

To The A. G. O.

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G. R. S. Form #114-B

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FULL NAME ..... BOWMAN, John *John*

RANK ..... Corporal ..... SERIAL ..... 550006

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION ..... Company C, 38th Infantry *3d Div*

DATE OF DEATH ..... *July 15/18*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME *Emb - MD. Res - Ohio*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED. *None shown*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION ..... *32* ..... *37* ..... A

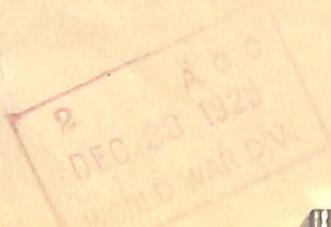
Date Grave Row Block

608

Cemetery



*max 7/3 12/25/25*



*Rec'd & Work'd*

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Co. C. 38th. Inf.  
3rd. Division.

BOWMAN, John.- Cpl. 550006

In the early hours of morning of July 15, 1918, Co. C. 38th Inf. held a position back of some woods southwest of Crezancy, France. This position consisted of a ravine and some trenches. We were subject to severe shellfire. When dawn came Bowman was found dead evidently as a result of the shellfire. A piece of shrapnel had struck him in the back. He was buried nearby.

Informant: Hund, Edward.- Pvt. 550119  
Co. C. 38th. Inf.

Home : 985 Summit Ave.  
Bronx. N. Y.

Signed + Edward Hund.



Place Boulinges-et-Nesles, France.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date April 12, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF John Bowman SERIAL NUMBER 550006  
RANK Cpl. ORGANIZATION Co "C" 38th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): April 12, 1921 From (give complete location): Grave 56 Sec R Pt 2. Cem 608.  
By: Group 2 Unit 1

3. Reburied (date): April 12, 1921 In (give complete location): Grave 55 Sec R. Pt 2 Cem 608.  
By: Group 2 Unit 1 Nature of reburial Pine box and burlap.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Uniform and wrapped in burlap. (no box.) Entirely decomposed.  
Skeleton disarticulated. Features not recognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? Yes  
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:  
Disc found on body read. John Bowman., 1st. Pvt Co "C" 38. Inf Ser No.

-000- remainder disintegrated, Small marker read No. 55 but body found in grave No. 56.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible

(b) Weight (estimated) to

(c) Hair—Color determine.

Quantity --

Characteristics --

(d) Hair on face—Color --

Location --

Quantity --

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

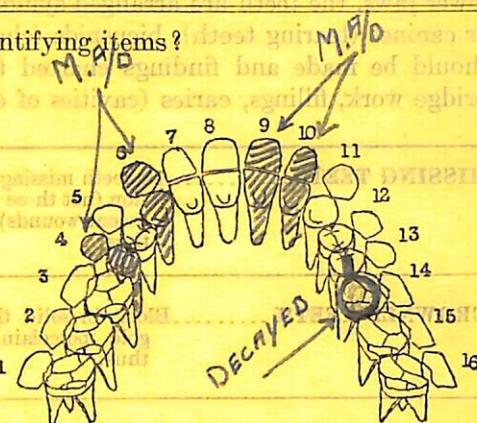
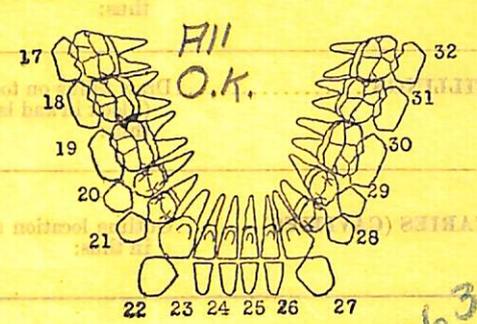


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



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

7. Disinterment supervised by R. Richards, 1st. Lt., Q.M.C.

Approved: W.R. BUCKLEY, Capt., Q.M.C.,  
(Title) Master of Section.

8. Reburial supervised by R. Richards, 1st. Lt., Q.M.C.

Approved: W.R. BUCKLEY, Capt., Q.M.C.,  
(Title) Master of Section.

*D-30630*

**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.

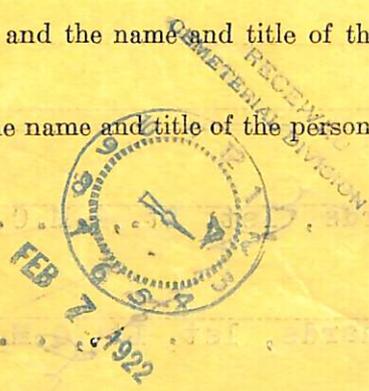
1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial 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.

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

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

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

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



Place SeringesDate June 18, 1919REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name BOWMANJOHN

Number

550006

Rank

Pvt.

Organization:

Co. C. 38 Inf.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit 304Disinterred (Date) June 18, 1919 From: (Give complete location)Grave # 5 ~~Serix Rix Rix~~ Sketch #25-- CarrReburied (Date) June 18, 1919 in: (Give complete location)found in 56 - ~~Grave #c55~~ ~~Sec. R.~~ Plot # 2 Cem. # 608 Seringes et Nesles (Aism)Map #33 Soissons S.E.

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

Buried 5 feet deep. Body badly decomposed.Was one identification tag found upon the body? None one on cross.

What other means of identification were found upon the body?

None.

Note:

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

Supervised by Sgt. Darmell1st. Lt. O. W. Forsberg.

C. O. Group

Unit

304

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1175-8

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Baumau	3	2 5 3 <sup>12</sup>
BURIED	CEMETERY	1	2
	GRAVE	2	32
	ROW	2	37
	BLOCK	1	1
STATE	Ohio	2	41
RANK	Corp.	1	2
DIVISION	3	2	13
ORGANIZATION	38	3	038
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARTIAL	ms	1	2
NAME	Baumau	5	
RESIDENCE	Harvey M. (uncle) P.O. # 8, Wilmington, Ohio	2	
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER	no S.M.	1	
ELIGIBILITY	Dead	1	6
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO. YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

**AUDITED**  
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 [Signature]

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QM 293 A-M

August 11, 1932

Bowman, John (OA)

Mr. Harvey M. Bowman,  
R.F.D. #8,  
Wilmington, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

This office is making an earnest endeavor to communicate with all women who may be eligible to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

It is therefore requested that you advise whether or not the late Corporal John Bowman is survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him for a period of five years at any time prior to his reaching the age of eighteen, and if so, please furnish her name and address. In the event the father is deceased please give the date of his death.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:  
Envelope

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bowman, John - 608 Uncle

July 8, 1930.

Mr. Harvey Bowman,  
R F D 8,  
Wilmington, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

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

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

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

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

If so, give her name and address:

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

If so, give her name and address:

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bowman, John  
608

Aug. 28, 1929.

Mr. Harvey Bowman,  
RFD#8,  
Wilmington, OHIO.

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 serviceman 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:

*never 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.

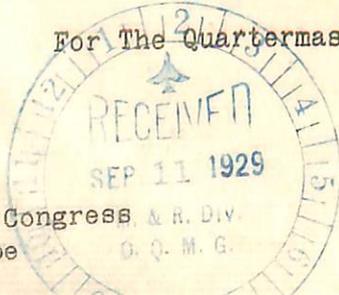
*mother dead*

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 & R. Div.  
Envelope



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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June , 1929.

Bowman, John.

21

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RFD/8,  
Wilmington, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

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The records of this office show that you are the  
uncle of  
the late Corporal John Bowman, Co. C, 38th Inf., 3rd 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,  
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QM 293 A-M

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QMG M&R BR

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Envelope

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Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

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June 21, 1929.

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RFD#8,  
Wilmington, Ohio.

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Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

Q. M. I. M. & R. DIV.  
JUN 21 4 38 PM '29  
DISPATCHED

*[Handwritten signature]*

QM 293 A-C

Bowman, John

February 11, 1929.

Mr. Harvey Bowman,  
R.F.D. #8,  
Wilmington, Ohio.

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 nephew, the late John Bowman, Corporal, Company C, 38th Infantry.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

C.M.G.-M. & R.DIV.

1 Incl  
Record card.

DISPATCHED

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE January 10, 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 <u>BOWMAN, John</u> <i>Ohio</i>	10. Name _____
2. No. <u>550006</u>	11. No. _____
3. Rank <u>Cpl.</u>	12. Rank _____
4. Org. <u>Co. C, 38th Inf. 3rd Div.</u>	13. Org. _____
5. D.D. <u>July 15, 1918</u>	14. (a) D.D. _____
6. C.D. <u>KIA.</u>	(b) D.B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. <u>52</u> Sec. _____	15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
8. Plot <u>Block A</u> Row <u>23</u>	16. Plot _____ Row _____
9. _____	17. _____

18. Cemetery <u>Oise-Aisne</u>	19. Commune or town <u>Seringes-et-Nesles</u>
20. Dept. or County <u>Aisne</u>	21. Country <u>France</u>
22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. <u>608</u>	

23. Disinterred (Date) January 10, 1928 By P.N.McCabe

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name <u>BOWMAN, John</u>	Serial No. <u>550006</u>
Rank <u>Cpl.</u>	Organization <u>Co. C, 38th Inf.</u>

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

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 10, 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 BOWMAN, John Serial No. 550006

Rank Cpl. Organization Co. C, 38th Inf.

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

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

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) January 10, 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 10, 1928, Oise-Aisne American Cty.

(Date)

42. Grave No. 32 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot Block A Row 37

G.R.S. Representative William E. Moore  
William E. Moore, Superintendent.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Jan. 10, 1928.

1. REMAINS OF BOWMAN, John SERIAL NUMBER ~~5500006~~ 550006.  
RANK Cpl. ORGANIZATION Co. C, 38th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : Jan. 10, 1928. From (give complete location) : Grave 52 Block A Row 23  
By : Group Cty. Unit \_\_\_\_\_

3. Reburied (date) : Jan. 10, 1928. In (give complete location) : Grave 32 Block A Row 37  
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? Al. strip On grave marker? Al. strip  
(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 \_\_\_\_\_

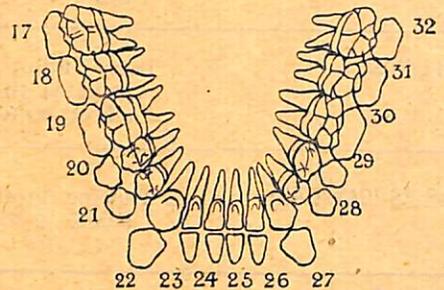
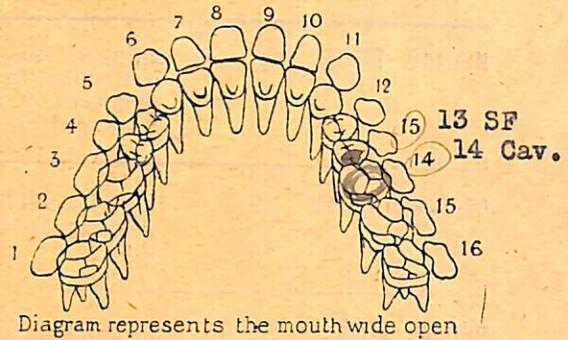
Location \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Left ulna shattered.



7. Disinterment supervised by P. H. J. McCabe Approved : E. G. Moore

(Title)

8. Reburial Supervised by Charles E. Spahr Approved :

(Title)

## 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 11-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.

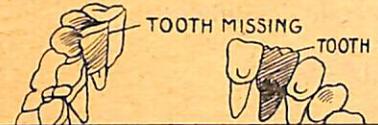
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.

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), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

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

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

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

QM 293 A-C

BOWMAN, John - Corpl.

October 24, 1925

Mr. Harvey Bowman,  
R.F.D. #8,  
Wilmington, Ohio.

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.



Bowman

(Surname.)

John

(Christian name in full.)

550,006

(Army serial number)

Corp

Co C 38th Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased:

Father - Brother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

No

(Yes or no.)

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

X

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

X  
(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

X  
(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Harvey C. Bowman

R.F.H. 8  
(Number and street or rural route.)

Wilmington  
(City, town, or post office.)

Ohio  
(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

3-6713

or perhaps  
checked

Drawn by P.F.

605-307

12-11

7713 COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #124745

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BOWMAN, John Ser. No. 550006  
 (b) Rank Cpl. Organization Co.C, 38th Inf.  
 (c) Date of death 7/15/18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. HB  
 CKR. E.M.

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

(a) Grave No. 55-56 Row - Plot 2 Sec. R TYP. HB  
rec 11/23/22  
 (b) Emerg. Address Harvey Bowman (uncle) RFD #2, Wilmington, O.

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

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

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

(a) Name Harry C. Bowman (b) Relationship Father's brother  
 (c) Address Wilmington Ohio R.F.D. #8  
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? no  
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at \_\_\_\_\_  
 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. \_\_\_\_\_

Examiner's Initials RF Date 12-11, 1920.

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

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

No comm.

Examiner's Initials RF Date 12-11, 1920.

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? \_\_\_\_\_

Examiner's Initials E.M. Date 12-13, 1920.

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 608 SHEET No. 307

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED  
JAN 24 1921 AP

checked  
12/14/20  
CARDED

Rev. 5-10-21 E.P.

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_, Checked by \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by

cable on \_\_\_\_\_ 1920  
letter on *Jan-2-* 1921

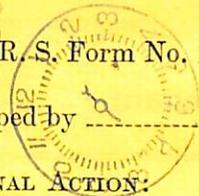
*Par. 2 - Not to be returned (JAN 1-17-21)*

RECEIVED

MAY 3 1921

GENERAL OVERSEAS PROJECT

GENERAL DIVISION  
CORRESPONDENCE BR.



HOBOKEN, N. J.  
JAN 27 1921

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*Investigation made by this office and grave location shown on our records is correct. MCH 2/7/21*

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3-1200

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION

WASHINGTON

Hoboken, N. J.

JAN 31 1921

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

TO: Mr. Harry C. Bowman, RFD #8, Wilmington, Ohio.

SUBJECT: Remains of Cpl. John Bowman, Ser. No. 550006, Co. C, 38th Inf.

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above-named soldier 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.

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? .....

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow .....			
Soldier's children (Name oldest first.)	1 .....		
	2 .....		
	3 .....		
Father .....			
Mother .....			
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1 .....		
	2 .....		
	3 .....		
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1 .....		
	2 .....		
	3 .....		

Date .....

Signature .....

Address .....

Relationship .....

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_, 192

I, the undersigned, am the \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**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.



12474  
**GRAVE LOCATION BLANK**

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Bourman 550006 John*  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

*Private Co C 38 Inf*  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

*Disinterred and reburied 10/10/18*  
DATE OF BURIAL

*Bois d'Armenon*  
PLACE OF BURIAL

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

*Crezancy (asno)*  
~~CMML. (C-84) SHIT. 49 N.E. 001D~~ } E 190

*5*  
GRAVE NUMBER

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?  Cross?

Headboard?  Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

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

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

REPORTED BY: *GROUP N° 2*  
*Unit 303 G.R.S.*  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

This portion to be forwarded to Adj. Gen'l., G. H. Q., A. E. F.

49 M. E.

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A 257



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Attach G L, 13s.

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Worthen

2/21/19

Does your O.K.  
mean that P/I is  
entered on card.

If so we will have  
to locate Bureau  
Report

L.H.

J. W. B. G.  
entered on  
all cards.

J. W.  
2/19/19

Explanation desired on  
verse side of this paper, which is to be returned to  
these headquarters promptly.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL PERSHING:

BENJ. ALVORD,  
Adjutant General.

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NOTE: Two identification tags must be habitually worn  
by every member of the A. E. F., officers, soldiers and  
civilians.

Unit Commanders will periodically inspect their men  
for the purpose of enforcing this order. Any violation  
thereof will be made the subject of discipline. One tag  
is to be buried with the remains; the other to be se-  
curely fastened to name peg or stake used as a tem-  
porary marker for the grave. (G. O. 30, G. H. Q.  
A. E. F., 1918).

TAGS MUST NOT BE REMOVED FROM MEN WHILE  
IN HOSPITAL.

(over)

Bowman, John - Capt - 12474 (ok) ✓  
Bidalgo, Terstobal - Pvt - wound  
Matthys, Michael R. - Pvt 12129 ✓ ok  
Hubert, George D. - Sgt 12246 ✓ ok  
Blum, [unclear] 10863 ok ✓

1st Ind.

Get file now on above cases  
and attach by L. B.'s charging same  
to me. For 2/7/19

G. H. Q. A. E. F.  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

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FROM: Adjutant General

TO:

SUBJECT: Report to A. G. O. regarding Identification Tags.

1. In the case of

it is noted that the deceased \*

(a) wore no identification tag

(b) had only one identification tag

Explanation desired by endorsement on reverse side of this paper, which is to be returned to these headquarters promptly.

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Neumann

Advise me

~~Hand~~

2/17

REGISTRATION BRANCH DIRECTION TICKETS

TO: Lieut. Nootscl  
Lieut. Hutchison  
Lieut. LaPerriere  
Lieut. Walters  
Lieut. Friis  
Chief Clerk - Reg. Branch  
Chief Clerk - A. & G. Divs.  
File Clerk  
Stenographer

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Record

Recorded \_\_\_\_\_

Make Copy

Cross Reference

Forward Papers on Case

Note and Return

For Information

For Action

For Necessary Reply

For Personal Conference

Return to \_\_\_\_\_

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12474, Bowman, John

## INDEX SHEET

### SYNOPSIS

See Board of Review Proceedings for Cty. 608, Sec. R, Plot 2 and also Board of Review letter to Europe under Cty. Corr. Cty. 608.

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INSTRUCTIONS.—Under "Synopsis" make brief entry showing date of communication and from whom received and synopsis sufficient to identify the papers. When these index sheets become numerous under a subject they will be entered on the consolidated index sheet and then destroyed.

Co. C. 38th. Inf.  
3rd. Division.

12474  
BOWMAN, John.- Cpl. 550006

In the early hours of morning of July 15, 1918, Co. C. 38th Inf. held a position back of some woods southwest of Crezancy, France. This position consisted of a ravine and some trenches. We were subject to severe shellfire. When dawn came Bowman was found dead evidently as a result of the shellfire. A piece of shrapnel had struck him in the back. He was buried nearby.

Informant: Hund, Edward.- Pvt. 550119  
Co. C. 38th. Inf.

Home : 985 Summit Ave.  
Bronx. N. Y.

Signed † Edward Hund.

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MEMO TO THE CROSS (P. 113)

EB.

memo. G.R.S.

1st Bn 38 Inf.

4 Feb 1918

If you have the exact location of  
the graves of the following men;

John Bowman cpl, Cristobal Hedalgo, Pot.,  
Michael R. Mathis, Pot., and George D. Hubert  
sgt, the grave of Pot/le Herman E. Blum  
is in the same cemetery.

Signed

Lewis W. Dockery

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Chaplain 38 Inf

A. P. O. # 740.

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