

293 BOWEN, CHARLES H. 34254584 CPL. EUROPEAN AREA.ARM DIV. ( N.C.) 45 mc

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QMME-P 293  
Bowen, Charles H.  
34 254 584

23 March 1960

Mrs. Thelma Rice  
Route #2  
Carthage, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Rice:

The Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Bristol, Virginia, has informed us of your desire for a memorial marker to be erected in a family plot to honor your brother, the late Corporal Charles H. Bowen.

Legislation was approved by the President on 14 August 1958 which authorizes the Secretary of the Army to furnish memorial markers for erection in private or national cemeteries to commemorate any member of the Armed Forces of the United States dying in the service, whose remains have not been recovered and identified or were lost at sea. Under this authority, Corporal Bowen is eligible for a memorial headstone or marker.

The approved regulations provide that an applicant for a memorial marker shall be the next of kin and shall be no more distantly related to a decedent than his widow, if she has not remarried; adult children, father, mother, adult brothers, adult sisters or grandparents. The preceding listing indicates the order in which relatives are recognized as the next of kin.

Inclosed is a partly completed DA Form 1815, Application for Headstone or Marker. We shall appreciate your having the information which we have typed on the form verified, having the information in the spaces checked in blue added; attaching a list of Corporal Bowen's survivors, according to the above order of priority; having his next of kin sign the form as the applicant; and returning the form to the Office of The Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D. C. As soon as the form is returned, steps will be taken to have the memorial fabricated and shipped.

If the memorial is to be erected in a national rather than a private cemetery items 12, 14, 15, 16, and 17 on the form need not be completed. Only one type of marker is authorized for erection in each national cemetery, and the type furnished will be determined by the regulations in effect for the national cemetery selected.



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The inscription on the memorial will consist of a religious emblem, if the applicant so desires, the phrase, "IN MEMORY OF," the decedent's name, state, rank, organization, date of birth, date of death, 9 September 1944, and any decorations he may have received.

Sincerely,

1 Incl  
DA Form 1815

HARRY D. TEMPLE  
Colonel, QMC  
Chief, Memorial Division

*R. Braid*  
Mrs. BRAID  
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# THE AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

29 February 1960

Subject: Requests for Service and/or Information.

To: The Quartermaster General  
Washington 25, D. C.

Attn: P & A Branch  
Room 2047

1. We have received from the Commander, VFW of Bristol, Virginia, an omnibus request for photos and information submitted in behalf of a group of next of kin and relatives.

2. Requests which pertain to The Quartermaster General have been extracted and are listed below. Correspondents have been informed of this reference. The cases in question are:

a. Letter, 23 September 1958 from Mrs. Emmett Smith, Alvarado, Virginia. Desires photographs for herself and parents of her brother's grave, (David P. Bland, Arlington Cemetery). Parents are Mr. & Mrs. Roy Bland, 314 E. Main Street, Abingdon, Virginia.

b. Letter, 25 September 1958 from Mrs. James V. Covey, 408 Chestnut Street, Route #3, P. O. Box 521, Pulaski, Virginia. Desires photo of brother's grave, (Sgt Gilbert E. Brooks, "San Bernardino", California).

c. Letter, 29 September 1958 from Mrs. Thelma Rice, Route #2, Carthage, North Carolina, sister of Cpl Charles H. Bowen, 34 254 584, whose name is inscribed in the Lorraine Cemetery Memorial. Desires marker for family cemetery. 293

d. Letter 22 September 1958 from Mrs. E. A. Carpenter, Box 63, Clinchco, Virginia, mother of 2 Lt Elbert R. Carpenter,



O 816 814, whose name is inscribed in the Florence Cemetery Memorial. *NOVR*  
Desires marker for family cemetery.

e. Letter, 18 September 1958, from Mrs. Sallie R. Jones, mother of Wilbur A. Jones, 33 526 750, interred in F-5-26, Sicily-Rome Cemetery and Cecil R. Jones, interred in Q-1064, Honolulu National Cemetery. Desires photos of each grave site. ABMC will furnish Sicily-Rome photos. *5202  
NO HUN*

f. Letter, 18 September 1958 from Mrs. Mildred Moreland, 810 1/2 Lamont Street, Johnson City, Tennessee, sister of Sgt. James E. Gentry, 306476 (USMC), whose name is inscribed in the Manila Memorial. Desires marker for family plot. *NOV 22*

g. Letter, 5 October 1958, from Mrs. Oscar Mock, Meadow View, Virginia, mother of Pvt. James D. Mock, 33 657 788, interred in A-5-22, Netherlands Cemetery. Desires marker for family plot. *4601  
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*Edmund Bogaski*

EDMUND BOGASKI  
Lt. Colonel, AGC  
Chief, Research Division

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## NON-RECOVERABLE REMAINS REEXAMINATION OF RECORDS

AREA OF DEATH <b>France</b>		CASE NUMBER
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) <b>Bowen, Charles H.</b>	RANK <b>Cpl</b>	SERIAL NUMBER <b>34 254 584</b>
IN THE COURSE OF THIS REEXAMINATION IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH WERE SUCH THAT: (Check appropriate box)		
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<input type="checkbox"/> THE REMAINS OF THE DECEDENT COULD HAVE BEEN RECOVERED. HOWEVER, AFTER REVIEW OF THE FOLLOWING IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT EVIDENCE DOES NOT EXIST TO CONTRADICT A FINDING OF NON-RECOVERABILITY:		
		INITIALS OF ANALYST
1. 293 FILE OF DECEDENT		
2. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA, COMPARED WITH DECEDENT		
3. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES		

REMARKS

RECOMMEND APPROVAL		APPROVED	DATE
NAME OF CASE ANALYST <i>T. Dunner</i>	CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>Robert G. L...</i> <b>ROBERT G. L...</b> Captain, QMC	<b>OCT 26 1950</b>

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MEMORIALIZATION OF NON-RECOVERABLE  
REMAINS OF WORLD WAR II

THIS FILE HAS BEEN AUDITED FOR NON-RECOVERABILITY

NAME (Last, First, Middle)

BOWEN CHARLES H.

RANK

CPL

SERIAL NUMBER

34254584

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DATE OF DEATH

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AREA OF DEATH

FRANCE

NAME OF AUDITOR

LEWIS

DATE

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NAME OF REVIEWER

BLATCHLEY

DATE

18 OCT 1950

REMARKS



## CONTROLLED CASE

NAME Bowen, Charles H.		GRADE Cpl	SERIAL NO. 34 254 584
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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO

QMGMF 293

Bowen, Charles H.

SN 34 254 584

27 January 1950

Mr. J. L. Bowen  
602 Grimes Street  
High Point, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Bowen:

The Department of the Army desires that you be informed of the final determination of the investigation in the case of your son, the late Corporal Charles H. Bowen.

Realizing that this is a matter of great importance to you, may I review the pertinent facts of the case as revealed by Department of the Army records received from our overseas command.

Your son was a member of Company B, 40th Tank Battalion, and comprised part of the five man crew of a tank which was engaged in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Metz, France, on 9 September 1944. This tank was in a defensive position when it was fired upon by the enemy and suffered a direct hit from an anti-tank gun. The tank was set afire and continued to burn during the entire course of the engagement. Two crew members escaped from the burning vehicle and although they watched the tank burn for some time, they did not see any of the other crew members leave. After the tank had stopped burning, it was examined by the Commanding Officer of Company B, and no trace of the remains of your son and the other two men could be found. It is logical to conclude, therefore, that these men were killed or seriously wounded by the shell which struck their tank, that they were unable to leave the vehicle and that their remains were completely consumed by the ensuing fire.

These unfortunate circumstances surrounding the death of your son have been thoroughly reviewed and, based upon the information presently available, the Department of the Army has been forced to conclude that his remains are not recoverable. I wish to assure you that, should any additional evidence come to our attention indicating that his remains are in our possession, you will be informed immediately.

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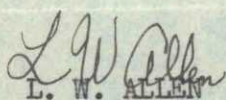


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Sincerely yours,



L. W. ALLEN  
Lt. Colonel, QMC  
Memorial Division



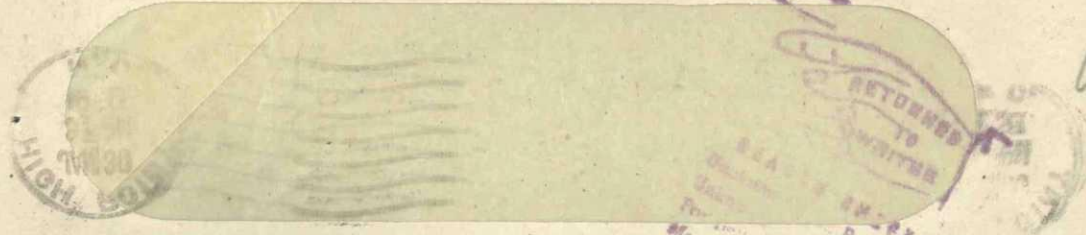
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L. W. ALLEN  
Lt. Colonel, QMC  
Memorial Division

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*Mailed direct*

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## OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

## INTRA-OFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

No	From	To	Date	Due, Hour and Date
				Message
1	Fin Det Section Ident Br Mem Div	Repat Br Mem Div  <u>ATTN:</u> Corres Section	19 Jan 50	SUBJECT: Non-Recoverable Case No 12561  1 Attached approved non-recoverable case(s) is ( <del>xxx</del> ) forwarded for whatever action is deemed necessary by your office.  2. All action necessary to be taken by the Identification Branch has been completed.  <i>Fisher</i> De WESE 73472  3 Incls: Group <del>Individual</del>

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NON-RECOVERABLE CASE RECORD OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL		NUMBER 12561 (3)
		AREA OR ZONE(S) Europe
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER
Bowen, Charles H.	Cpl	34 254 584
THE ATTACHED PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIELD BOARD OF REVIEW HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND THE FINDINGS OF NON-RECOVERABILITY OF THE REMAINS OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL(S) ARE APPROVED. (Corrections in name, rank, and/or serial number have been effected when appropriate.)		
The above decedent and two (2) others		
IN THE COURSE OF THIS REVIEW THE FOLLOWING SOURCES OF INFORMATION HAVE BEEN EXAMINED FOR ADDITIONAL CLUES. COPIES OF ANY DOCUMENTS BELIEVED MATERIAL TO THE CASE ARE ATTACHED FOLLOWING THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIELD BOARD OF REVIEW.		
	INITIALS OF ANALYST	(CROSS OUT THOSE NOT APPLICABLE)
1. 293 FILE OF SUBJECT(S)	J. a. B.	a. REPORT OF DEATH b. FINDING OF DEATH c. STATUS REVIEW & DETERMINATION
3. A - Z FILE OF KNOWN INTERMENTS IN U.S. MILITARY CEMETERIES, ISOLATED LOCATIONS, AND SEA BURIALS	J. a. B.	4. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA
5. ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF "BELIEVED TO BE" AND TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED UNKNOWN	J. a. B.	6. ALPHABETICAL FILE OF FORMER UNKNOWN NOW IDENTIFIED
7. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES		J. a. B.
7a. Statements		
THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE BEEN FOUND TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY AS PRESENTED IN THE ATTACHED PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIELD BOARD OF REVIEW, WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:		
SEE ATTACHED STATEMENT		
NAME OF CASE ANALYST J. a. Brown J. A. BROWN/cwt	CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO <u>Repatriation Branch, Correspondence Sec.</u> FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES.	
RECOMMEND APPROVAL	APPROVED	DATE
CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION W. A. WOLF	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION W. R. DeWEESE, 1st Lt CMC	CHIEF, IDENTIFICATION BRANCH THOMAS E. COX Capt CMC
		12 Jan. 50



Bowen, Charles H.  
Pake, Harry B.  
Reamer, Leonard A.

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STATEMENT OF INVESTIGATION

1. This case pertains to the non-recoverability of the remains of the three (3) decedents listed above, of the crew of five of a tank, which was engaged in action against the enemy, in the vicinity of Metz, France 9 September 1944.
2. During the encounter the tank suffered a direct hit and was set afire, burned throughout the engagement and for some time after.
3. Tec/5 James W. Logan, 34 188 604, a crew member of subject tank, states that he and Private Robert Millerwise, 36 869 646 escaped to safety by emerging from the tank through the bow gunner's side. He watched the tank burn and did not see the remaining crew members leave it.
4. Records show that an examination of the interior of the tank, after it had stopped burning, revealed no trace of any bodies.
5. The Field Board and this Office have made every effort to associate subject decedents with remains recovered from the pertinent area, with negative results.

*J. A. Brown*  
J. A. BROWN  
Analyst



15 Dec 49

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HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND  
EUROPEAN AREA  
APO 58 US ARMY

- 8 DEC. 1949

Proceedings of a Board of Officers appointed in accordance with letter AGAO-S 293.9 (27 Mar 47), D-M, War Dept, TAGO, 9 April 1947

The Board convened pursuant to par 4, SO No.33, Headquarters American Graves Registration Command, APO 58, U.S. Army, 22 Mar 1948, as amended by par 1, SO 43, Hq AGRC dated 19 April 1949 and par 4, SO 92, Hq AGRC dated 17 August 1949, at the Astoria Hotel, Paris, France on - 8 DEC. 1949. The purpose of the Board was to determine the non-recoverability status of certain casualties now under jurisdiction of this command.

The board reviewed report of investigation, statements of witnesses and other papers contained in the files of American Graves Registration Command, EA, pertaining to the case of the following named casualty/casualties, the remains of which have not been recovered. The case records and other data considered, are attached.

CASE NO 3	NAME	ASN	GRADE
	BOWEN, Charles H.	34254584	Cpl
	PAKE, Harry B.	34812987	Pvt
	REAMER, Leonard A.	36167820	Sgt

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FINDINGS: The Board having carefully considered the evidence before it, finds the remains of said casualty/casualties, are non recoverable.

RECOMMENDATION: That the case concerning subject casualty/casualties be forwarded to the Office of the Quartermaster General for final approval.

*Edward F. Price Jr.*  
EDWARD F. PRICE JR., Capt QMC

*Glylord E. Lutz*  
GLYLDOR E. LUTZ, 1 Lt., QMC

*E. D. Mulvanity*  
E. D. MULVANITY, Lt. Col, QMC

*H. P. Henry*  
H. P. HENRY, Colonel, QMC



HEADQUARTERS  
 AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND  
 EUROPEAN AREA  
 APO 58 U S ARMY

SPECIAL ORDERS  
 NUMBER 16

3 February 1949

1. The fol named off having been asgd 7887 Hq Gp AGRC APO 58 Paris France per par 1 SO 14 7855 AGRC Zone #1 Hq APO 58 Liege Belgium are placed on dy w/Registration Division.

CAPT	STANLEY C.	TYRRELL	01304296	Inf
1ST LT	EDWARD E.	STOUT	01594512	CE
1ST LT	ERNEST J.	OGLESBY	0449004	Cav

2. The Board of Review for the Identification of Unknown Dead aptd per par 9 SO 6 this hq 14 Jan 48 is dissolved.

3. The Board of Review for cases of non-recoverability of remains (European Area) aptd per par 4 SO 33 this hq 22 Mar 48 as amended by par 1 SO 154 hq 3 Nov 48 and par 2 SO 165 this hq 7 Dec 48 is dissolved.

4. The Board of Review for Major Discrepancy Cases aptd per par 6 SO 146 this hq 22 Oct 48 is dissolved.

5. PAC ltr WD AGAO-S 293.9 9 Apr 47 Subj: Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas, the fol off this hq are aptd a Board of Review for the purpose of reviewing case records pertaining to the identification of deceased and determination of non-recoverability of remains (European Area):

CAPT	JACK C.	HAYES	01577297	QMC
CAPT	STANLEY C.	TYRRELL	01304296	Inf
CAPT	EDWARD F.	PRICE, Jr.	01588236	QMC
1ST LT	EDWARD E.	STOUT	01594512	CE
1ST LT	ERNEST J.	OGLESBY	0449004	Cav

6. The fol off this hq are aptd a Board of Review for Major Discrepancy Cases to function pursuant to par 3 Operations Instructions 84 this hq 29 July 47:

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7. Par 5 SO 10 this hq 24 Jan 49 pertaining to an audit of the AGRC Officer Club (Paris Area) is amended to add "PAC Weekly Dir No. 34 Hq EUCom 1948 as amended by Sec 14 Weekly Dir 46 Hq EUCom 1948 this audit will also effect the change of custodian of the club."

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL PECKHAM:

OFFICIAL:

MARK AMEN  
Lt. Col, QGD  
Adjutant General

MARK AMEN  
Lt. Col, AGD  
Adjutant General

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*William R. De Weese*

WILLIAM R. De WEESE  
1st Lt., QMC

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22 Mar 48

## SPECIAL ORDERS

NUMBER 33

1. Under the provisions of AR 615-368, 14 May 47 and AR 420-5, the following Board of officers is appointed to meet at Liege, Belgium, or at such other place as the president may designate at the call of the president thereof, for the purpose of considering whether such EM as may be brought before it should be discharged prior to the expiration of their term of service. Proceedings of the Board will be in conformity with AR 420-5. Findings and recommendations will be forwarded to the Commanding General, and entered on ED AGO Form 37.

LT COL	PARK W. BAILEY	0242216	INF
MAJ	DAVID MINS, JR	0228758	FA
MAJ	JOHN W. LONG	0333779	INF
CAPT	THOMAS C. HAYDEN	01584337	QMC
1ST LT	ALVIN C. BECK	01646841	INF
1ST LT	ROBERT VANINA	01786119	MC

2. Par 3 and 4, SO 6, this hq, 14 Jan 48 pertaining to appointment of Board of Review for identification of Unknown Dead (European Area), are rescinded.

3. PAC ltr WD 9 Apr 47, subj "Establishment of Boards for identification of Unknown Dead", the fol off, this hq, are aptd a Board of Review for identification of Unknown Dead (European Area):

LT COL	PATRICK W. GUINEY	019066	QMC
MAJ	GEORGE M VER HULST	A0650035	INF
MAJ	MARSHALL J. BLACKMON	0277013	INF
CAPT	JACK C. HAYES	01577297	QMC
1ST LT	JOSEPH E McCLUSKEY	01336110	INF

4. PAC ltr WD 9 Apr 47, Subj: "Establishment of Boards for identification of Unknown Dead", the fol off, this hq, are aptd a Board of Review for non-recoverability of remains (European Area):

LT COL	EDWARD D. MULVANTY	0359598	QMC
MAJ	GROSVENOR W. FISH	042932	QMC
MAJ	FRANCIS P. SHEENEY	034485	INF
CAPT	OWEN F. McCANN	01595680	INF
1ST LT	GEORGE L. FREEMAN	0159551	QMC



5. VOCC 6 Jan 48 auth CAPT GORDON L. ALDERMAN 0479536 CHC to tvl fr Second Zone, AGRC, APO 58, Carentan, France, to First Zone, AGRC, APO 58, Liege, Belgium, by TPA are confirmed, the exigencies of the service having been such as to prevent the issuance of orders in advance.

AUTH: Sec I, Cir 157, Hq USFET, 23 Oct 46 & Cir 28, Hq EUCOM, 9 May 47.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL PECKHAM:

CARL W. RAGUSE  
Colonel, QMC  
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

/s/t/ FRANK FRANCIS  
Major, - AGD  
Asst Adj Gen

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WILLIAM R. DeWEESE  
1st Lt. QMC



HEADQUARTERS  
 AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND  
 EUROPEAN AREA  
 APO 58 U S ARMY

RRE 293. 9 (IB)

SUBJECT: Non-Recoverable Remains

TO: Non-Recoverable Board AGRC

1. It is recommended that the Board take action on the following case:

NAMES:	BOWEN	Charles H.	Cpl	34254584
	PAKE	Harry B.	Pvt	34812987
	REAMER	Leonard A.	Sgt	36167820

ORGANIZATION: Co "B" 40th Tank Bn

DATE OF DEATH: 9 September 1944

PLACE OF DEATH: Vic. of Metz, France - B-9/a.85-

**SYNOPSIS OF CASE:** The above mentioned unresolved casualties comprised part of the crew of a tank which was engaged in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Metz, France on 9 Sept. 1944. This tank was in a defensive position when it was fired upon by the enemy and suffered a direct hit from an anti-tank gun. Tank was set afire and continued to burn during the entire course of the engagement. Two crew members escaped from the burning vehicle and although they watched the tank burn for some time, they did not see any of the other crew members leave. After tank had stopped burning, it was examined by Commanding Officer of Co "B", 40th Tank Bn, and no trace of the remains of the above mentioned casualties could be found. A Field Investigation was conducted in the appropriate area in May and June 1947 with negative results. It is logical to conclude that these men were killed or seriously wounded by the shell which struck their tank, that they were unable to leave the vehicle and that their remains were completely consumed by the ensuing fire. The fact that association with unknowns recovered from the area was also negative would tend to substantiate this conclusion: It is therefore recommended that this case be deemed Non-Recoverable.

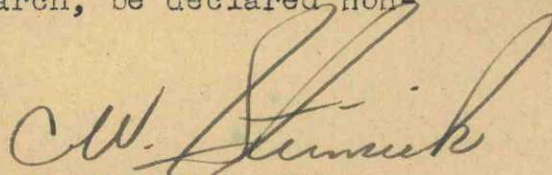
Reference is made to: OQMG Forms 371; 5th Ind Hq 7th Armd Div, dtd 6 Mar 1945; Report of Investigation dated 13 June 1947 with attached statements.



2. All attached supporting documents are copied from records in file Headquarters American Graves Registration Command.

3. Every effort has been made to correlate this case with records in this headquarters pertaining to unknown deceased interred in U.S. Military Cemeteries and reported isolated burials. The results are negative.

4. It is recommended that the remains, based upon the above information and research, be declared non-recoverable.



C. W. STEINSIEK  
Captain QMC



293 FILE

## DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) BOWEN, Charles M.		GRADE Cpl	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER 34 254 584
ORGANIZATION Co B 40th Tank Bn 7th Armd Div		RACE white	CREED Protestant
DATE OF DEATH/MIA 9 Sept 44	CAUSE OF DEATH KIA	PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA France **	
DATE OF FOD			
HEIGHT 5'9"	WEIGHT 165 lbs	COLOR EYES Gray	COLOR HAIR Brown
			SHOE SIZE 8 1/2 D

## DENTAL CHART 2/9/42

UPPER RIGHT 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 X	UPPER LEFT 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 X
LOWER RIGHT 16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9 X	LOWER LEFT 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

X=Extracted

O=Cariou

1=Cariou Non-Restorable

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS None	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK None
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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Age; 33

KIA - Was in tank when hit by at gun, tank caught fire and burned

\*\* Moved from vicinity of Honcourt to Vicinity of Hablonville with Mission of assisting 1st Battalion. 2nd Inf to seize Amonville

## OPERATIONAL INSTRUCTIONS #31

Above deceased and the following named members of the 40th Tank Bn, killed on 9 September 1944:

Sgt Leonard A. Reamer 36167820

Pvt Harry B. Pake 34812987

St Ail Habonville and Amnvillers are located in the department of Moselle.

Unknowns X-81 (Limey Cemetery) and X-115 (St. Avoild) have been checked for possible association with two (2) of the above deceased.



AG 704 (A) 5th Ind  
 Reamer Leonard A (Cas)  
 (14 Feb 1945)  
 Hq 7th Armd Div, APO 257, U S Army, 6 March 1945

TO: Commanding General, Fir: United States Army, APO 230,  
 U S Army  
 Attn: AG Casualty Division (Thur Channel)

1. Basic communication and 1st Indorsement complied with

2. In compliance with directives contained in basic communication and 1st Indorsement and investigation was conducted by this headquarters, for the purpose of determining the present casualty status of Sgt Leonard A. Reamer, 36167820 former member of Company "B" 40th Battalion. a unit of this command.

3. Collateral investigation was likewise conducted by this headquarters. for the purpose of determining the present status of personnel, who were members of the crew of the tank of which Sgt Reamer was a member and who are now being carried as missing in action, as a result of the enemy action referred to in a basic communication.

4. Investigation referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3, above disclosed the following facts:

a. On 9 September 1944, the tank crew of which Sgt Reamer was a member was engaged in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Metz, France.

b. The members comprising the crew of this tank on that particular day, and the position they occupied were as follows:

(1) Tank Commander	Sgt	Reamer Leonard A	36167829
(2) Cannoneer	Pvt	Pake, Harry B.	24812989
(3) Gunner	Cpl	Bowen, Charles H	34254584
(4) Driver	Tec5	Logan, James W.	34188604
(5) Asst Driver	Pvt	Millerwise, Robert	36869646

c. That on that particular day in that particular place, this tank crew assumed a position of defense for the purpose of repulsing enemy attack, if encountered. While in such position the tank was fired upon by the enemy and suffered a direct hit from an AT gun, setting the same aflame and continuing to burn during the entire course of the engagement and thereafter.

d. At the time the tank was struck as indicated in para 4c, above Sgt Reamer and Pvt Pake were on guard in the turret, Cpl Bowen and Tec 5 Logan were down in the tank, conversing, Pvt. Millerwise was seated in the assistant driver's seat.



e. Sworn statement secured from and executed by Tec 5 Logan on 10 December 1944 indicated that at the time the tank was hit it immediately was set afire, that he called to Cpl Bowen to traverse gun in turret, in order that he might open the hatch and thereby escape to safety from said tank; that Cpl Bowen did not answer him; that Pvt Millerwise escaped to safety by emerging from the tank through the bow gunner's side, that Tec 5 Logan followed Pvt. Millerwise and likewise emerged from said tank unharmed; that he watched the tank burning and did not see any other members of the crew leave the tank, and that it is his opinion that the three remaining crew members were instantly killed when the tank was struck.

f. Pvt. Robert D. Millerwise, 36867646, was thereafter wounded and was reported as being "SWA" in France as of 18 September 1944, on Battle Casualty Report No 28, Headquarters 40th Tank Battalion, dated 23 September 1944, and has since been evacuated to the United States because of such wounds.

g. Tec 5 James W. Logan 34188604 is present for duty with his organization.

h. Sgt Reamer, Cpl Bowen and Pvt. Pake were reported as being "missing in action", in France, as of 9 September 1944, on Battle Casualty Report No 23, headquarters 40th Battalion, dated 15 September 1944.

i. "Missing Reports" pertaining to Sgt Reamer, Cpl Bowen and Pvt. Pake have been forwarded in accordance with existing directive, true copy of same being attached (See Inclosures 2, 3, and 4).

j. "Missing Reports" referred to in paragraph 4 i, above indicates that an examination of the interior of the tank was made by the preparing officer, Capt. Emerson J. Wolfe, Commanding Officer of Company "B" 40th Tank Battalion, after the tank had stopped burning and that no trace of any bodies were found therein, it being his opinion that the bodies were consumed by the fire.

5. In view of the foregoing and based upon information contained in the attached inclosures, it is the opinion of this headquarters that there is reasonably conclusive evidence and circumstances which lead to no other logical conclusion, but that the following named personnel, previously reported "MIA" are in fact dead, and that a change in casualty status from "MIA to "KIA" is justified:

Sgt Reamer Leonard A.	36167829
Cpl Bowen Charles H	34254584
Pvt Pake, Harry B.	34812989



6. Appropriate Battle Casualty Report denoting a change in casualty status from MIA 9 September 1944 to KIA 9 September 1944 in connection with Sgt Reamer Cpl Bowen and Pvt Pake is being submitted this date.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

4 Incls:

1. Sworn Statement  
(Logan) (Quad)
2. Missing Report  
(Bowen) (Quad)
3. Missing Report  
(Pake) (Quad)
4. Missing Report  
(Reamer) (Quad)

MAX ZAIDENBERG  
2nd Lt. AGD  
Asst Adjutant General



4444 SERVICE COMPANY (AC) THIRD ZONE  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND  
EUROPEAN THEATER AREA  
APO 58 (Nancy) U S ARMY

13 June 1947

SUBJECT: Investigation of Case #9176 regarding Cpl.  
Charles H. BOWEN, 34 254 584 and 2 other crew members

TO: Commanding Officer, Third Zone, AGRC, ETA, APO 58  
U S Army

ATTN: Operations Officer

1. Investigation undertaken as directed in the communes of Amanvillers, Roncourt, and St Ail-Habonville failed to uncover any clues that might lead to the discovery of remains of subject decedents.

2. All possible sources of information contacted in above named communes concur in their assertions that no more American dead remain in this area.

3. Grave at "Lea Trous" referred to in statement of mayor of St. Ail-Habonville was checked but proved to be empty, the remains having been disinterred previously by unknown AGRC unit.

4. Your attention is invited to inclosed statements and copy of investigator's diary.

Incls:  
4 Statements  
1 diary

LOUIS A. BOCKSTAHLER  
1st Lt. Inf  
Commanding



(Moselle)  
9176

I the undersigned, Emile Hagny, mayor of Amanvillers declared that I do not have any knowledge of the grave of an American soldier by the name of BOWEN Charles N., presumed to be killed on 9 September 1944 during the fightings for the village. As far as I know there are no more American graves in the territory of the commune.

By checking the communal records I made sure that no American papers which might be a clue to the existence of American graves, were left at the townhall.

Amanvillers, 27 May 1947

Town Stamp

/s/ E. Hagny

Certified true translation:

GERDA C PRUYS  
Gr-4 10256  
Translator



Case #468

Moselle  
9176

We the undersigned, mayor of the commune of St. Ail (Lapointe Alexandre), having been in the commune during all the time of the occupation by American troops and the combat for the village of Amanviller, declared that I have never heard of an American soldier by the name of Bowen Charles M who is presumed to be killed in the neighborhood on 9 September 1944.

As far as I know there is a spot in the place called "Les Trous" which is still marked with a cross and an American helmet. I have a good reason to presume that the body was removed by an American team about June or July 1946, although I was never informed of this fact.

I advise you to resume your investigations at the townhall of Amanviller because I can only state that there are no American graves others than those mentioned above in the territory of my commune.

St. Ail 27 May 1947

The Mayor:

/s/ A. Lapointe

CERTIFIED TRUE TRANSLATION:

GERDA C. PRUYS  
Gr 4 -10256  
Translator



Case #468

(Moselle)  
9176

I, the undersigned, ARNOULD Louis, townhall's secretary at RONCOURT, certify to the best of my knowledge that there are no graves of American soldiers at Roncourt.

I have never heard of the American soldier BOWEN Charles, N. and state that, as the town of Roncourt was liberated on the 4th of September, it is very likely that the soldier concerned was killed in the vicinity of Amanvillers situated at 3km from Roncourt (and not Amonville which to me seems to be an erroneous name).

Roncourt, 27 May 1947

The Townhall's secretary

/s/ Arnould

CERTIFIED TRUE TRANSLATION:

GERDA C. PRUYS  
Gr 4 -10256  
Translator



Case #468

(Moselle)  
9176

I, the undersigned, HOUPERT Jean, Mayor of the commune of St. Marie-aux-Chenes, certify that to my knowledge there are no graves of American soldiers in the territory of this commune.

I have never heard of a soldier called BOWEN Charles as the commune was liberated on the 6th of September it is likely that he was killed during the combat in the vicinity of Amanvillers.

All the soldiers killed in action were removed afterwards by the American authorities.

St Marie-aux-Chenes, 27 May 1947

The Mayor:

/s/ Houpert Jean

Town Stamp

CERTIFIED TRUE TRANSLATION:

GERDA C. PRUYS  
Gr-4 10256  
Translator



## D I A R Y

27 May 1947

0930 Departed to Roncourt.

1130 Contacted townsecretary. Received statement.

1200 Contacted Mayor at St Marie-aux-Chenes (see statement)

1245 Proceeded to St Ail-Hablonville. Contacted mayor, Mr. Lapointe. Secured a statement according to which an isolated burial would still exist marked with wooden cross and American helmet. This was reported in due course through proper channel by mayor, and some Americans came on two occasions. The first time AGRC came to locate grave and it said to have taken away dogtag, handed over by Mr. JOUFFROY. The second time another team was seen passing by (May-June 1946) but did not report to anyone in the village. They took off about an hour later. It was found a few days afterward that a cross had been placed where body was buried. It is necessary a disinterring team be detailed on spot for final findings.

1500 Called on mayor at Armanvillers who delivered negative statement and declared that AGRC-personnel came last year but left no papers of disinterment. No burials on territory of above 4 communes (except the one referred to above).

1745. Back at Headquarters

11 June 1947

0915 Proceeded with disinterring team to St Ail-Habonville (see previous report on May 27).

Operations gave negative results. Met again with Mr. Jouffroy who confirmed having seen last spring (1946) AGRC unit carrying away a burial box from reported grave side.

1445. Returned Headquarters.

A certified true copy of  
Mr. CARPENTIER's diary

LOUIS A BOCKSTAHLER  
1st Lt. Inf



BOWEN, Charles H. Cpl.

1st BN.

34254584

Co. B. 40<sup>th</sup> TANK BN.  
7<sup>th</sup> Armored Div.

O/A 9 Sept. 44 -

FRANCE

Moved from Vic. of RANCOURT to Vic. of  
HABONVILLE with mission of ASSISTING 1st BN,  
2nd Inf. to seize AMONVILLE.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
MEMO ROUTING SLIP

1	NAME OR TITLE	INITIALS	CIRCULATE
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			INFORMATION
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FROM NAME OR TITLE		DATE	
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION		TELEPHONE	



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NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)		GRADE	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER	
BOWEN, CHARLES H.		CPl.	3H 254584	
ORGANIZATION		RACE	CREED	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)
Co. B. 40TH TANK BN. 7TH DIV., APO 257, N.Y.		WHITE	PROT.	
DATE OF DEATH/MIA	CAUSE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA		
9 SEPT. 44	KIA	KIA - France		
DATE OF FOD				
HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR	SHOE SIZE
5'9"	165	Gray	Brown	8 1/2 D
DENTAL CHART 219142				
UPPER RIGHT		UPPER LEFT		
X 7 X 5 4 3 2 1		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 X		
LOWER RIGHT		LOWER LEFT		
X 15 14 13 12 11 10 9		9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16		
X = Extracted		O = Carious		1 = Carious Non-Restorable
FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS		TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK		
none		none		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION				
KIA - France - was in tank when hit by AT gun. Tank caught fire + burned. No trace of body left. No other information on file this branch.				
WD, AGO CLINICAL RECORDS BRANCH				
NO RECORDS ON FILE				
Demob 5 Apr 45				



DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED

DATE

NAME (Last, First, Middle, Initial)	GRADE	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER
ORGANIZATION	RACE	CREED
DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA
DATE OF EOP	HEIGHT	WEIGHT
	COLOR OF EYES	COLOR OF HAIR
	SHOE SIZE	

DENTAL CHART

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LOWER RIGHT	LOWER LEFT
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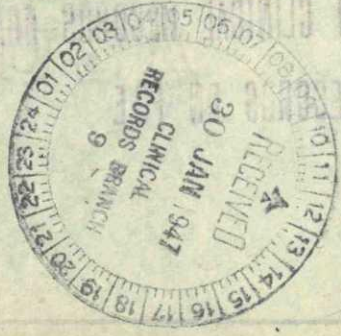
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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B. Russell  
2-17-47



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NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)		GRADE	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER	
BOWEN, CHARLES H.		CPL.	34254584	
ORGANIZATION	RACE	CREED	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If Applicable)	
CO. B. 40TH TANK BN. 7TH DIV.	WHITE	PROT.		
DATE OF DEATH	CAUSE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA		
9 SEPT. 44	K. I. A.	KIA at Metz, France		
DATE OF FOD				
HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR	SHOE SIZE
69"	165#	Gray	Brown	8 1/2 D
DENTAL CHART				
10 Mar 42.				
UPPER RIGHT		UPPER LEFT		
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LOWER RIGHT		LOWER LEFT		
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X = Extracted		O = Carious		1 = Carious Non-Restorable
FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS		TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK		
none.		Short left leg - "2"		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION				
Was in tank when hit by AT gun. Tank caught fire and burned. No trace of body left ASHE, NORTH CAROLINA after fire burned out. near Metz France 9 Sept 44. No other information found in file in this branch.				
WD, AGO CLINICAL RECORDS BRANCH NO RECORDS ON FILE				
5 Mar 47 Pt.				



RECEIVED  
10 MAR 1947  
CLINICAL  
RECORDS BRANCH  
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RECEIVED  
28 FEB 1947  
DEM. PERS.  
RECORD BRANCH  
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Identification Section  
Memorial Division

Identification Data

Last Name	First	Initial	ASN	Grade
BOWEN	CHARLES	H	34254584	CPL
Height	Weight	Color Eyes	Color Hair	Show Size
5' 9"	165	gray	brown	8 1/2 D
Date of Death				
9 Sep 44				

Last Organization to which atchd or asgd (Give complete designation)

CO B 40<sup>th</sup> TK. BN.

Place of Death or place last seen if MIA

*was in tank when hit by AT gun, tank caught fire + burned*

List all camps in which stationed in U.S. prior to service overseas, including inclusive dates at each.

STATION

DATES

St. Bragg, N. C.  
Cp. Polk, La.  
St. Benning Ga.

Mar 42  
Mar 42 to Sep 43  
Sep 43 to not shown

Fractures and/or Breaks

Tattoos and/or Birth marks

*not of record*

*not of record*

DENTAL CHART

10 Mar 42

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X - Extracted

O - Carious

/ - Carious non-restorable

Indicate dentures, bridgework, etc., if shown







(Moselle)  
9176

(Basic: Ltr WD OQMG, QMGMR 293, Bowen, Charles H., 34 254 584, dated 7 April 1947)

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Hq American Graves Registration Command, European Area, APO 58 US Army  
22 August 1947

TO: The Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D. C.

1. Inclosed herewith OQMG Form 371, with report of investigation on the reverse side, copy of letter 4444 Service Company (AC) Third Zone, dated 13 June 1947, diary dated 27 May 1947, containing negative report from the field on Corporal Charles H. Bowen, 34 254 584.

2. Forwarded for your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

*Walter B. Corcoran*  
WALTER B. CORCORAN  
Major, Infantry  
Actg Asst Adj Gen

Incls  
a/s



*File  
11/3/47  
C.R.P.*



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the following information is being furnished to you for your information

On the following date, [illegible], [illegible]

The following information was obtained from [illegible] on [illegible] and is being furnished to you for your information

It is requested that you inform [illegible] of any change in your information

Very truly yours,

*[Handwritten signature]*

Special Agent in Charge



HO.-A.G.R.C.I



AUG 27 1947



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

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In Reply Refer To  
QMGR 293

**Bowen, Charles H.**  
**SN 34 254 584**

**7 APR 1947**

**SUBJECT:** Additional Information That May Lead to the Recovery  
and Identification of Remains Not Yet Accounted For

**TO:** Commanding Officer  
American Graves Registration Command  
European Theater Area  
APO 887, c/o Postmaster  
New York, New York

1. There is attached hereto, in duplicate, QMGR Form 371  
(covering all available information in the Office of The Quartermaster  
General and is in addition to any previous information forwarded by  
this office to your headquarters) for the following deceased individual:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>
<b>Bowen, Charles H.</b>	<b>Cpl.</b>	<b>34 254 584</b>

2. It is requested that information on the above deceased be  
furnished this office in accordance with the provisions of radio, this  
headquarters, No. WCL 37087, dated 13 December 1946.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

1 Incl.  
Form 371 (- 5 Cys )

*Martin G. Riley, Major*  
for J. B. COLSON  
Colonel, QMC  
Memorial Division



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8199  
16 APR 1947  
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## DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED

9176

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) <b>BOWEN, Charles H.</b>		GRADE <b>Cpl</b>	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER <b>34 254 584</b>	
ORGANIZATION <b>Co. B. 40th Tank Bn 7th Arm'd Div.</b>		RACE <b>White</b>	CREED <b>Protestant</b>	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)
DATE OF DEATH/MIA <b>9 Sept. 44</b>	CAUSE OF DEATH <b>KIA</b>	PLACE OF DEATH OR-PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA <b>** France</b>		
DATE OF FOD				
HEIGHT <b>5' 9"</b>	WEIGHT <b>165 lbs.</b>	COLOR EYES <b>Gray</b>	COLOR HAIR <b>Brown</b>	SHOE SIZE <b>8 1/2 D</b>

## DENTAL CHART

UPPER RIGHT <b>X</b> <b>X</b> 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1		UPPER LEFT <b>2/9/42</b> 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 <b>X</b>	
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X=Extracted

O=Carious

1=Carious Non-Restorable

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS <b>None</b>	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK <b>None</b>
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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Age: 33

KIA - Was in tank when hit by at gun, tank caught fire and burned.

**\*\* Moved from vicinity of Hen court to vicinity of Habonville with Miss on of assisting 1st Battalion, 2nd Inf. to seize Amerville.**

## OPERATIONAL INSTRUCTIONS #61

Above deceased and the following named members of the 40th Tank Bn, killed on 9 September 1944:

Sgt Leonard A. Reamer, 36167820

Pvt Harry B. Pake, 34812987

St.-All Habonville and Amanvillers are located in the department of Moselle.

Unknowns X-81 (Limey Cemetery) and X-1115 (St.-Avoild) have been checked for possible association with two (2) of the above deceased.

ORIGINAL



DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED

HEADQUARTERS THIRD ZONE  
531 QUARTERMASTER GROUP  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND  
EUROPEAN THEATER AREA  
APO 58 (NANCY) US ARMY

GRW

16 June 1947

SUBJECT: Investigation of Isolated Burial Case (Moselle) 9176.

TO : Commanding General, American Graves Registration Command,  
ETA, APO, 58, US Army.

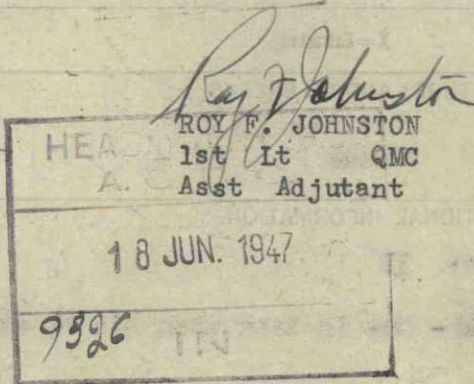
1. Attention is invited to attached letter from the 4444 Sv Co dated 13 June, '47, four (4) statements and diary relative to investigation conducted in an effort to locate the remains of Cpl CHARLES H. BOWEN, ASN 34254584, Sgt LEONARD A. REAMER, ASN 36167820 and Pvt HARRY B. PAKE, ASN 34812987.

2. Results of investigation were negative and a thorough search of records in this Headquarters fails to reveal any clue which might lead to the location of the remains of above mentioned deceased.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Incl : a/s

Tel : Nancy 8415  
Ext 51



15	14	13	12	11	10	9
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17	AG CAS BR					
18	18 APR 1947					
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Case # 468

(Moselle)  
9176

4444 SERVICE COMPANY (AG) THIRD ZONE  
 AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND  
 EUROPEAN THEATER AREA  
 APO 58 (Nancy) US ARMY

13 June 1947.

**SUBJECT:** Investigation of Case # 9176 regarding Cpl. Charles H. BOWEN,  
 34 254 584 and 2 other crew members.

**TO :** Commanding Officer, Third Zone, AGRC, ETA, APO 58, US Army.

**ATTN :** Operations Officer.

1. Investigation undertaken as directed in the communes of Ananvillers, Romecourt, and St. Ail-Habonville failed to uncover any clues that might lead to the discovery of remains of subject decedents.

2. All possible sources of information contacted in above named communes concur in their assertions that no more American dead remain in this area.

3. Grave at "Les Trous" referred to in statement of mayor of St. Ail-Habonville was checked but proved to be empty, the remains having been disinterred previously by unknown AGRC unit.

4. Your attention is invited to inclosed statements and copy of investigator's diary.

*Louis A. Bockstahler*  
 LOUIS A. BOCKSTÄHLER  
 1st Lt. Inf.  
 Commanding

Incls:  
 4 statements  
 1 diary.



Case # 468

(Moselle)  
9176DIARY

27 May 1947

0930 Departed to Roncourt.  
 1130 Contacted townsecretary. Received statement.  
 1200 Contacted mayor at St.Marie aux Chenes (see statement)  
 1245 Proceeded to St.Ail-Habonville. Contacted mayor, Mr. Lapointe. Secured a statement according to which an isolated burial would still exist marked with wooden cross and American helmet. This was reported in due course through proper channel by mayor, and some Americans came on two occasions. The first time AGRC came to locate grave and is said to have taken away dogtag, handed over by Mr. JOUFFROY. The second time another team was seen passing by (May-June 1946) but did not report to anyone in the village. They took off about an hour later. It was found a few days afterward that a cross had been placed where body was buried. It is necessary a disinterring team be detailed on spot for final findings.  
 1500. Called on mayor at Armanvillers who delivered negative statement and declared that AGRC-personnel came last year but left no papers of disinterment. No burials on territory of above 4 communes (except the one referred to above).  
 1745. Back at Headquarters.

11 June 1947

0915 Proceeded with disinterring team to St.Ail-Habonville (see previous report on May 27).  
 Operations gave negative results. Met again with Mr. Jouffroy, who confirmed having seen last spring (1946) AGRC-unit carrying away a burialbox from reported grave side.  
 1445. Returned Headquarters.

Acertified true copy of  
 Mr. CARPENTIER's diary.

*Louis A. Bockstahler*  
 LOUIS A BOCKSTAHLER  
 1st Lt                      Inf



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

In Reply Refer To  
OQMG 293

7 APR 1947

Bowen, Charles H.  
SN 34 254 984

SUBJECT: Additional Information That May Lead to the Recovery  
and Identification of Remains Not Yet Accounted For

TO: Commanding Officer  
American Graves Registration Command  
European Theater Area  
APO 887, c/o Postmaster  
New York, New York

1. There is attached hereto, in duplicate, OQMG Form 371  
(covering all available information in the Office of The Quartermaster  
General and is in addition to any previous information forwarded by  
this office to your headquarters) for the following deceased individual:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>
Bowen, Charles H.	Cpl.	34 254 984

2. It is requested that information on the above deceased be  
furnished this office in accordance with the provisions of radio, this  
headquarters, No. WCL 37087, dated 13 December 1946.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

1 Incl.  
Form 371 ( 5 Cys )

J. B. COLSON  
Colonel  
Memorial Division

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APR 7 10 21 AM '47  
SERIAL DIVISION  
REGISTRATION AND  
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## DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) <b>ROHM, Charles H.</b>		GRADE <b>Cpl</b>	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER <b>34 254 584</b>
ORGANIZATION <b>Co. B. 40th Tank Bn 7th Arm Div.</b>	RACE <b>White</b>	CREED <b>Protestant</b>	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)
DATE OF DEATH/MIA <b>2 Sept. 44</b>	CAUSE OF DEATH <b>KIA</b>	PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA <b>** France</b>	
DATE OF FOD	HEIGHT <b>5' 9"</b>	WEIGHT <b>165 lbs.</b>	COLOR EYES <b>Gray</b>
		COLOR HAIR <b>Brown</b>	SHOE SIZE <b>8 1/2 D</b>

## DENTAL CHART

UPPER RIGHT <b>X</b> <b>X</b> 8   7   6   5   4   3   2   1	UPPER LEFT <b>2/9/42</b> 1   2   3   4   5   6   7 <b>X</b> 8
LOWER RIGHT <b>X</b> 16   15   14   13   12   11   10   9	LOWER LEFT 9   10   11   12   13   14   15   16

X = Extracted

O = Carious

1 = Carious Non-Restorable

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS

**None**

TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK

**None**

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Age: 33****KIA - Was in tank when hit by at gun, tank caught fire and burned.****\*\* Moved from vicinity of Hon court to vicinity of Saberville with Med co of assisting 1st Battalion, 2nd Inf. to seize Anorville.**



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

In Reply Refer To  
QMGR 293

Bowen, Charles H.  
SN 34 254 584

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*Bowen, Charles H.* 28 FEB 1947

34, 254, 584

SUBJECT: Request for Physical Characteristics of Deceased  
World War II Servicemen.

TO : National Headquarters Selective Service System  
21st & C Streets, Northwest  
Washington 25, D. C.  
Attention: Dr. Smith, R & S Section

1. This office is attempting to locate and identify remains  
of deceased servicemen of World War II whose remains have not been  
recovered and/or identified.

2. Request the inclosed OQMG Form 371 be completed and returned  
to this office, indicating any physical characteristics which may lead  
to the identity of the late *Corporal Charles H. Bowen, 34 254 584.*

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

1 Incl  
OQMG Form 371

MARTIN G. RILEY  
Major, QMG  
Assistant

MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH  
D.O.M.G.  
FEB 28 3 25 1947

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**WAR DEPARTMENT**  
**THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE**

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

**REPORT OF DEATH**

DATE **31 Mar 45**

FULL NAME <b>Bowen, Charles H.</b>		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <b>34254584</b>	GRADE <b>Cpl.</b>
HOME ADDRESS <b>Todd, N. C.</b>		ARM OR SERVICE <b>Armored Division</b>	DATE OF BIRTH <b>19 Mar 11</b>
PLACE OF DEATH <b>European Area</b>	CAUSE OF DEATH <b>Killed in action.</b>		DATE OF DEATH <b>9 Sep 44</b>
STATION OF DECEASED <b>European Area</b>		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE <b>10 Mar 42</b>	LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) <b>Miss Thelma Bowen, sister, 602 Grimes St. High Point, N. C.</b>			
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) <b>Nein O. Bowen, sister, Rt. #1, West Jefferson, N. C. Delbert E. Bowen, brother, Street address unknown, High Point, N. C.</b>			
INVESTIGATION MADE?		IN LINE OF DUTY	OWN MISCONDUCT
YES	NO	YES	NO
WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE	IN FLYING PAY STATUS
YES	NO	YES	NO
OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)			
YES	NO		

**ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT**

BATTLE     NON-BATTLE

The individual named in this report of death is held by the War Dept. to have been in a missing in action status from 9 Sept 44, until such absence was terminated on 14 Mar 45, when evidence considered sufficient to establish the fact of death was rec'd by the Secretary of War from the Commanding General, European Area.

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2. G. O. M. G.	O. F. D.	ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU
G. A. O.	VET. ADMIN.	CASUALTY BRANCH FILE
		A. G. 201 FILE

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

*James R. Bennett*  
ADJUTANT GENERAL

WD AGO FORM 82-1  
1 NOVEMBER 1944

THIS FORM SUPERSEDES WD AGO FORM 82-1, 29 MAY 1944, WHICH STOCKS ARE EXHAUSTED.

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**WAR DEPARTMENT**  
**THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE**

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

DATE 31 Mar 45

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YES NO	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO
						X

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*James Rinkhart*  
ADJUTANT GENERAL

WB AGO FORM 52-1  
1 SEPTEMBER 1944THIS FORM SUPERSEDES WB AGO FORM 52-1, 29 MAY 1944, WHICH  
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**WAR DEPARTMENT**  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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—BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

NAME <b>BOWEN CHARLES H</b>	SERIAL NUMBER <b>34254584</b>	GRADE <b>CPL</b>	ARM OR SERVICE <b>INF</b>	REPORTING THEATRE <b>ETO</b>
PLACE OF CASUALTY <b>FRANCE 9</b>	DATE OF CASUALTY DAY MONTH YEAR <b>09 SEP 44</b>	FLYING OR JUMPING STAT <b>MIA</b>	TYPE OF CASUALTY SHIPMENT NUMBER <b>196</b>	

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

THE INDIVIDUAL NAMED ABOVE DESIGNATED THE FOLLOWING PERSON AS THE ONE TO BE NOTIFIED IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, AND THE OFFICIAL TELEGRAPHIC AND LETTER NOTIFICATIONS WILL BE SENT TO THIS PERSON. THE RELATIONSHIP, IF ANY, IS SHOWN BELOW. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THIS PERSON IS NOT NECESSARILY THE NEXT-OF-KIN OR RELATIVE DESIGNATED TO BE PAID SIX MONTHS' PAY GRATUITY IN CASE OF DEATH

MR.-MRS.-MISS—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE INITIAL—LAST NAME <b>MISS THELMA BOWEN</b>	RELATIONSHIP <b>SISTER</b>	DATE NOTIFIED <b>26 SEPTEMBER 44</b>
NO. AND NAME OF STREET—CITY—STATE <b>219 WEST RUSSELL HIGH POINT NORTH CAROLINA</b>		

REMARKS:

 CORRECTED COPY

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ACTION BY PROCESSING AND VERIFICATION SECTION: REPORT VERIFIED  FORM 43  AG 201 REQ \_\_\_\_\_

CASUALTY BRANCH FILE ATTACHED \_\_\_\_\_ OR CHARGED TO \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED NO  YES \_\_\_\_\_ (AS INDICATED BELOW):

FILE NO.	MESSAGE NO.	TYPE	DATE AND AREA	E. A. NOTIFIED

FORWARDED TO  SPEC. IDEN.  TELEGRAM  WOUNDED  LETTER  CORRES.  S. R. & D.  CERTIF.  M. & M.  NON-DEL.

REPORT NOT VERIFIED  NO FORM 43  NO CAS. BR. FILE  CHECKED BY *Kelly 25 Sep 44* REVIEWED BY *granter*

THIS SPACE FOR USE OF MACHINE RECORDS BRANCH, A.G.O.

ACCT. AREA	CASUALTY STATUS	ORIGINAL CAS. DATE			MESSAGE NO.	LATEST CAS. DATE			REFERENCE AREA	CREW POS.	RESIDENCE		COMP	RACE											
		DAY	MO.	YR.		DAY	MO.	YR.			STATE	COUNTY													
34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59

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31 July 1946

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Mr. J. L. Bowen  
602 Grimes Street  
High Point, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Bowen:

This refers to your letter of 15 July 1946, regarding personal effects belonging to your son, Corporal Charles H. Bowen.

To date, the property about which you inquired has not been received at the Army Effects Bureau nor any other information concerning it.

In the event it is received here at a later date you may be assured it will be forwarded to you promptly.

Yours very truly,

C. H. ESSERT  
Administrative Assistant  
Army Effects Bureau



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High Point N.C. July 13<sup>th</sup> 1946

My write you in regards to effects of Chas  
St. Bowen Corp of any divia serial no 34.254  
584. as we have not received any so far & don't  
know what has become of them yours

Truly J. L. Bowen Father of Chas St  
Bowen Corp no 34.254.394

602 Grimes St.,  
High Point, N.C.

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RECEIVED  
DEPT OF EFFECTS BUREAU  
KANSAS CITY, MO.  
JUL 16 1946



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CASUALTY BRANCH  
The Adjutant General's Office  
Washington

7 March 1945.

MISSING

AG 201 Bowen, Charles H.  
(19 Feb 45) PC-G

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Change of Address of Emergency Addressee.

A communication has been received from Miss Thelma Bowen,  
regarding her brother, Corporal Charles H. Bowen, 34,254,584, who has been  
missing in action on 9 September 1944 in France,  
requesting that the records of this office be amended as follows:

FROM

TO

Miss Thelma Bowen, Sister,  
219 West Russell,  
High Point, North Carolina.

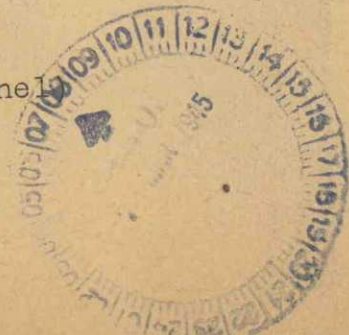
Miss Thelma Bowen, Sister,  
602 Grimes Street,  
High Point, North Carolina.



*John Twinn*  
Adjutant General.

Copies furnished:

- Director, Bureau of Public Relations
- Effects Quartermaster, Kansas City, Mo. ✓
- C. G., Army Air Forces (If Air Corps Personnel)
- Cas. Pay Rec. Bureau, FD  
Gravelly Point, Bldg. T-7
- AG 201 file





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Return to:  
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Arey - Air Force - Defense Unit  
631 R3 F.O.C., Building 12  
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Alexandria, Va.



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