

# INDIVIDUAL DECEASED PERSONNEL FILE

USMC: Henri-Chapelle

BURIED ON: 38371117

PLT. PAR. 11 GRAVE. 10

LEFT: VINCENT D. MISHKI: 32770854

DATE OF BURIAL: Oct 48

VERIFIED BY: *[Signature]*

DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

PLOTTED BY *[Signature]*

1	SECTION A — NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED		DIRECTIVE NUMBER 1240 01537		DATE 17 07 48 DAY MONTH YEAR		
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NAME BOWERS KENNETH D		SERIAL NUMBER 36645742	RANK PFC	ARM 1	DATE OF DEATH DAY MONTH YEAR		
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CEMETERY HENRI-CHAPELLE - EUPEN				1	DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DAY MONTH YEAR 1201 80		
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PLOT PP	ROW 8	GRAVE 145	COUNTRY BELGIUM	CAUSE OF DEATH 1			
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SECTION B — CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN		FLAG S	
NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE HENRI-CHAPELLE, BELGIUM		NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN ELIZABETH J. BOWERS (WIFE) 514 NORTH BUTRICK STREET WAUKEGAN, ILLINOIS	

SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION				
NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	RANK	DATE OF DEATH	DATE DISTINTERRED
IDENTIFICATION TAG ON <input type="checkbox"/> REMAINS <input type="checkbox"/> MARKER		ORGANIZATION USAGF	RELIGION	IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY  NAME AND TITLE

SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT	
NATURE OF BURIAL	CONDITION OF REMAINS

OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION

MINOR DISCREPANCIES 1

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET

DATE	BY	EMBALMER (Signature)
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CASKET SEALED BY	RECORDS ANNOTATED DATE JAN 31 1949
CASKET BOXED AND MARKED	SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY <i>[Signature]</i>

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

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SIGNATURE OF GRS INSPECTOR

1 Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.

# DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

1	DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE				
SECTION A — NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED			DIRECTIVE NUMBER <b>1240 01537</b>		DATE <b>15 11 47</b> DAY MONTH YEAR
NAME <b>BOWERS KENNETH D</b>		SERIAL NUMBER <b>36645742</b>	RANK <b>PFC</b>	ARM <b>1</b>	DATE OF DEATH DAY MONTH YEAR
CEMETERY <b>HENRI CHAPELLE - EUPEN</b>				<b>1</b>	DISPOSITION OF REMAINS <b>1201 80</b> CODE DIST. PT.
PLOT <b>PP</b>	ROW <b>8</b>	GRAVE <b>145</b>	COUNTRY <b>BELGIUM</b>		CAUSE OF DEATH <b>1</b>
SECTION B — CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN					
NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE <b>HENRI CHAPELLE, BELGIUM (BY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER)</b>			NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN <b>MRS. ELIZABETH BOWERS (WIFE) 514 NORTH BUTRICK STREET WAUKEGAN, ILLINOIS</b>		
SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION					
NAME <b>BOWERS, KENNETH D</b>		SERIAL NUMBER <b>36645742</b>	RANK <b>PFC</b>	DATE OF DEATH <b>EST 23 DEC 1944</b>	DATE DISINTERRED <b>3 NOV 1947</b>
IDENTIFICATION TAG ON <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REMAINS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARKER		ORGANIZATION <b>USAGF</b>	RELIGION <b>P</b>	IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY <b>MAX W STINE, 1ST LT INF. 540 QM SV CO.</b> NAME AND TITLE	
SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT					
NATURE OF BURIAL <b>MATTRESS COVER AND GROUND FORCE UNIFORM.</b>			CONDITION OF REMAINS <b>SKULL CRUSHED. BODY COMPLETE.</b>		
OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION <b>B-5742 ON WOOL UNDERSHIRT. PFC STRIPES ON OD SHIRT.</b>					
MINOR DISCREPANCIES <b>C-5305 ON FIELD JACKET. K-4591 ON OVERCOAT. FRED KORNHAUSER, 32684591 ON OVERCOAT.</b>					
REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET <b>4 NOV 1947</b>			BY <b>ARTHUR J DUPUIS, EMB. SUPV.</b>		
CASKET SEALED BY <b>ARTHUR J DUPUIS, EMB. SUPV.</b>			EMBALMER (Signature) <i>Arthur J Dupuis</i> <b>ARTHUR J DUPUIS, EMB. SUPV. FOS PROV.</b>		
CASKET BOXED AND MARKED <b>4 NOV 1947</b>			SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY <b>ARTHUR J DUPUIS, EMB. SUPV.</b>		
DATE BY			DATE BY		
I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.					
					<i>Raymond G Johnson</i> <b>RAYMOND G JOHNSON, 1ST LT INF.</b>
SIGNATURE OF GRS INSPECTOR					
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10 January 1949

Pfc Kenneth D. Bowers, ASN 36 645 742  
~~Plot F, Row II, Grave 18~~  
Headstone: Cross  
Henri-Chapelle U. S. Military Cemetery

Mrs. Elizabeth J. Bowers  
514 North Butrick Street  
Waukegan, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Bowers:

This is to inform you that the remains of your loved one have been permanently interred, as recorded above, side by side with comrades who also gave their lives for their country. Customary military funeral services were conducted over the grave at the time of burial.

After the Department of the Army has completed all final interments, the cemetery will be transferred, as authorized by the Congress, to the care and supervision of the American Battle Monuments Commission. The Commission also will have the responsibility for permanent construction and beautification of the cemetery, including erection of the permanent headstone. The headstone will be inscribed with the name exactly as recorded above, the rank or rating where appropriate, organization, State, and date of death. Any inquiries relative to the type of headstone or the spelling of the name to be inscribed thereon, should be addressed to the American Battle Monuments Commission, the central address of which is Room 713, 1712 "G" Street, N. W., Washington 25, D. C. Your letter should include the full name, rank, serial number, grave location, and name of the cemetery.

While interment activities are in progress, the cemetery will not be open to visitors. However, upon completion thereof, due notice will be carried by the press.

You may rest assured that this final interment was conducted with fitting dignity and solemnity and that the grave-site will be carefully and conscientiously maintained in perpetuity by the United States Government.

Sincerely yours,

THOMAS B. LARKIN  
Major General  
The Quartermaster General

QMGMP 293

Bowers, Kenneth D., 36 645 742

Plot PP, Row 8, Grave 145

USMC Henri-Chapelle, Belgium

30 September 1948

Mrs. H. L. Johnson  
Route #1  
Culver, Indiana

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

Your letter pertaining to the remains of your son, the late Private First Class Kenneth D. Bowers, has come to my attention.

I am gratified to inform you that the United States Military Cemetery Henri-Chapelle located eighteen miles northeast of Liege, Belgium, has been designated as a permanent American Military Cemetery, dedicated in grateful remembrance of the Dead of World War II.

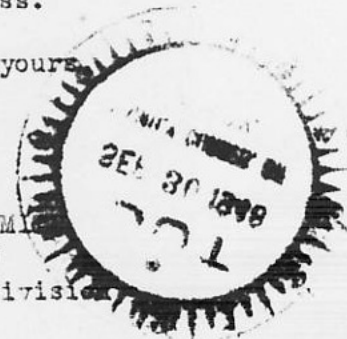
As an American Military Cemetery it will be beautified, maintained, and permanently cared for by the American Battle Monuments Commission as a shrine to the memory of our heroic dead.

The remains of your son will be permanently interred in the United States Military Cemetery Henri-Chapelle, Belgium, as directed by his next of kin, Mrs. Elizabeth J. Bowers, who is the person authorized to direct the final disposition of his remains in accordance with the order of precedence established by the Secretary of the Army.

May I extend my sympathy in your great loss.

Sincerely yours

JAMES F. SMITH  
Major, QMC  
Memorial Division



JFS  
(7)

SEP 30 1 05 PM '48  
MAIL & RECORDS DIVISION  
WASHINGTON D.C.

**CORRESPONDENCE ACTION SHEET**

NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle)

GRADE

SERIAL NUMBER

PREVIOUS BURIAL LOCATION (Cemetery and Country)	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
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PRESENT BURIAL LOCATION (Cemetery and Country)	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
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ADDRESSEE <del>MR.</del> <del>MISS</del> MRS.	ADDRESS (Street, City, State)
RELATIONSHIP	

PARAGRAPHS (Sequence)	ADDITIONAL DATA — MODIFICATIONS
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166-C

165-  
56-  
Henri-Chapelle, Belg. (Paris 2)  
in 18-8-1948  
#2  
Omit full name

The remains of your son will be permanently interred in the USMC Henri-Chapelle, Belgium, as directed by his next of kin, Mrs. Elizabeth J. Bowers, who is the person authorized to direct the final disposition of his remains in accordance with the order of precedence established by the Secretary of the Army.

ANALYST INITIALS AND DATE	TYPIST INITIALS	REVIEWER INITIALS AND DATE
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R#1. Culver, Ind.  
Sept 25, 1948.

War Dept.  
O O B. The Memorial Div.  
Wash. D.C.

Re: OMOOR-293  
Bowers, Kenneth D.  
A.S.M. 36 645 742.

Dear Sir:

I have information that my son  
was buried in U.S. Military Cemetery  
Henri Chapelle, Belgium. Is this  
cemetery permanent or one of those  
that we read in the papers about,  
that the lease on the land is  
about to expire?

I would greatly appreciate  
a reply.

Sincerely  
Mrs. H. L. Johnson  
R1. Culver, Ind.

# REQUEST FOR DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

L-7-1-47-510-1 W-1

GRADE OF DECEASED, NAME, ARMY SERIAL NUMBER AND REPORTED PLACE OF BURIAL

DATE:

*Per ND*

*2d Lt 1-2-19-48*

*Lt 1-3-4-47*

19 February 1948

Pfc Kenneth D. Bowers, 36 645 742  
 Plot PP, Row 8, Grave 145,  
 United States Military Cemetery  
 Henri-Chapelle, Belgium

A		C	
B		D	

DO NOT WRITE ABOVE THIS LINE

NOTE.—The next of kin should familiarize himself with the contents of the pamphlet, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," before filling out this form. When the proper part of this form is filled out and properly signed by the next of kin, it should be returned to the OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, MEMORIAL DIVISION, WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON 25, D. C., in the self-addressed postage-free envelope provided for this purpose.

If you are the next of kin or authorized representative of next of kin and desire to direct the disposition of the remains, please fill in PART I of this form.

## PART I

I, Elizabeth J. Bowers

(Please indicate relationship to the deceased by placing an "X" in the proper box.)

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE NAME OF NEXT OF KIN)

- |   |                                  |  |   |
|---|----------------------------------|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WIDOW | <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOWER | <input type="checkbox"/> SON OVER 21 YEARS OLD     | <input type="checkbox"/> DAUGHTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FATHER           | <input type="checkbox"/> MOTHER  | <input type="checkbox"/> BROTHER OVER 21 YEARS OLD | <input type="checkbox"/> SISTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD   |

RELATIONSHIP OTHER THAN ABOVE (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

HAVING FAMILIARIZED MYSELF WITH THE OPTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO ME WITH RESPECT TO THE FINAL RESTING PLACE OF THE DECEASED DESIGNATED ABOVE, NOW DO DECLARE THAT IT IS MY DESIRE THAT THE REMAINS: (Please place an "X" in the box opposite the option you have selected.)

1. BE INTERRED IN A PERMANENT AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETERY OVERSEAS.
2. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES OR ANY POSSESSION OR TERRITORY THEREOF FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY

(NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY)

3. BE RETURNED TO \_\_\_\_\_ (FOREIGN COUNTRY) THE HOMETOWN OF THE DECEASED OR NEXT OF KIN, FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY LOCATED AT \_\_\_\_\_ (LOCATION OF CEMETERY SELECTED)

4. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES FOR FINAL INTERMENT IN A NATIONAL CEMETERY LOCATED AT \_\_\_\_\_ (LOCATION OF NATIONAL CEMETERY SELECTED)

(Please indicate if your own religious services at a location other than the selected national cemetery are desired by placing an "X" in the proper box)

- YES  NO

THE NAME OF THE DECEASED, THE SERIAL NUMBER AND GRADE ARE CORRECT EXCEPT FOR THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: (If no corrections are necessary, indicate this fact by inserting the word "NONE" in the space below.)

*None*

Change from previous  
 Administrative Order

*PO 1537*

28 JUL 1948

*N.A.T.  
 #22  
 Capt. R. J. ...  
 11/27/48*

JUL 19 1948



**PART I (Continued)**

If on Page 1 of this form you have selected Option Number 2 or 3, or Option Number 4 with your own funeral ceremonies desired at a location other than the selected national cemetery, complete one of these sections.

I, AS THE NEXT OF KIN, DO FURTHER DECLARE THAT I DESIRE THE REMAINS TO BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING PERSON WHO HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE THEM:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE
STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS	TELEPHONE No.
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station)		

OR

I, AS THE NEXT OF KIN, DO FURTHER DECLARE THAT I DESIRE THE REMAINS TO BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING FUNERAL DIRECTOR WHO HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE THEM:

FULL NAME OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR			
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station)	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS	TELEPHONE No.	

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON NEXT IN LINE OF KINSHIP AFTER ME, AS SET FORTH IN THE PAMPHLET, "DISPOSITION OF WORLD WAR II ARMED FORCES DEAD," IS:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL	RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY

REMARKS OR ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS (For additional space use page 4.)\*

AS EXPLAINED IN THE PAMPHLET, "DISPOSITION OF WORLD WAR II ARMED FORCES DEAD," I AM THE NEXT OF KIN AND THE INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO DIRECT THE DISPOSITION OF THE SAID REMAINS.

I, the undersigned, DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR (OR AFFIRM) that the statements made by me in the foregoing document are full and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Elizabeth J. Bowers  
(SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)

Elizabeth J. Bowers  
(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)

514 N. Butrick Street  
(STREET AND NUMBER)

Waukegan, Illinois  
(CITY AND STATE)

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant this 25th day of June, 1948, at city (or town) of Waukegan, county of Lake, and State (or Territory or District) of Illinois

*My commission expires Dec 9-1948*

Cary A. Peterson  
(SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS)

Notary Public  
(OFFICIAL TITLE)

\*NOTE.—Page 4 is part of the notarial attestation.

## PART II—RELINQUISHMENT OF DISPOSITION AUTHORITY

If you are the next of kin and you desire to relinquish your disposition authority, please fill in PART II of this form.

I, THE \_\_\_\_\_ (PLEASE INSERT RELATIONSHIP) \_\_\_\_\_, AS THE NEXT OF KIN OF THE DECEASED NAMED IN PART I OF THIS FORM, DO HEREBY RELINQUISH MY RIGHTS TO DIRECT THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED. THE NEXT EXISTING PERSON IN THE ORDER OF ELIGIBILITY OF DECEDENT'S SURVIVORS IS:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED		
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	STATE OR COUNTRY

WHOM I UNDERSTAND SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO DIRECT FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED.

	(DATE)
(SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)	(STREET AND NUMBER)
(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)	(CITY AND STATE)

## PART III

If you are NOT the next of kin authorized to direct the disposition of remains, please fill in PART III of this form.

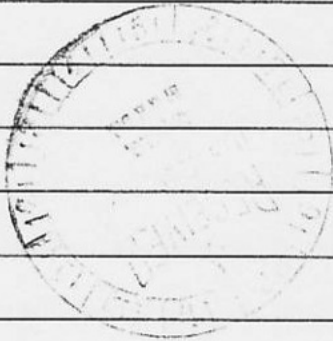
THIS IS TO NOTIFY YOU THAT I AM NOT THE NEXT OF KIN AUTHORIZED TO DIRECT THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED NAMED ON PAGE 1 OF THIS FORM. THE FOLLOWING PERSON, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, IS THE NEXT OF KIN TO WHOM THIS FORM SHOULD BE DIRECTED.

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED		
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	STATE OR COUNTRY

	(DATE)
(SIGNATURE)	(STREET AND NUMBER)
(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)	(CITY AND STATE)

**ADDITIONAL REMARKS AND INSTRUCTIONS**

*All remarks and information entered here will be considered as part of the Notarial Attestation.*



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

In Reply Refer To RR Br: QMGMR 293 Bowers, Kenneth D., Pfc., 36 645 742

Plot EP, Row 8, Grave 145  
United States Military Cemetery  
Henri-Chapelle, Belgium

IMPORTANT

Address reply and envelope to:  
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
Do NOT include the name of the  
official who signed the com-  
munication.

8 JUL 1948

P R I O R I T Y

Miss Janet Neal, Home Service Director  
Midwestern Area, American Red Cross  
1709 Washington Avenue  
Saint Louis 3, Missouri

Dear Miss Neal:

The Next of Kin of the above captioned deceased Wife  
(relationship)  
Mrs. Elizabeth J. Bowers 514 North Butrick Street Waukegan, Illinois  
(name) (address)

has failed to return a Form 345 indicating disposition instructions for the  
remains. The form was dispatched 19 February 1948.

It is respectfully requested that the attached OQMG Form 345 be properly  
accomplished by the Next of Kin and legal documents obtained through assistance  
of your representative if appropriate, be furnished this office. In the event  
you are unable to secure disposition instructions from the Next of Kin, it is  
further requested that a statement of the action taken by your representative  
be furnished this office for use as a basis for final disposition of remains of  
the decedent.

It is recommended that in contact with the Next of Kin mentioned above,  
they first be queried as to whether or not they have submitted the appropriate  
form, as it may have been mailed to this office since receipt by you of this  
request.

Sincerely yours,

Incls.

jpm

JOHN O. HYATT  
Colonel, OMC  
Memorial Division

JUL 2 11 17 AM '48  
O. O. M. G.  
MAIL & TELETYPE SECTION

ANALYST ACTION REQUEST FORM

Name <b>BOWERS, KENNETH D.</b>	Grade <b>PFC</b>	Serial Number <b>36645742</b>
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This case has been thoroughly analyzed and the following action is to be taken:

**NRT LTR - MIDWESTERN AREA ARC**

**LTR TO MRS. ELIZABETH J. BOWERS, WIFE  
514 N. BUTRICK STREET  
WAUKEGAN, ILLINOIS**

**US MIL CEM HENRI-CHAPELLE BELGIUM  
PLST PP, ROW 8, GRAVE 145**

*File 1109 Sect  
30 June 48  
Mackay*

Date <b>28 June 48</b>	Signature of Analyst <b>J. S. Bullock</b>
Division <b>MOON</b>	Branch <b>RTR</b>
	Section <b>107</b>

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
 INTRAOFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

\* Bowers, Kenneth D. Ofcs 36645742

293

DUE, HOUR AND DATE

1 No.	2 From	3 To	4 Date	5 Message
1	LOI Section R/R Br.	Record Section R/R Br.	28 June 1948	<p>1. As 333 card in this case could not be immediately located action has been taken with a view to resolving the case without the 333 card.</p> <p>2. File is forwarded to your Section for such correction in 333 card as may be indicated.</p> <p>3. When your action has been completed please forward file to Mail and Records.</p>

CUNNINGHAM  
71507

Snowden  
6535

THIS FORM WILL REMAIN PART OF THE OFFICIAL FILE

30 JUN 1948

*File - NAW  
 BYR - NAW  
 20 June 48  
 M. Bell*

*Account = [unclear] - Bell*

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Pfc Kenneth D. Bowers, 36 645 742  
Plot PP, Row 8, Grave 145,  
United States Military Cemetery  
Henri-Chapelle, Belgium

19 February 1948

Mrs. Elizabeth J. Bowers  
514 North Buttrick Street  
Waukegan, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Bowers:

The people of the United States, through the Congress have authorized the disinterment and final burial of the heroic dead of World War II. The Quartermaster General of the Army has been entrusted with this sacred responsibility to the honored dead. The records of the War Department indicate that you may be the nearest relative of the above-named deceased, who gave his life in the service of his country.

The enclosed pamphlets, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," and "American Cemeteries," explain the disposition, options and services made available to you by your Government. If you are the next of kin according to the line of kinship as set forth in the enclosed pamphlet, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," you are invited to express your wishes as to the disposition of the remains of the deceased by completing Part I of the enclosed form "Request for Disposition of Remains." Should you desire to relinquish your rights to the next in line of kinship, please complete Part II of the enclosed form. If you are not the next of kin, please complete Part III of the enclosed form.

If you should elect Option 2, it is advised that no funeral arrangements or other personal arrangements be made until you are further notified by this office.

Will you please complete the enclosed form, "Request for Disposition of Remains" and mail in the enclosed self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, within 30 days after its receipt by you? Its prompt return will avoid unnecessary delays.

Sincerely,

THOMAS B. LARKIN  
Major General  
The Quartermaster General

Incls.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

DATE 11 FEB 1948

TO: Letter of Inquiry Section

(Thru Officer in Charge)

(FORM 734 will indicate file dispatched to LOI SECTION)

Reference:

NAME BOWERS KENNETH D. RANK Pfc  
SERIAL NUMBER 36 645 742 CEMETERY HENRI CHAPELLE, BELGIUM  
PLOT PP ROW 8 GRAVE 145

Request new\* LOI be sent to:

NAME BOWERS ELIZABETH RELATIONSHIP WIFE  
ADDRESS 514 NORTH BUTRICK STREET  
CITY WAUKEGAN STATE ILLINOIS

Basis of request: (Must include definite facts)

LETTER FROM V.A. RECEIVED 9 APR 1947

Request Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Approving Officer's Remarks: 711 W. Elizabeth J. Bowers  
514 North Butrick Street  
Waukegan Illinois

L.O.I. SENT 19 FEB 1948

\* Strike out if no LOI previously dispatched

E. Bowers 11 Feb 48



ROUTING SLIP				
TO		ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS	DATE
	IDENTIFICATION			
	SPECIAL CHECKERS			
	CORRESPONDENCE SECTION			
	CORRESPONDENCE SUB-SECTION			
	CONTROL (In)			
	A-Z & 333 (For Recheck)	R-12 NAO	JMB	2-13
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	NAME			
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	ASN	L.O.I. SENT 19 FEB 1946		
	ORGANIZATION			
	ITEM #1			
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	ITEM #5 AND 6			
	ITEM #7	50...		
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	ITEM #9			
	SUSPENSE	Sent to the wife		

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO BURIAL OF

Pfc. Kenneth D. Bowers, 36 645 742

Plot PP, Row 8, Grave 145,  
United States Military Cemetery  
Henri-Chapelle, Belgium

4 March 1947  
3/4/47

Mr. Myron Bowers  
Sheridan Road  
Winthrop Harbor, Illinois

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Sincerely,

*Thomas B Larkin*  
THOMAS B. LARKIN  
Major General  
The Quartermaster General

4 Enclosures

1. Pamphlet (Options)
2. Disposition Form
3. Envelope
4. Pamphlet (Cemeteries)

*file  
4/26/47  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
 OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
 WASHINGTON, D. C.  
 OFFICIAL BUSINESS



**REASON CHECKED**  
 Unclaimed ..... Refused .....  
 Unknown .....  
 For better address .....  
 Moved, left no address .....  
 No such office in state .....



POSTMASTER: IF ADDRESSEE HAS REMOVED AND NEW ADDRESS IS KNOWN, NOTIFY SENDER ON FORM 3547. POSTAGE FOR WHICH IS GUARANTEED.



**SAVE THE EASY WAY**  
 PAYROLL SAVINGS  
 PAYMENT OF POSTAGE BY BUYER

QMGMR 293  
Bowers, Kenneth D.  
A.S.N. 36 645 742

30 June 1947

Mrs. Elizabeth J. Bowers  
514 North Butrick Street  
Waukegan, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Bowers:

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Sincerely yours,

1 Incl  
Photograph

G. A. HORKAN  
Brigadier General, QMC  
Chief, Memorial Division

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MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH  
Q.M.G.

AIRMAIL

FORM 34.6

Graves Registration  
(European, U. S. Misc.)

3 9 MAY 1947

SUBJECT: Burial Records

TO: Commanding General  
American Graves Registration Command  
European Area  
APO 58, c/o Postmaster  
New York, New York

1. Request the burial reports and grave markers for the following decedents, interred in the United States Military Cemetery, Henri-Chapelle, Belgium, be changed to read as underscored:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u> <u>GRADE</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>	<u>DATE OF</u> <u>DEATH</u>	<u>ORGAN.</u>	<u>PLOT</u>	<u>ROW</u>	<u>GRAVE</u>
Blankenship, Warren H.	<u>Pvt</u>	35 656 677	<u>3 Jan 44</u>		EX	6	113
Bowers, Kenneth D.	Pfc	36 645 742	<u>19 Dec 44</u>	<u>Co "B"</u> <u>78 Armd Inf</u> <u>Inf</u> <u>7 Armd Inf Div</u>	FP	8	145
Brown, Oliver W.	<u>Pfc</u>	39 274 183	<u>1 Dec 44</u>	<u>Co "B"</u> <u>8 Inf Regt</u> <u>4 Inf Div</u>	DB	8	144
Driscoll, William F.	<u>S/Sgt</u>	38 327 072	<u>4 Nov 44</u>		SSS	1	7
Harrington, Glenn D.	<u>Cpl</u>	39 542 445	<u>12 Oct 44</u>		0	3	57

2. The records of this office have been reverified with the records of The Adjutant General, War Department, and have been found to be correct as indicated above.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

CKB

MARTIN G. RILEY  
Major, MC  
Memorial Division

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AIRMAIL

QMGR 293  
Bowers, Kenneth D.  
A.S.N. 36 645 742

11 March 1947

Mr. Myron Bowers  
2711 Elm Avenue  
Zion, Illinois

Dear Mr. Bowers:

Inclosed herewith is a picture of the United States Military Cemetery Henri-Chapelle, Belgium, in which your son, the late Private First Class Kenneth D. Bowers, is buried.

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1 Incl  
Photograph

G. A. HORKAN  
Brigadier General, QMC  
Assistant

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Mr. Kenneth D. Bowers, 36 645 742  
Plot FF, Row 8, Grave 145,  
United States Military Cemetery  
Henri-Chapelle, Belgium

4 March 1947

Mr. Myron Bowers  
Sheridan Road  
Winthrop Harbor, Illinois

Dear Mr. Bowers:

The people of the United States, through the Congress have authorized the disinterment and final burial of the heroic dead of World War II. The Quartermaster General of the Army has been entrusted with this sacred responsibility to the honored dead. The records of the War Department indicate that you may be the nearest relative of the above-named deceased, who gave his life in the service of his country.

The enclosed pamphlets, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," and "American Cemeteries," explain the disposition, options and services made available to you by your Government. If you are the next of kin according to the line of kinship as set forth in the enclosed pamphlet, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," you are invited to express your wishes as to the disposition of the remains of the deceased by completing Part I of the enclosed form "Request for Disposition of Remains." Should you desire to relinquish your rights to the next in line of kinship, please complete Part II of the enclosed form. If you are not the next of kin, please complete Part III of the enclosed form.

If you should elect Option 2, it is advised that no funeral arrangements or other personal arrangements be made until you are further notified by this office.

Will you please complete the enclosed form, "Request for Disposition of Remains" and mail in the enclosed self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, within 30 days after its receipt by you? Its prompt return will avoid unnecessary delays.

Sincerely,

THOMAS B. LANKIN  
Major General  
The Quartermaster General

5 Enclosures

1. Pamphlet (Options)
2. Disposition Form
3. Envelope
4. Pamphlet (Cemeteries)

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

*[Handwritten signature]*

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In Reply Refer To: ~~INDEX~~ 293  
BOWERS, Kenneth D.  
SN 36 645 742

2-13-47

Date of Birth 23 August 1923  
SUBJECT: Request for information re next of kin of above named  
deceased serviceman of World War II.

TO : Director, Dependents and Beneficiaries Claims Service  
Veterans Administration  
Washington 25, D. C.

For use in determination of final disposition of remains of the  
above identified deceased serviceman, it is requested that appropriate infor-  
mation be entered on the lower portion of this letter and that one copy of the  
completed letter be returned to this office.

*Martin G. Riley*  
MARTIN G. RILEY  
Major, QMC  
Memorial Division

Date April 4, 1947  
Veteran's  
Name BOWERS, Kenneth D.  
XC 3,810,492

Information in the VA case file indicates that the deceased service-  
man was survived by the relatives listed below.

NOTE - A. Identify two persons in the following order of preference:

- |                                  |                           |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Widow                         | 5. Mother                 |
| 2. Male children over w1 years   | 6. Brothers over 21 years |
| 3. Female children over 21 years | 7. Sisters over 21 years  |
| 4. Father                        | 8. Other relatives        |

B. If parent is listed, state whether natural, step-, adoptive or  
foster parent.

C. If no information is available concerning any surviving relatives,  
state "None".

Relationship :	Name :	Address :
WIDOW (If none, state "None")	Elizabeth J. Bowers	514 N. Butrick Street, Waukegan, Illinois
	Has she remarried? <u>No</u>	If so, is proof of remarriage on file? <u>    </u>
(Natural) Mother	Mildred Crosby Johnson	Rt. #1, Culver, Indiana

D. J. MARGOLIS, M.D. *D. J. Margolis*  
Acting DIRECTOR,  
CLAIMS SERVICE Veterans Administration  
(Address) 226 West Jackson Blvd.  
Chicago 6, Illinois

NAT FILE  
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MAY 14 1947  
P. M. [unclear]  
*[Handwritten signature]*



NAME Bowers, Kenneth D. Pfc  
ASN 36645742

*PKH*

~~Attn: Mr. Zeig~~

A-Z and 333 completed

Form 333  
Changes made in information B/R  
are from sources listed below:

1. Corrected Address (Per Ltr 3 Mar 47)
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Officer's Initials *L*

FROM: Relationship Same  
NAME: Same  
STREET: Sheridan Road  
CITY & STATE: Winthrop Harbor, Ill.

TO: Relationship Father  
NAME: Bowers, Myron  
STREET: 2711 Elm Avenue  
CITY & STATE: Zion, Illinois

11 MAR 1947 P. SENT *ec*

NOT

File

*10 MAR 47  
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MRS. HARRY L. JOHNSON • RT. #1 • CULI'ER, INDIANA

War Dept.  
Wash. D.C.

Re: QM JMA 293

243 Bowers, Kenneth D

A.S.N. 36 645 742

Mr James L Penn:  
Dear Sir:

Mr Myron Bowers last  
address was 2711 Elin Ave  
Jion, Illinois. I f unable to  
reach him there I do not know  
where he is.

Sincerely

Mrs Mildred C. Johnson



66 3 17 PM '47  
FEDERAL DIVISION  
AND  
BRANCH

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO QMGR 293

Bowers, Kenneth D.  
A.S.N. 36 645 742 *ew*

21 January 1947

*Mrs. ELIZABETH J.*

~~Mr. Myron Bowers~~  
~~Sheridan Road~~ *2711 E. 11th*  
~~Winthrop Harbor, Illinois~~ *514 NORTH BUTRICK STREET*  
~~ZION~~ *WAUKEGAN, ILLINOIS*

*Mrs.*  
Dear ~~Mr.~~ Bowers:

Inclosed herewith is a picture of the United <sup>HUSBAND</sup> States Military Cemetery Henri-Chapelle, Belgium, in which your ~~son~~, the late Private First Class Kenneth D. Bowers, is buried.

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FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

*G. A. Horkan*

G. A. HORKAN  
Brigadier General, QMC  
Assistant

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Photograph

*file*  
30 JUN 1947 P. SENT *ec*

*[Handwritten signature and notes]*

QMCMR 293

Bowers, Kenneth D.  
A.S.N. 36 645 742

21 January 1947

Mr. Myron Bowers  
Sheridan Road  
Winthrop Harbor, Illinois

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Photograph

G. A. HORKAN  
Brigadier General, QMC  
Assistant

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QMGMR 293  
Bowers, Kenneth D.  
A.S.N. 36 645 742

18 February 1947

Mrs. Mildred C. Johnson  
Rural Route #1  
Culver, Indiana

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

This office is attempting to contact Mr. Myron Bowers, who according to the records of this office is the next of kin and therefore the person authorized to direct disposition of the remains of the above named decedent.

Official communications which were addressed to Mr. Bowers, have been returned as undeliverable by the Post Office Department. If you know the current mailing address or if you have any other knowledge of the whereabouts of this person, it is respectfully requested that this information be furnished The Memorial Division, Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D. C.

An early reply to this request will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

L Incl.  
Self-addressed  
Envelope

JAMES L. PRENN  
Major, QMC  
Memorial Division

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REGISTRATION AND  
RECORDS BRANCH  
Feb 18 3 24 PM '47  
MEMORIAL DIVISION

CIA

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

In Reply Refer To: QMGMR 293

13 FEB 1947

Bowers, Kenneth D.

SN 36 645 742

Date of Birth 23 Aug. 1923

SUBJECT: Request for information re next of kin of above named deceased serviceman of World War II.

TO : Director, Dependents and Beneficiaries Claims Service  
Veterans Administration  
Washington 25, D. C.

For use in determination of final disposition of remains of the above identified deceased serviceman, it is requested that appropriate information be entered on the lower portion of this letter and that one copy of the completed letter be returned to this office.

*Martin G. Riley*

MARTIN G. RILEY  
Major, QMC  
Assistant

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*WJ  
VD  
End*

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Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Veteran's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
XC- \_\_\_\_\_

Information in the VA case file indicates that the deceased serviceman was survived by the relatives listed below.

NOTE - A. Identify two persons in the following order of preference:

- |                                  |                           |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Widow                         | 5. Mother                 |
| 2. Male children over 21 years   | 6. Brothers over 21 years |
| 3. Female children over 21 years | 7. Sisters over 21 years  |
| 4. Father                        | 8. Other relatives        |

B. If parent is listed, state whether natural, step-, adoptive or foster parent.

C. If no information is available concerning any surviving relatives, state "None".

Relationship :	Name :	Address :

Has she remarried? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, is proof of remarriage on file? \_\_\_\_\_

MEMORIAL DIVISION  
FEB 13 1947 56 PM '47  
RECORDS BRANCH

DIRECTOR,  
CLAIMS SERVICE  
(Address) \_\_\_\_\_

SPRYC 293  
Bowers, Kenneth D.

17 September 1945

Mr. Myron Bowers  
Sheridan Road  
Winthrop Harbor, Illinois

Dear Mr. Bowers:

The War Department is most desirous that you be furnished the burial location of your son, the late Private First Class Kenneth D. Bowers.

The records of this office disclose that he is interred in the U. S. Military Cemetery, Henri Chapelle, Belgium, plot PP, row 8, grave 145.

This cemetery is located approximately 7 miles southwest of Aachen, Germany, and is under the constant care and supervision of United States military personnel.

Please accept my sincere sympathy in the loss of your son.

Sincerely yours,

E. B. GREGORY  
Lieutenant General  
The Quartermaster General

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GRAVES REGISTRY DIVISION

SEP 18 9 30 AM '45

MEMORANDUM

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# REPORT OF BURIAL

23 Dec. 44  
Date

293

**BOWERS KENNETH D.**

PTC.

36645742

Unknown Co. B 38 Army Air Bn Unknown

Rank

Serial No.

Unknown Belgium

Organization

1400-hrs, 23 Dec. 44

23 Dec. 44

GSW Head.

145

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Henri Chapelle # 1

Cause of Death

K 72d -548

Grave Number

Row Number

PP

Name or Coordinates of Location

Perm.

Plot Number

Type of Marker

Disposition of Identification Tags: Buried with body  No  Attached to Marker Yes  No

If No Identification Tags

How were remains identified?

What means of identification were buried with the body?

To determine Right or Left use Deceased's Right and Left.

Who is buried on:

Deceased's Right:

Unident. X

227 American

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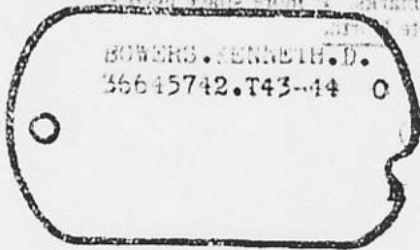
Deceased's Left:

Courtney, Leo

18085244

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Signature of Name, Rank and, if possible Organization of person furnishing above Data when other than officer reporting burial.



Emergency Addressee

Name

Address

Religion

List only Personal Effects Found on Body and disposition of same:

File  
MAR 5 1945  
J.C.

Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial

*Nicholas J. Sloane*  
Verified by G.R.S. Officer

NICHOLAS J. SLOANE

Lt. Q.M.C.

aves Registration Officer

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 18 Jan 1945

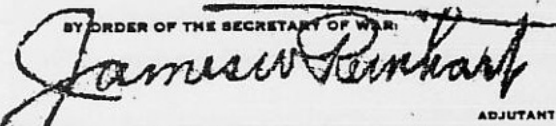
FULL NAME 293 Bowers, Kenneth D.		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <u>Imp 4527</u> 36 645 742											
HOME ADDRESS Waukegan, Illinois		ARM OR SERVICE Infantry	DATE OF BIRTH 23 Aug 1923										
PLACE OF DEATH European Area	CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in action		DATE OF DEATH 19 Dec 1944										
STATION OF DECEASED European Area		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 27 Feb 1943	LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS										
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Mildred C. Johnson, Mother, RR #1, Culver, Indiana													
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mildred Johnson, Mother, Route 1, Culver, Ind. Myron Bowers, Father, Sheridan Rd., Winthrop Harbor, Ill.													
INVESTIGATION MADE?		IN LINE OF DUTY		OWN MISCONDUCT		WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE		IN FLYING PAY STATUS		OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
											X		X

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

BATTLE  NON-BATTLE

Evidence of death received in War Dept. 13 Jan 1945

COPIES FURNISHED:		
S. G. O.	F. B. I.	F. O. U. S. A.
2. O. G. M. G.	O. F. D.	ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU CASUALTY BRANCH FILE
G. A. O.	VET. ADMIN.	A. G. 201 FILE

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:  
  
 ADJUTANT GENERAL

378515

WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

## REPORT OF DEATH

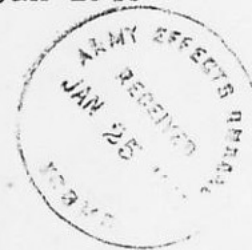
DATE 18 Jan 1945

FULL NAME <b>Bowers, Kenneth D.</b>		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <b>Imp 4627</b> <b>36 645 742</b>		GRADE <b>Pfc</b>									
HOME ADDRESS <b>Waukegan, Illinois</b>		ARM OR SERVICE <b>Infantry</b>		DATE OF BIRTH <b>23 Aug 1923</b>									
PLACE OF DEATH <b>European Area</b>		CAUSE OF DEATH <b>Killed in action</b>		DATE OF DEATH <b>19 Dec 1944</b>									
STATION OF DECEASED <b>European Area</b>		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE <b>27 Feb 1943</b>		LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS									
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS)  <b>Mrs. Mildred C. Johnson, Mother, RR #1, Culver, Indiana</b>													
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) <b>Mildred Johnson, Mother, Route 1, Culver, Ind. Myron Bowers, Father, Sheridan Rd., Winthrop Harbor, Ill.</b>													
INVESTIGATION MADE?		IN LINE OF DUTY		OWN MISCONDUCT		WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE		IN FLYING PAY STATUS		OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
												X	X

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

*James W. Reinhart*  
ADJUTANT GENERAL

Summary Court-Martial  
ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT  
601 Hardesty Avenue  
Kansas City 1, Missouri

Case No. 373615 ✓

Date 9 April 1945

SUBJECT: Report of transactions in disposing of the effects of

Ken eth. D. Bowers ✓, 36615712 ✓ late a  
(Name of deceased) (Army Serial Number)

Private First Class ✓, Infantry ✓ who died  
(Grade) (Organization, Army or Service)

on the 19 day of December, 1944, at European Area ✓.

TO : The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington 25, D.C.

1. Complying with A.W. 112, a Summary Court-Martial, convened at Kansas City, Mo, pursuant to S.O., 228, Hq., KCCM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, for the purpose of disposing of the effects of the above-named soldier, or person subject to military law, reports that:

a. No legal representative or widow of decedent being present at decedents camp or quarters, effects of decedent were forwarded to this Summary Court-Martial.

b. Local debtors owed decedent's estate \$ none, of which the sum of \$ none was collected. (If nothing was found due or collected, state "None"; otherwise attach itemized statement of sums owing and collected.) (Incl. \_\_\_\_\_.)

c. Decedent owed undisputed local creditors the sum of \$ none, which has been paid by the Summary Court-Martial from funds of decedent. (See inclosed receipt \_\_\_\_\_, Incl. \_\_\_\_\_)

d. Disposition of decedent's effects (less money paid creditors, if any) has been made by the Summary Court-Martial by transmittal through the Quartermaster Corps, at Government expense to person found entitled (See Summary Court-Martial FINDING below)

FINDING

Before a Summary Court-Martial which convened at Kansas City, Missouri, on 6 April 1945 ✓, pursuant to Special Orders 228, Headquarters, KCCM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, the application or affidavit of Myron Bowers ✓ for the effects of the above-named deceased soldier, or person subject to military law, now in the possession of the United States, with other relevant evidence, was duly considered;

Whereupon, this Summary Court-Martial finds that, under the provisions of A.W. 112, Myron Bowers ✓ of  
(Name of person found entitled)

Sheridan Road ✓, Winthrop Harbor State of  
(Number, Street or Avenue) (City, Town or Village)

Illinois ✓, is the Father ✓

373515

JRM:DW:men  
April 11, 1945

KB

Mr. Myron Bowers  
Sheridan Road  
Winthrop Harbor, Illinois

Dear Mr. Bowers:

The Army Effects Bureau has received from overseas some personal effects of your son, Private First Class Kenneth D. Bowers.

These effects are being forwarded to you in one package.

If, by any chance, the property has not reached you at the expiration of thirty days from this date, please notify me and tracer will be instituted.

The action of this Bureau in transmitting personal effects does not, of itself, vest title in the recipient. Such property is forwarded for distribution according to the laws of the state of the soldier's legal residence.

I regret the circumstance prompting this letter, and wish to express my sympathy in the loss of your son.

Yours very truly,

P. L. KOOB  
2nd Lt. Q.M.C.  
Officer-in-Charge  
SJ Unit

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ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

SHIP TO:

Mr. Myron Bowers

Sheridan Road

Winthrop Harbor, Illinois

Effects of:  
Name

Pfc. Kenneth D. Bowers

ASN

378515

Case No.

Wt.

JRM:DW:men

DATE 10 April 1945

*Kathryn Bell*

FOR: Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

- Inclose Bureau Check Acct. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_
- Inclose "valuables" item
- Ship "valuables" item(s)

- Remove G.I.
- Note discrepancy in \_\_\_\_\_
- Films removed
- Maps removed
- Laundry removed

ROUTING:

- Accounting Branch
- 1 Warehouse Division
- 2 Files Branch, Adm. Div.

REMARKS:

*1 pkg*

Fracked APR 18 1945  
 Est. Exp. Chgs. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Est. Frt. Chgs. \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. of packages 1

*N.K.*

Shipping Clerk

SHEET <u>1</u> OF <u>1</u> SHEETS		ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU INVENTORY		RECORDED
BOX NUMBER	ORIGINAL NUMBER OF PACKAGES			MISSING
TALLY NUMBER	INVENTORY DATE	CASE NUMBER	<u>378515</u>	ABANDONED
EFFECTS OF	<u>Personnel - H. B. Bowers</u>		RANK	<u>Pfc</u>
<u>36645742</u>	ORGANIZATION	<u>Unit</u>		
PACKAGING DESCRIPTION				

CLOTHING	PERSONAL ITEMS	CONTAINERS
<input type="checkbox"/> BELT	<input type="checkbox"/> BRACELET, IDENTIFICATION	<input type="checkbox"/> BAGS, CLOTH
<input type="checkbox"/> BELT, MONEY (NO MONEY)	<input type="checkbox"/> BRUSHES	<input type="checkbox"/> BAGS, TRAVEL
<input type="checkbox"/> CLOTH, WASH	<input type="checkbox"/> CAMERAS	<input type="checkbox"/> BILLFOLD, (NO MONEY)
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<input type="checkbox"/> FOOTWEAR, PR.	<input type="checkbox"/> KNIVES	<input type="checkbox"/> FOOTLOCKER
<input type="checkbox"/> GLOVES, PR.	<input type="checkbox"/> LIGHTERS	<input type="checkbox"/> KIT, SEWING
<input type="checkbox"/> HANKERCHIEFS	<input type="checkbox"/> MISC. INSIGNIA	<input type="checkbox"/> KIT, TOILET
<input type="checkbox"/> HEADWEAR	<input type="checkbox"/> MISC. ITEMS	<input type="checkbox"/> KIT, WRITING
<input type="checkbox"/> JACKETS	<input type="checkbox"/> PEN, FOUNTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> PAPERS AND MISC.
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<input type="checkbox"/> SCARFS	<input type="checkbox"/> PIPES	<input type="checkbox"/> BOOKS, ADDRESS
<input type="checkbox"/> SHIRTS	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS ARTICLES	<input type="checkbox"/> BOOKS, NOTE
<input type="checkbox"/> SOCKS, PR.	<input type="checkbox"/> RIBBONS, DECORATION	<input type="checkbox"/> BOOKS, PILOT LOG
<input type="checkbox"/> TIES	<input type="checkbox"/> RINGS	<input type="checkbox"/> DIARY (REMOVED FOR DURATION)
<input type="checkbox"/> TOWELS	<input type="checkbox"/> TOBACCO	<input type="checkbox"/> FILMS
<input type="checkbox"/> TROUSERS, PR.	<input type="checkbox"/> TOILET ARTICLES	<input type="checkbox"/> LETTERS
<input type="checkbox"/> UNDERWEAR	<input type="checkbox"/> WATCH	<input type="checkbox"/> PAPERS, PERSONAL
	<input type="checkbox"/> WHISKY	<input type="checkbox"/> PHOTOS
		<input type="checkbox"/> SHOE SHINE ARTICLES
		<input type="checkbox"/> SIG T SHORTER
		<input type="checkbox"/> SOUVENIRS
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOUVENIR MONEY
		<input type="checkbox"/> STATIONERY
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TESTAMENTS
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> U.S. MONEY (AMOUNT)

*Full  
unit*

REMARKS: *Mother  
Mrs. Mildred Johnson  
1017 Grant Ave  
Waukegan Lake, Ill.*

ATTACHMENTS:  FORM #15  FORM #100  
*Inventory  
Form #8  
B.R. Label*

C.A.T.	<input type="checkbox"/> WEIGHT	<input type="checkbox"/> SI REMOVED
	<input type="checkbox"/> SHORTAGE IN REVERSE	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> IDENT. TAGS REMOVED	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> DIARY REMOVED	<input type="checkbox"/>
APPROPRIATE SPACE	STORED BY <i>NK</i>	DATE SHIPPED <i>APR 18 1945</i>
<i>213A</i>	<i>AK</i>	LOCKED STORAGE

REMOVED BY

NAME BOWERS, KENNETH D. PFC

BAY	PALLET	BOX	TALLY
		BOX #4 POUCH <del>512</del> #512	7036
TYPE OF PKG.	WHSE. SPACE	INVENTORIED	
BRB			

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Serial No. 36645742 Name BOWERS, KENNETH  
Grade Pfc Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Nearest Relative \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Killed in Action \_\_\_\_\_ Died of Disease \_\_\_\_\_  
Date 23 Dec 44 Hospital \_\_\_\_\_  
Battle Area UNK Information \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of Burial Henri Chapel No 1  
Point of Coordination \_\_\_\_\_  
Description of Body \_\_\_\_\_  
Members Missing \_\_\_\_\_  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Reg. No. 4 1

23 Dec 44

Date

SUBJECT: Inventory of Personal Effects of:

BOWERS KENNETH D. PFC 36645742

(Last Name) (First Name) (MI) (Rank) (ASG)

TO: Effects Quartermaster, Communications Zone, APO 887 U.S. Army.

The above named individual of Unknown (Unit) (Organization)

was reported buried Status (MIA, MIA, Hosp. etc) 23 Dec 1944 (Date)

Designated Beneficiary if information readily accessible Unk

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

- 1 Testament
1 Pencil
15 Souvenir coins

Money in the amount of has been turned into (Name of finance office) Form WDFD 38 enclosed. and symbol number)

Unk

Names and addresses of any Banks in which accounts may be carried:

I certify that the above items constitute all of the effects, secured by one of the above named individuals and that they were forwarded to the Effects Depot by etc. on 1944 (Rail, Truck, etc.)

Handwritten signature: Neal F. Raven

Name: Neal F. Raven
Rank: ASG
Organization: Graves Registration Office

Additional pertinent information:

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