised that you did not desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer of 1932.

It is noted that you previously stated your health was not good and that your eyesight was poor. In this connection, you are advised that competent personnel will be provided to care for your comfort and needs in the event you desire to make the pilgrimage. Doctors and nurses will be available and everything possible will be done for you welfare and pleasure. During the summers of 1930 and 1931 hundreds of mothers in poor health and of advanced age made the trip and appear to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

In the event you change your mind and desire to visit the grave of your son during the coming summer, it is requested you notify this office. Should you make a pilgrimage you are assured that the journey will not only be made at the expense of the Government but that everything necessary for your comfort and welfare will be provided.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Bowman, Alex J. Pvt. (M-A) M

June 11, 1931.

Mrs. Kate Bowman,  
Route #1, Box 397 B,  
Hayward, California.

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.

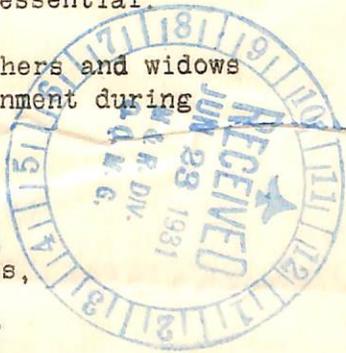
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or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

*Mrs. Kate Bowman*  
*Alex J. Bowman*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

October 11, 1930

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Bowman, Alex J. Pvt 1232 M

Mrs. Kate Bowman  
Hayward  
California

*R.I. 124397B*

Dear Madam:

A reply has not been received to office letter of recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages in 1931, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	<i>No</i>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	<i>No</i>
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age <i>72</i> Condition of health <i>not good</i>
4. Do you speak English?	<i>yes</i>
5. What other language do you speak?	<i>Swiss German</i>

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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



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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bowman, Alex J. 1232 M

June 7, 1930

Mrs. Kate Bowman  
Hayward, California.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? \_\_\_\_\_

(Write answer here)

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Bowman, Alex J. 1232 M

Mrs. Kate Bowman,  
Hayward, California.

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.

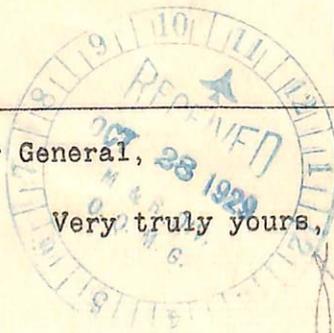
1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes)	(No) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <u>76</u> Health (Years) (Good) (Poor) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other language <u>Italian</u> <u>Swiss and</u> <u>German</u> (Specify language spoken)	

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C  
Bowman, Alex J.

September 23, 1929.

Mrs. Kate Bowman,  
Hayward, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 6, 1929, relative to the pilgrimage of the Gold Star Mothers and Widows to Europe.

In reply you are advised that the Act of March 2, 1929 contains no provision which will permit of a member of the family making the pilgrimage either in company with or in place of the mother or unmarried widow. It is therefore regretted to have to advise that your daughter is not eligible within the meaning of the Act to make this pilgrimage.

However, within a reasonable time prior to the beginning of the pilgrimage in May 1930, blanks will be forwarded you upon which to make formal application for the journey. Should your health be so improved at that time that you will be able to go, space will be provided thereon for you to indicate the time you wish to make the pilgrimage.

You are assured that competent personnel will be assigned by the War Department to provide for the needs and comfort of those mothers and widows making the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

W. J. Calvin.

Sept. 6-1929

Major John T. Harris

Dear Major:

I wish to inform you that  
Private Alex J. Bowman was  
~~not married~~. He is survived  
by mother, Mrs. Kate Bowman,  
one sister, and two brothers.

Mrs. Kate Bowman is not  
in good health, and has poor  
eye sight, therefore will not  
make the pilgrimage to Europe;  
If possible Mrs. Kate Bowman  
would ask if her daughter

Mr. W. B. Bowman could act  
in her place, and make  
the pilgrimage for her.

If you wish any further  
information please write, and  
I will gladly give you the same.

I remain  
Yours truly

Mrs. Kate Bowman  
by F. D. Bowman



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29, 1929.

Bowman, Alex J.

Mrs. Kate Bowman,  
Hayward, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Alex J. Bowman, Battery A, 147th Field Artillery, 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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JOHN T. HARRIS,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bowman Alex J (MA)

July 8 1932

Mrs Kate Bowman  
Route #1 Box 397B  
Hayward Calif

Dear Madam:

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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) \_\_\_\_\_

January 12, 1932.

QM 293 A-M  
Bowman, Alex. J. (MA) M

Mrs. Kate Bowman,  
Route 1, Box 397 B,  
Hayward, California.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Alex J. Bowman, in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in France. In reply to a questionnaire you advised that you did not desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer of 1932.

It is noted that you previously stated your health was not good and that your eyesight was poor. In this connection, you are advised that competent personnel will be provided to care for your comfort and needs in the event you desire to make the pilgrimage. Doctors and nurses will be available and everything possible will be done for you welfare and pleasure. During the summers of 1930 and 1931 hundreds of mothers in poor health and of advanced age made the trip and appear to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

In the event you change your mind and desire to visit the grave of your son during the coming summer, it is requested you notify this office. Should you make a pilgrimage you are assured that the journey will not only be made at the expense of the Government but that everything necessary for your comfort and welfare will be provided.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Bowman, Alex J. Pvt. (M-A) M

June 11, 1931.

Mrs. Kate Bowman,  
Route #1, Box 397 B,  
Hayward, California.

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.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

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

QM 293 A-M

October 11, 1930

Bowman, Alex J. Pvt 1232 M

Mrs. Kate Bowman  
Hayward  
California

Dear Madam:

A reply has not been received to office letter of recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages in 1931, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	
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5. What other language do you speak?	

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bowman, Alex J. 1232 H

June 7, 1930

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Hayward, California.

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? \_\_\_\_\_

(Write answer here)

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Bowman, Alex J. 1232 M

Mrs. Kate Bowman,  
Hayward, California.

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.  
Act  
Envelope

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

QM 293 A-C  
Bowman, Alex J.

September 23, 1929.

Mrs. Kate Bowman,  
Hayward, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 6, 1929, relative to the pilgrimage of the Gold Star Mothers and Widows to Europe.

In reply you are advised that the Act of March 2, 1929 contains no provision which will permit of a member of the family making the pilgrimage either in company with or in place of the mother or unmarried widow. It is therefore regretted to have to advise that your daughter is not eligible within the meaning of the Act to make this pilgrimage.

However, within a reasonable time prior to the beginning of the pilgrimage in May 1930, blanks will be forwarded you upon which to make formal application for the journey. Should your health be so improved at that time that you will be able to go, space will be provided thereon for you to indicate the time you wish to make the pilgrimage.

You are assured that competent personnel will be assigned by the War Department to provide for the needs and comfort of those mothers and widows making the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

O.G.M.G.M & R DIV.

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*See Court Order*

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bowman, Alex J.  
1232

Sept. 4, 1929.

Mrs. Kate Bowman,  
Hayward, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29, 1929.

Bowman, Alex J.

Mrs. Kate Bowman,  
Hayward, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Alex J. Bowman, Battery A, 147th Field Artillery, 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.

In reply refer to:  
293 C-R

June 30, 1925.

Mrs. Kate Bowman,  
Hayward,  
Calif.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that  
Private Alex J. Bowman, Battery A, 147th  
the permanent grave of  
Field Artillery, is Grave 18, Row 36, Block C, Meuse-Argonne American  
Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

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

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

Very truly yours,

RD

23/236/ARK

H. J. Conner,  
Assistant.



JUL 12 1925

B. O. C.

----- Bowman, Alex J. 139,105 -----  
(Surname.) (Christian name in full.) (Army serial number.)

----- Pvt Btry A 147 F A -----  
(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 } ----- Yes -----  
wish them interred in a national cemetery? } (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:

Julius S. Modeau, San Francisco Calif, Phone Market 711  
(Name of person to receive remains.) (Express office.) (Telegraph office.)

41 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, Calif.  
(Number and street.) (City or town.) (State.)

(Sign here) Miss Marie Bowman.

2238 Mission San Francisco Calif.  
(Number and street or rural route.) (City, town, or post office.) (State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

drawn by MH  
1232-5-31-20  
4-27-21

checked  
MH-4-27-21

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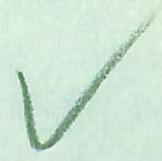
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February 11, 1921.

293.8-Cem. #42611 (Bowman, Alex J. Pvt.)

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division).  
To: Mrs. Kate Bowman, Hayward, California.  
Subject: Permanent burial in France.

FILE



1. In reply to your letter of January 28, 1921, requesting that the remains of your son, the late Private Alex J. Bowman, Company A, 147th Field Artillery, remain permanently interred in France, instead of being returned to this country for private interment as previously requested, you are advised that your wishes will be complied with in the event that the deceased is not survived by a widow, child or father. It is, therefore, requested that you advise definitely whether or not such relatives survive and if so, that the name, or names, and address, or addresses, of each be furnished this office without delay.

2. The remains of the deceased are now interred in Grave #115, Section 31, Plot 3, Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse, which cemetery has been designated as one of the permanent American Cemeteries in France.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

9X  
HW

MAILED  
FEB 11 1921  
G.R.S.

RECEIVED  
FEB 11 1921  
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE  
DIVISION U. S. ARMY





# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF BOWMAN ALEX J. SERIAL NUMBER 139105  
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Bty. A. 147th F. A.

2. Disinterred (date): Nov, 29, 1921. From (give complete location):  
Gr. 115 sec 31 pt 3 Cem., #1232.

By: Group 6 Unit Sec. 1

3. Reburied (date): Dec. 1, 1921, Meuse-Argonne Cty. #1232, Gr. 18, Block C, Row 36  
In (give complete location):

By: Group Reburial S Unit  Nature of reburial Unlined Casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
body decomposed unrecognizable. In pine box, and uniform.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:  
None

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

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

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

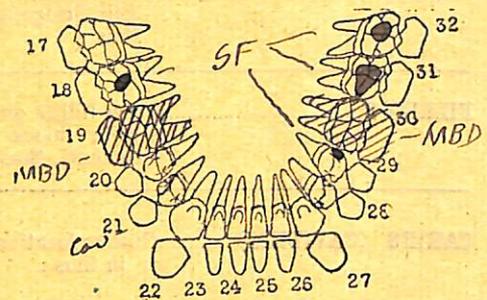
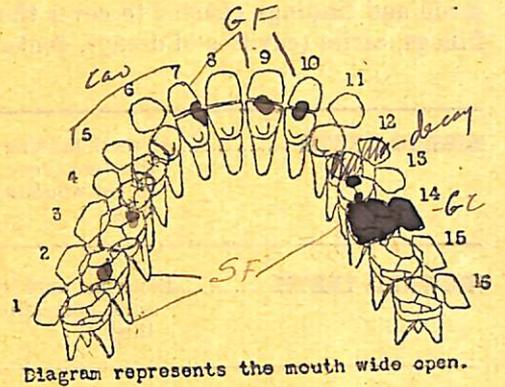
(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

Quantity do

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

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



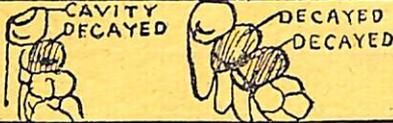
7. Disinterment supervised by H. E. Strong Approved: H. S. Harpole  
H. E. Strong (Title) H. S. Harpole 1st. Lt. QMC

8. Reburial supervised by A. U. Dufault Approved: James W. Younger  
A. U. Dufault concentration (Title) Capt. QMC

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

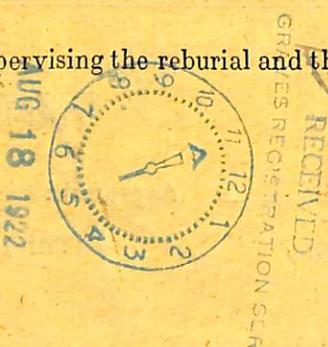
Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Question 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".  
 (b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No. 6.
6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspid (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

<b>MISSING TEETH</b> ..... All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :	 <p style="text-align: center;">TOOTH MISSING      TOOTH MISSING</p>
<b>CROWNED TEETH</b> ..... Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :	 <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD CROWN      PORCELAIN CROWN</p>
<b>BRIDGE WORK</b> ..... Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :	 <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD AND PORCELAIN BRIDGE      GOLD BRIDGE</p>
<b>FILLINGS</b> ..... Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :	 <p style="text-align: center;">SILVER FILLING      GOLD FILLING GOLD FILLING      GOLD FILLING</p>
<b>CARIES (CAVITIES)</b> ..... Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :	 <p style="text-align: center;">CAVITY      DECAYED DECAYED      DECAYED</p>
<b>DENTURES (PLATES)</b> ..... Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate, block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp."	

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

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



# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File 42611

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BOWMAN, Alex J. Ser. No. 139105  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. A, 147th P.A. } TYP. B  
 (c) Date of death 10-15-18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA } *MP*

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

(a) Grave No. 115 Row     Plot 3 Sec. 31 TYP. B  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Kate Bowman (mother) Hayward, Calif.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases /// // // // // // // // // CKR. *MP*

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

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V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
*Sec. 31* { letter of transmittal on MAY 7 1921, 192

**PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED**

*(ap)*

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. \_\_\_\_\_

lbc

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Nov 29, 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 BOWMAN, Alex J.

10. Name

2. No. 139105

11. No.

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank

4. Org. Bty A, 147th F.Art.

13. Org.

5. D.D. Oct. 15.

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. DWRIA(b) D.B. none.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 115 Sec. 31

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot 3 Row16. Plot none. Row

9.

17.

18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer.Cty.19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Montfaucon20. Dept. or County Meuse.21. Country France22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232 - 3123. Disinterred (Date) Nov 29, 1921By H.E.Strong.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Alex J. Bowman.Serial No. 139105Rank Pvt.Organization in Bat. A. 147th F.A.25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? no. On body? yes.

Signature Junior Technical Assistant

L.B.Ayers.

## 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).

none.27. Condition of body badly decomposed, features not recognizable.28. Nature of burial wooden box and burlap and unifor .29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? none.30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Nov 29, 1921 By H.E.Strong.31. Casket sealed by H.E.Strong.Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor H.E.Strong.)

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. **C-18703**



32. Designation of body:

Name **Alex J. BOWMAN.** Serial No. **139105**

Rank **Pvt.** Organization **Bty A. 147th F.A.**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. 1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon.**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **Nov 29, 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 *H.S. Harpole*  
**H.S. Harpole, 1st Lt. M.C.**

36. Remarks

**none.**

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) **Nov 29, 1921.**

To point of Concentration **Morgue, Romagne.**

Convoyer **W.J. Royed.** Signature Shipping Officer **J. Gerald Cole**  
**J. GERALD COLE**  
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 (Name) Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred **Dec. 1, 1921, Meuse-Argonne Cemetery, # 1232.**  
(Date)

42. Grave No. **18** Section

43. ~~Block.~~ **C** Row **36**

G.R.S. Representative *James W. Younger*  
**James W. Younger,**  
Capt. QMC.

Location Index .....

Discrepancies .....

Name .....

Rank .....

Serial No. ....

Org. ....

Remarks .....

A.G.O. Card & Corr. ....

Discrepancies .....

Name .....

Rank .....

Serial NO. ....

Org. ....

Remarks .....

G. R. S. Corr. ....

Discrepancies .....

Name .....

Rank .....

Serial No. ....

Org. ....

Remarks .....

Checkers .....

Discrepancies .....

Name .....

Rank .....

Serial no. ....

Org. ....

Remarks .....

Ed: *Ed: [unclear] spelled [unclear] Hayward not Hayward checked 20 4-21*

*✓ Bat. or Co.*

S-1733/ME

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

I. GENERAL INFORMATION on Cemetery No. (furnished by: SPSS) (date 2-7-21)  
Data sent Overseas send  
Operations to commence (approx.) \_\_\_\_\_  
Operations to be completed (approx.) \_\_\_\_\_  
Bodies shipped from European Port \_\_\_\_\_  
Bodies arrived at Hoboken \_\_\_\_\_

II. CASE OF Brownman Alex J. Pvt. Btry A, 147th A 139105  
The following information was abstracted (Date) 2-7-21 from: File

SOURCE	CLK.	in OFFICE		Clk.	in OFFICE
A. G. O. Cards	<u>File</u>	<u>yes</u>	Shppg. Inquiry (sent <u>no</u> )		
A.G.O. Corresp.			To _____		
G.R.S. Corresp. relative to disp.			OSP S-S Corresp. (see Remarks)		

also card DESIRES as to Disposition.

Name of Relative	RETURN			REMAIN	SPECIAL
	N. C.	Pvt.	Int.		
Widow					
Children (Name oldest first)					
Father					
Mother <u>Miss Marie Brownman</u>					
Brothers <u>2238 Mission St.</u>					
Sisters <u>San Francisco Calif</u>					<u>SPSS</u> <u>2-7-21</u>

Body to be shipped to Jules H. Hoboken, 41 Van Ness Ave. San Francisco Calif. was shipped (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS City 1232 not audited B&B 3-5-21

File Number 42611

TO: REGISTRATION BRANCH, G. R. S.

Date 2-9-21

FROM: INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME: Bowman, Alex J. Serial Number 139105  
RANK: Mechanic ORGANIZATION: C. A. - 147th I. A. ✓

No.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with records?	No - Part.
2.	Date of death.	(2) 10-15-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	(3) DWRJA
4.	Number of casualty cablegram.	(4) 299
5.	Date buried.	(5) 10-16-18
6.	Grave location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of cemetery or commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	(6) Grave 74, Plot D, Amer. Cty. # 912 Montfaucon, Meuse. ✓
7.	Who reported burial?	(7) Re: 5-7-19. Grave 115, Sec. 81, Plot 3, Argonne Amer. Cty. # 1292, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.
8.	Confirmed by G. R. S.?	
9.	Report as to grave marker.	(10) a. yes b. yes.
10.	Identification tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	(11) Mrs. Kate Bowman (mother) Haywards, Calif.
11.	Complete emergency address?	(12) 1-24-19 1-29-20 - 107
12.	Has been notified? (Give date.)	
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record.)	(14) D-28055-
14.	What is the photograph number?	
15.	Inquiry made by.	

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

RELEASED BY INFORMATION CONTROL DEPARTMENT. M.M.E.

.....X..... Confirmed.

..... Unconfirmed. RIK

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
WASHINGTON

*Bowman*

ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY

*2/8/21*

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

Remarks: .....

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

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

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293.8 Cem. Div., #42611, BOWMAN, Alex J.

Hayward Calif.  
Jan 28th 1921

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Mrs Kate Bowman & sons  
William, & Frank Bowman  
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SRM 2-7-21

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THIS MEMORANDUM MUST NOT BE REMOVED

FOLLOW UP NO. 173  
DATE FEB 3 1927

Date FEB 4 1927

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

- 2. Miss Barry
- 3. Miss Boland
- 4. Mrs. Cairns
- 5. Miss Critchett
- 6. Lt. Daniel
- 7. Mr. Deming
- 8. Mr. Good
- 9. Lt. Hanson
- 10. Mr. Hughitt
- 11. Mrs. Landman
- 12. Miss Olenin
- 13. Miss Rex
- 14. Mrs. Ruth
- 15. Mr. Saxton

*Bowman*

*City 1232*

~~16. Miss Schlegel~~  
17. \_\_\_\_\_

42611

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

## LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

.. Bowman... 139105... Alex J.  
 (Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).  
 .. Private... Battery A, 147 F.A.  
 (Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Field Hospital 127

CAUSE OF DEATH: GSW head

DATE OF BURIAL: October 16, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: A.E.F. Cemetery

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

Just east of Bois Chehemin, Meuse

( 09.8, 75.8 )

GRAVE NUMBER: 134

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?  Yes

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

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

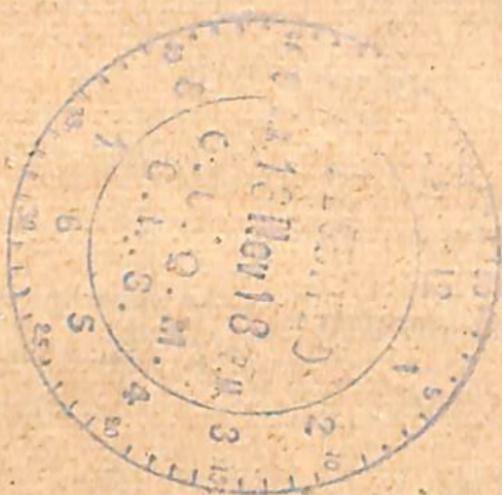
NEAREST RELATIVE: Mis Kate Bowman,

ADDRESS: R#1. Hawood, California.

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY: CMME. Montfaucon (New)

.. Jerome O. Williams, Chaplain, Hq. 32nd Div. (E-309.8)  
 (Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer) (17-275.B)



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Daily Report No. \_\_\_\_\_

Sketch 31.

42611  
A E F Cemetery # 1

Soldier's No 139105

Soldier's Name- Bowman Alex J

Rank, Pvt 147 F A Battery A

Date of Death Oct 16, 18

Date of Burial Oct 16, 18

Cause of Death, Unknown

Town or commune, Montfaucon, State, Meuse

Cemetery A E F # 1

Grave # 134, Plot 1, Row 4, Cross

Grave located in cemetery, cemetery located about 2 1/2 kilos fr Montfaucon S W and off the left of the Cheppy & ~~Very~~ Road going to Cheppy fr Montfaucon and about 1/2 kilo off road, and at the East edge of the Bois Chehemin. 275.5N by 309.5 E Map Verdun S E 35

Burial Officer, Chaplain J O Williams

Signed. Pvt Jay Bell, Group 1, GRS 306

*RBA 1120*