

JAN 21 1926

FULL NAME.....ALEXANDER, Gail H. ✓
RANK.....1st Lieutenant ✓.....SERIAL.....
DIVISION & ORGANIZATION.....10th Div ✓
Co. F, 47th Infantry ✓
DATE OF DEATH.....Aug 12 '18 ✓
STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME.....Penn. ✓
MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED.....none ✓
FINAL GRAVE LOCATION.....
Date Grave Row Block
608
Cemetery

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) -----

(b) Weight (estimated) -----

(c) Hair—Color NONE

Quantity NONE

Characteristics NONE

(d) Hair on face—Color NONE

Location NONE

Quantity NONE

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

IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

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

SKULL FRACTURED. UPPER JAW SHATTERED.

7. Disinterment supervised by H. S. HARPOLE, 2nd LT. QMC.

Approved L. B. MASSIE. CAPT. QMC.

8. Reburial supervised by H. S. Harpole

Approved: *L. B. Massie*
 (Title) **L. B. MASSIE. CAPT. QMC.**

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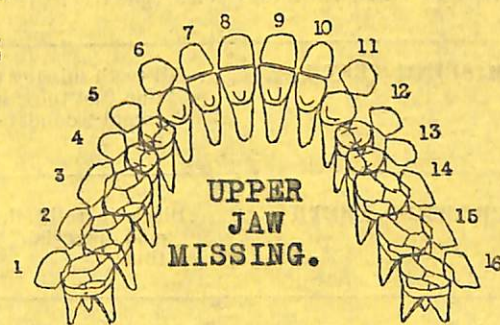
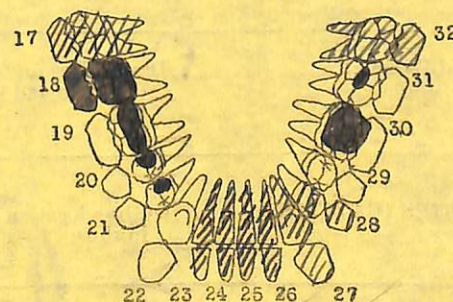


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



~~17, 22, ext.~~ 17, 32, ext. 18,
gold crown. 19, 20, 30, 31,
21. fil. 21, gold fil. 23,
24, 25, 26, 27, mis. a. d. 28,
brok. off.

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(ate):

From (give complete location):

Gr 39 Sect N Plot 1

Group **BOSSE**Unit **FIELD SECTION # 7**

Reburied (date):

In (give complete location):

3.29.21

Gr 39 Sect N Plot 1

By: Group **BOSSE**Unit **FIELD SECTION # 7**Nature of reburial **BURLAP & COFFIN**

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

U.S. UNIFORM AND BURLAP.**BADLY DECOMPOSED FEATURES UNRECOGNIZABLE**5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? **NO** On grave marker? **YES**

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:

1st Lieut. Bars. 45, ammunition and pistol belt. 25.50 frags in silver sent to Hq. A.G.R.S.

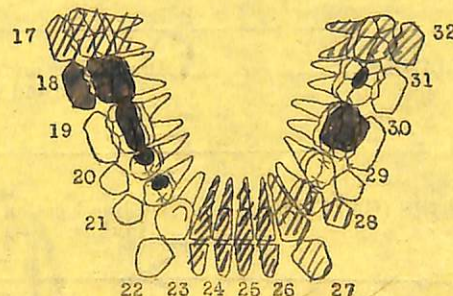
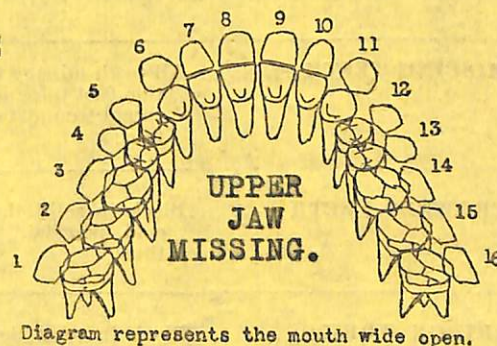
6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items?

(a) Height (actual measurement) **IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE**(b) Weight (estimated) **IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE**(c) Hair—Color **NONE**Quantity **NONE**Characteristics **NONE**(d) Hair on face—Color **NONE**Location **NONE**Quantity **NONE**

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

IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

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

SKULL FRACTURED. UPPER JAW SHATTERED.

17, 32, ext. 18, gold crown. 19, 20, 30, 31, al. fil. 21, gold fil. 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, mis. a. d. 28, brok. off.

7. Disinterment

supervised by **H.S. HARPOLE, 2nd LT. QMC.**Approved: **L.B. MASSIE, CAPT. QMC.**

(Title)

8. Reburial

supervised by **H.S. HARPOLE**Approved: **L.B. MASSIE**

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

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

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No."

(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No. 6.

6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

MISSING TEETHAll teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus:	 TOOTH MISSING TOOTH MISSING
CROWNED TEETHBlock in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:	 GOLD CROWN PORCELAIN CROWN
BRIDGE WORKBlock in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus:	 GOLD AND PORCELAIN BRIDGE GOLD BRIDGE
FILLINGSDraw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:	 SILVER FILLING GOLD FILLING
CARIES (CAVITIES)Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:	 CAVITY DECAYED DECAYED

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

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

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

QM 293 A-M
Alexander, Gail H. (OA)

November 29, 1932.

Mrs. Anna Alexander,
60 Lodges Lane,
Cynwyd, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date advising that you do not believe you will be able to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your husband, the late Lieutenant Gail H. Alexander, during the summer months of 1933.

It is deeply regretted that you are unable at this time to accept the last offer of the Government to make the journey. However, it is sincerely hoped that you will find it possible to make the trip before the conclusion of the pilgrimages in 1933. If so, it is requested you advise this office and arrangements will be made for you.

Should you make the pilgrimage, you are assured that you will receive the best of care and attention at all times and that everything possible will be done for your comfort and welfare.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A.M

November 16, 1932.

Alexander, Gail H (OA)

Mrs. Anna Alexander,
60 Lodges Lane,
Cynwyd, Pa.

Dear Madam:

In reply to a recent questionnaire you advised that you were undecided about making a pilgrimage to the grave of your husband, the late First Lieutenant Gail H. Alexander, during the summer of 1933.

In order that the best available accommodations may be secured for the mothers and widows it is necessary that steamship reservations be made several months in advance. It is therefore requested that you advise at this time whether or not you believe you will be able to make a pilgrimage next summer, in order that arrangements may be made accordingly.

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

For The Quartermaster General

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:
Envelope
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Alexander, Gail H. (OA)

July 9, 1932.

Mrs. Anna Alexander,
60 Lodges Lane,
Cynwyd, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

QM 293 A-M
Alexander, Gail H. (QA)

April 5, 1932

Mr. C. H. Alexander,
Powis-on-the-Ware,
Ware Neck, Virginia.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your request of January 3, 1932,
there are enclosed herewith two photographs and the negative
of the grave of your brother, the late First Lieutenant Gail
H. Alexander.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:
2 Photographs
Negative

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

QM 295 A-M
Alexander, Gail H. (OA)

January 6, 1932

Mr. C. H. Alexander,
Powis-on-the-Ware,
Ware Neck, Va.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 3rd, and in compliance with your request, the Chief, American Graves Registration Service in Europe has been requested under even date to forward a photograph of the grave of your brother, the late Lieutenant Gail H. Alexander. When received, it will be forwarded to you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Alexander, Gail H. (QA)

January 6, 1932

SUBJECT: Photograph of Grave.

TO: Chief, American Graves Registration Service in Europe,
20 rue Molitor, Paris, France.

1. It is requested Grave 4, Block D, Row 12, Cise Aisne American Cemetery, containing the remains of the late Lieutenant Gail H. Alexander be photographed and prints thereof forwarded this office for delivery to the brother.

For The Quartermaster General:

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

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1932 JAN - 6 - PM 4:21

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Alexander, Gail H. OA W

November 2, 1931

Mrs. Alexander
60 Lodges Lane
Cynwyd, Pennsylvania

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. In your reply to the recent inquiry as to whether or not you desired to make a pilgrimage in 1932, you advised you were undecided.

In view of the fact that steamship reservations must be made several months in advance, it is essential that this office know how many mothers and widows must be arranged for. It is possible that you may have made your decision by this time. It is therefore requested that you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name, and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage. In the event you state you desire to make the journey in 1932 and circumstances prevent your making the pilgrimage, it is requested you notify this office as promptly as possible.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?

2. Please state your age and condition of health:

Age:
Health:

3. Do you speak English?

4. What other language do you speak?

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

July 22, 1931.

Alexander, Gail H. 1st. Lt. (O-A) W*

Mrs. Anna Alexander,
60 Lodges Lane,
Cynwyd, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

C. H. ALEXANDER
POWIS-ON-THE-WARE
WARE NECK, VA.

1/3/32

Quartermaster General,
Memorial Branch
War Dept. Wash. D.C.

Dear Sir: Please send me
picture of grave of First Lieut
Gail Hamilton Alexander - 47th
Infantry - 4 Division Volleys
Yours Truly
C. H. Alexander

My brother



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Alexander, Gail H. - 608 W

June 30, 1930.

Mrs. Anna Alexander,
60 Lodges Lane,
Cynwyd, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?

2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?

3. Please give your age and state your health.

Age
Condition of Health

4. Do you speak English?

5. What other language do you speak?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:

Envelope

Act

Amendment

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Alexander, Gail H. 608W

June 18, 1930

Mrs. Anna Alexander,
60 Lodges Lane,
Cymryd, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? _____

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

Alexander, Gail H. 608-W

April 12, 1930

~~Dear Madam:~~
Mrs. Gail H. Alexander,
60 Lodges Lane,
Cymryd, Pa.

This letter, which contains general information regarding the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, is being sent to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during the calendar year 1930. The general plan for the conduct of the pilgrimage is shown in the Pilgrimage Regulations, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. In addition to the information shown in the regulations, the following explains in detail some of the most important things connected with the pilgrimage.

Formal invitations are being extended to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during 1930. In so far as practicable, these invitations are being extended with a view to keeping the women from each state together and the order in which the invitations to the women from the several states are issued is based on a drawing by lot which was held about one month ago. Inclosed with each invitation is a card for acknowledgment and it is quite important that you accept or decline this invitation promptly in order that the necessary railroad, steamship and hotel reservations may be arranged. The government will defray all the necessary expenses of the pilgrimage, including railroad fare, hotel accommodations, steamship fare and all other incidental expenses. It will not provide anything other than the necessary expenses so that you should bring with you such funds as you may desire to use for making small purchases and for other uses distinctly of a personal nature.

Arrangements have been made with the American Railroad Association which assures us the united support and cooperation of all of the railroads in the United States in handling the movement to and from New York City. The local ticket agent will secure your railroad and sleeper ticket and will make the necessary pullman reservations. Before your departure from your home we will mail you a check, sufficient to pay for your meals and other travelling expenses while enroute to New York. Your railroad ticket will provide for a round trip from your home to New York and upon arrival in New York the army officer in charge of the New York office will collect the return trip stub and hold it until your return to New York from Europe.

Upon arrival in New York, you will be met by an army officer

and escorted to a first class hotel where reservations have been made. The duration of your stay in New York will be from 24 to 48 hours. At the proper time, you will be escorted to the steamship upon which passage has been engaged for Europe. All of the women making this trip will be provided with cabin class accommodations aboard steamers which means that from two to four will be quartered in the same stateroom. If you have any friend that you would like to be quartered with we will endeavor to arrange it if you will communicate with this office.

The ocean voyage will last about 8 days and when the ship docks at Cherbourg, France, each party will be met by officers especially detailed for the purpose and taken in a special train to Paris where first class hotel accommodations have been reserved. The first day in Paris will be a day of rest. On the 2d day, the women of each party will place a wreath on the tomb of the French unknown soldier. In the afternoon there will be a reception in which the French war mothers, government officials, and prominent civilians will participate. The following morning the groups going to the different cemeteries will leave Paris, travelling in motor busses, and proceed to the cemeteries where they will remain for about 7 days. Twenty-five women will be assigned to each bus and an army officer will have charge of the bus. The itineraries to and from the cemeteries and the daily itineraries while at the cemeteries have been varied so as to take in points of historical interest as well as some parts of the battlefields where American troops were engaged. Upon return to Paris, each party will remain for about 5 days and during this time an opportunity will be given to see the points of historical interest in Paris and vicinity. The entire duration of your stay in Europe will be 14 days, and the itineraries have been so arranged that each day will be provided for. Except in case of illness or other unavoidable cause it will not be possible for any woman making the pilgrimage to remain in Europe for a longer period than 14 days nor to leave the party with which she is travelling unless she is prepared to pay all of her expenses after leaving the party since the Act of Congress authorizing the pilgrimage specifically states that the government shall not pay the expenses of any woman who willfully leaves her party.

Upon return to the United States each ship will be met in New York City by army officers who will escort the mothers and widows to the trains which will take them home. Before leaving New York each woman will be provided with her return railroad ticket, a sleeping car ticket and funds to cover the cost of meals and other travelling expenses.

Army officers are being used as guides and escorts throughout this entire movement and care has been taken to select officers who will see that proper care is taken of the women who are entrusted to their charge. Arrangements have been made for taking care of women who may be taken sick during the pilgrimage and also to care for the remains of any who may die and provision has been made for returning the remains of any who may die to their homes. It is essential that each woman making the pilgrimage furnish The Quartermaster General with an emergency address of some relative or friend to be notified in the event of an emergency. Medical care will be provided by civilian agencies. If such care is needed in New York City it will be furnished by the hotel physicians or

by local hospitals. Aboard ship, medical care will be provided by the ship's doctors and in Paris arrangements have been made with the American Hospital for the hospitalization and treatment of any women who may need it. In addition to this, six doctors of the regular army will be on duty throughout the pilgrimage.

Baggage will be limited to not to exceed two pieces of hand baggage and the articles taken should be such as will be required for a trip of about one month. Laundry service can be obtained in New York and Paris. Since the climate of Europe is much colder than that of the United States, each woman should provide herself with sufficient warm clothing to stand the motor bus trip and the visit to the cemeteries.

Since it is necessary for this office to make all reservations for your accommodations throughout this pilgrimage, it will be greatly appreciated if you will make prompt reply to any communications received from this office.

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.
Regulation.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Alexander, Gail H. 608 W

Mrs. Anna Alexander,
60 Lodges Lane,
Cynwyd, Pa.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress not later than December 15, 1929. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

In order that the report referred to may be made and plans completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested that you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office by return mail in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Alexander, Gail H.

July 30, 1929.

**Mrs. Anna Alexander,
60 Lodges Lane,
Cynwyd, Pa.**

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the widow of the late **First Lieutenant Gail H. Alexander, Co. F, 47th Inf. whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.**

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

Write answers in space below:

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1. Have you remarried since the death of the above named veteran? | |
| 2. If not, do you desire to make the pilgrimage? | |
| 3. Is the deceased survived by a mother? | |
| 4. If so, give her name and complete address. | |

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO ~~QM 293 A-C~~
~~Alexander, Gail H.~~

June 20, 1929.

Mrs. Anna Alexander,
Touraine Apartments,
15th & Spruce Sts.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the widow of the late First Lieutenant Gail H. Alexander, Co.F, 47th Inf. whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

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

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relationship is that of a stepmother, mother through adoption or a woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. In case you have remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Envelope.

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

QM 293 A-G.

(Alexander, Gail H.)

January 31, 1927

Mr. John J. Holl,
Associate Editor,
The American Legion Monthly,
Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 17, 1927, enclosing a communication from B. L. Long suggesting that the body of the unknown officer which was recovered in the vicinity of Fismes might be that of Lieutenant Alexander, of the 4th Division.

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the records show that the remains of the late 1st Lieutenant Gail H. Alexander, Company F, 47th Infantry, killed in action, August 10, 1918, were removed from an isolated grave in December, 1918. The body is now permanently interred in Grave 4, Row 12, Block D, Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

Very truly yours,

EDMOND R. TOMPKINS,
Lt. Colonel, Q.M.C.,
Assistant

REK



Jan 21, 1926

Cases of U 1672

1st Lt. Gail H. Alexander- Co. F 47th Inf. (KIA 8/10/18
1st Lt. Oliver W. Bailey Co. H 27th Inf. (KIA 8/10/18

Actions requested.

1..Letter- American Legion, replying to their letter of 1/17/27 re U 1672 as being 1st Lt. Gail H. Alexander-- advising 1st Lt. Alexander was exhumed Dec. 5, 1918 from isolated grave and reburied into grave 57, ~~xxxxx~~Row C, ~~xxxxx~~Amer.Cty # 847, Bazoches, Aisne, exhumed in 1919 from this Cty and reburied into Grave 39, Sec. N. Pl. 1 Amer. B/A Cty 617, Fismes, Aisne.
In 1922 the remains were removed from this Cty and reburied into the Oise-Aisne Amer. Cty, # 608, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne(one of the permanent American Cemeteries in Europe).

E. Kensett Vail
E. Kensett Vail
Investigator.

1st Lt. Bailey(Oliver Winston Co. H 47th Inf. grave unlocated.

1st Lt. B

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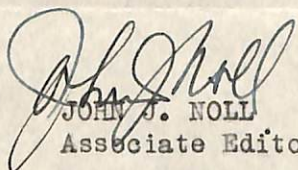
Dear Colonel:

Referring again to your letter of July 30, 1926, your file QM - 293 A-C (Unknown U-1672), I am enclosing copy of a letter which I have just received from Legionnaire B. L. Long of Mount Sterling, Illinois.

You will note Mr. Long suggests that the body of the unknown officer which was recovered in the vicinity of Fismes might be that of one Lieutenant Alexander, presumably an officer in the 4th Division.

I shall appreciate it greatly if you will advise me whether or not Lieutenant Alexander's body has already been recovered and if not, if there is a possibility that the body now being held may be that of this Lieutenant.

Sincerely yours,


JOHN J. NOLL
Associate Editor

Colonel F. H. Pope,
Office of the Quartermaster General,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.



C O P Y

January 10, 1927

The American Legion Monthly,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Gentlemen:

In the December issue of the American Legion, inquiry was made of an unidentified American soldier presumably an officer, who was buried west of Fismes between the railroad and the Vesle River.

If this grave was found in the section occupied by the 4th Division and Lt. Alexander's grave has not been located, I am of the opinion the body found is that of Lt. Alexander.

This officer wore an overcoat when he crossed the Vesle River and as he waded the river in water above his waist possibly he removed his shoes to dry them. He was killed the same day August 7th or 8th, I do not remember which date. The next night a man carrying a spade was challenged, near the crossing of the river. He replied that he had been sent there to bury Lt. Alexander and Bailey. Both officers were killed the same day.

I was later informed that Alexander was from Massachusetts. The night of the burial was very dark and the woods was heavily shelled and bombed which might account for the burial being made face down.

Very truly yours,

/s/ G. L. LONG Post #374

Mount Sterling, Illinois.

Date May 20/19REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.Remains of: Alexander, Emil H.Name: G.H. AlexandreNumber: NoneRank: 1st. Lt.Organization: aNone Co. F. 47th Inf.Disinterment and Reburial made by Group 1 Unit 304Disinterred (Date) May 20/19 From: (Give complete location)From Grave #57 Cemetery #19-Forsberg.33SE E201.45 N286.82Reburied (Date) May 20/19 in: (Give complete location)Grave #39 Section N Cemetery #18 Fismes (Marne)Map #34 Reims. SW. 286.25N-205.75E

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

Buried 5 feet deep-- Body badly decomposed.Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes and one on cross.What other means of identification were found on the body? None

Note:

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

Supervised by: Pvt. N.W. McKay1st. Lt. Oscar W. Forsberg.
C.O. Group 1 Unit 304

Alexander,

(Surname.)

Gail H.

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

1st Lieut. Co. F. 47 Inf.

(Rank and organization)

State your relationship to the deceased

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

(Yes or no.)

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

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

(Number and street or rural route)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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Address from back of envelope

The Louane

1520 Spruce St

Philadelphia, Pa.

Drawn by R.G.

617-11

11-30-20

checked JH
12-1-20

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 10499

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name ALEXANDER, Gail H. Ser. No. --
 (b) Rank 1st Lt. Organization Co. F, 47th Inf.
 (c) Date of death 8-10-18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. DB
 CKR. L

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

(a) Grave No. 39 Row -- Plot 1 Sec. N TYP. DB
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. G. H. Alexander, (Wife) 2127 Spring Garden St.
Mrs. Anne Alexander, Touraine Apts. 15th & Spruce St. Phila. Pa.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases -- CKR. L

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt --

(a) Name Mrs. Anna Alexander (b) Relationship Wife
 (c) Address Touraine, 1520 Spruce St. Phila. Pa.
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at --

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. --

(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. --

Examiner's Initials P. G. Date 11-30-, 1920.

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

--, dated --

confirming request in Par. IV., item --, above, or requesting that --

Examiner's Initials P. G. Date 11-30-, 1920.

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

(Wife) Mrs. Anna Alexander
Touraine Apts. 15th & Spruce Sts. Phila. Pa. 2-4-20, asks information concerning grave
Mother Mrs. H. J. Alexander, Danville, Va.
yes - als

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? --

Examiner's Initials als Date 12-1-, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE

CEMETERY No. 617

SHEET No. 11

G. R. S. Form No. 115
 Amended Apr. 16, 1920

3-7729

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

44-18-21

CARDER Make Form No. 114

checked 12-1-20

Reviewed 4/12/21 E.P.

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made _____, 1920.

Typed by _____

Checked by _____

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by

cable on _____, 1920

letter on 12/22, 1920

Par. #2. Not to be returned. (P)

IX.

CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE.

ACTION TAKEN.

Desires body be _____

Body to be shipped to _____

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

Let. 4-13-19 asks about grave marker. Asks for photo of grave, and if personal belongings will be returned.

Jan. 28-1921-F. #120-Mrs. Anna Alexander, wife, Tourraine, Apts.,

15th & Spruce Sts., Philadelphia, Pa., wishes remains left in Europe.

H-2/15/21-mf.

2/26/21 Hoboken advises Widow her wish will be complied with.

FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN - BODY
TO REMAIN IN EUROPE.

MAR 3 1921

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Jan. 30th, 1922

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

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Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name ALEXANDER, Gail H.
 2. No.
 3. Rank 1st Lt.
 4. Org. Co. F. 47th Inf.
 5. D.D. Aug. 10th 1918
 6. C.D. KIA

10. Name
 11. No.
 12. Rank
 13. Org.
 14. (a) D.D.
 (b) D.B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 39 Sec. N
 8. Plot 1 Row
 9.

15. Grave No. Sec.
 16. Plot Row
 17. No discrep.

18. Cemetery Amer.19. Commune or town Fismes20. Dept. or County Marne21. Country France22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 61723. Disinterred (Date) Jan. 30th, 1922By Ben A. Bradford,

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Gail H. AlexanderSerial No. Rank 1st Lt.Organization Co. F. 47th Inf.25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes On body? No

Archie A. Pope
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

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

Bottle record and strips agree with form 114-A.27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.28. Nature of burial Box and burlap.29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? No discrep.30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Jan. 30th, 1922 By Ben A. Bradford31. Casket sealed by Ben A. Bradford

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

AUDITED BY

FDX C-2-24

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.)

Box No. C-22917

32. Designation of body:

Name Gail H. ALEXANDER

Serial No.

Rank 1st Lt.

Organization

Co.F. 47th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne Amer. # 608, Seringes-et-Nesles (Aisne)

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Jan. 30th, 1922

By Ben A. Bradford

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector

R. F. O'Leary, 1st Lt., QMC.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date)

To point of Concentration

(Name)

Convoyer

Signature Shipping Officer

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne, Amer. #608, Seringes-et-Nesles (Aisne)

(Name)

Convoyer

Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

FEB 1 1922

R. F. O'Leary, 1st Lt., QMC.

G.R.S. Representative

R. H. Woods

41. Reinterred Aug. 14, 1922, Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes et Nesles (Aisne)

(Date)

42. Grave No.

4

Section

43. Plot BLOCK

D

Row

12

G.R.S. Representative

C. J. Blake,
Capt., QMC.

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REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place Fismes, Cem. 617Date Jan. 30th, 19221. REMAINS OF ALEXANDER, Gail H.SERIAL NUMBER - -RANK 1st Lt.

ORGANIZATION

Co. F. 47th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) :

From (give complete location) :

Jan. 30th, 1922Gr. 39, Sec. N, Plot 1, Cem. 617

By : Group

1

Unit

Sec. 73. Reburied (date) : Aug. 14, 1922In (give complete location) : Gr. 4, Block D,Row 12, Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes et Nesles (Aisne)

By : Group

re-burial group

Unit

Nature of reburial

Lined
casket

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

Box. Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.5. (a) Identification tags : Buried with body ? No On grave marker ? Yes

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :

Bottle record and strips agree with form 114-A.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine(b) Weight (estimated) " "(c) Hair—Color None

Quantity

Characteristics

(d) Hair on face—Color None

Location

Quantity

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities,

missing parts) None

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

Skull badly shattered.Pope
A. A. Parker, checker.

7. Disinterment

supervised by

Ben A. Bradford, Sup. Emb.

Approved :

R. F. O'Leary, 1st Lt., OMC.

(Title)

8. Reburial

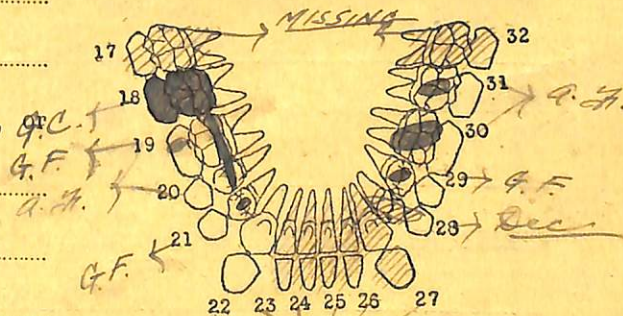
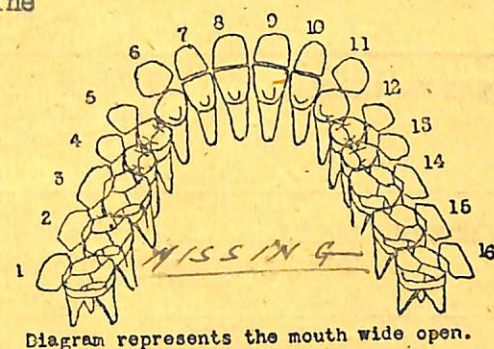
supervised by

L. D. Hays

Approved :

C. J. Blake

(Title)

Capt., OMC.

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

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

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".

(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No. 6.

6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

MISSING TEETH.....All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :



CROWNED TEETH.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :



BRIDGE WORK.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :



FILLINGS.....Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :



CARIES (CAVITIES).....Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :



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

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

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

QM 293 A-C

ALEXANDER, Gail H. - 1st Lt.

November 19, 1924

Mrs. Ann Alexander,
Touraine Apartments,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

R.F. HARBOLD,
Major, Q.M.C.
Assistant.

✓ 1-Incl.
Record card.



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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 10499

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name ALEXANDER, Gail H. Ser. No. --
 (b) Rank 1st Lt. Organization Co. F. 47th Inf. TYP DB
 (c) Date of death 8-10-18 Cause of death K/A

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

(a) Grave No. 39 Row -- Plot 1 Sect. N DB
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. G. H. Alexander, (Wife) 2127 Spring Garden St. Phila. Pa.
Mrs. Anne Alexander, Touraine Apts. 1520 Spruce St. Phila. Pa.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases CKR

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

*Also Card - Mrs. Anna Alexander (Wife)
 Touraine, 1520 Spruce St., Phila. Pa.,
 requests body remain in
 Europe -* 11/8/21-P.

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 192
 (Letter of transmittal on 7/27/1920)
Par. #2. Not to be returned (P)

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. JAN 18 1921 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken
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VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. MAR 3 1921 192

COUNTRY

CEMETERY NO.

SHEET NO.

G.R.S. FORM 115-A
 August, 1920

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February 26, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div.Cor.Br.
(ALEXANDER, Gail H.)

Mrs. Anna Alexander,
1520 Spruce Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:-

Receipt of shipping inquiry dated January 28th, 1921, relative to the remains of your husband, the late First Lieutenant Gail H. Alexander, Company P, 47th Infantry, is acknowledged.

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

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

By Authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. J. SHANNON,
Captain, Q. M. G.,
Officer in Charge.

MAILED

MAR 2 1921

COR. BR. C. R. S.

BY:

F. C. ALIAS,
Executive Assistant.

ff/cmw Noted on Form No. 115
Date 4/12/21



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
WASHINGTON
Hoboken, N.J.

JAN 27 1921

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

To: Mrs. Anna Alexander, Tourraine Apts, 15th & Spruce Sts., Philadelphia, Pa.

SUBJECT: Remains of 1st Lt. Gail H. Alexander, Co F, 47th Inf.

No Change

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

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

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

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

Was soldier married? _____

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow	Mrs Anna Alexander	1520 Spruce St	Phila Penna
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1 _____	2 _____	3 _____
_____	Dead		
1	Mrs H. Alexander	Danville Virginia	
2	Mrs L. Lytle Alexander	Asheville N.C.	
3	Mrs Ruth Myers	25 Sherwood Road	Ridgewood N.Y.

*noted 2/1/21
2/16/21-inf.*

*Jan 28th 1921
1520 Spruce St*

Signature *Anna Alexander*
Relationship *Wife*

undersigned, am the Wife and nearest living next of kin of the within-named

(Relationship.)

and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:
out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

stated on first page of this sheet.

JAN 25 1921

To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to

(Name.)

(R. R. station.)

(State.)

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

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

Signature

Anna Alexander

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

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

10499
C° F - 47th Infantry -
4th Division.

ALEXANDER, Gail H. - 1st Lieut.

I the undersigned was a witness of Lieut. Alexander's death. The morning of August 7th 1918, at St Thiebault, the second Battalion of the 47th Inf. attacked in the face of a heavy enemy barrage. Lieut. Alexander led two of his platoons. We advanced to the Vesle River and the bridges being blown out, we waded the river, our Commander in the head (Lieut. Alexander) with the water about five feet deep.

We advanced along the north side of the Vesle through some woods driving the Germans ahead of us.

There was a double track railroad north of the river, we saw a number of Germans running in that direction. The Lieut. had the automatic rifle, men take position along the railroad bank. He was behind me and a little to my left. I set my rifle and was waiting for the Germans to show up again. The Lieut. said to me, "you see anything to shoot at yet?" I said: "No, Sir, but I will in a few minutes".

Just then three jump up and started to run, I fired and they all dropped. The Lieut. said "Good! Good!".

Those were the last words Lieut. Alexander spoke, as a bullet a second later struck him in the forehead fairly between the eyes. Death being instantaneous.

I will gladly give further details if required.

Informant: GAIL, Alexander Francis T.
Home: 453 Green St. - Salt Lake City - Utah.
little and we will all get together and cross the railway track. It was while crossing the tracks that Lieut. Alexander was killed by a machine gun bullet coming from an unknown direction.

AL. Lieut. G. H. Alexander was a good man of March 3rd 1919 and good character, a true and brave soldier who gave his life for his country. He was well liked by all the men of his company, C° F, and also by the men of his Regiment, the 47th Inf. We all regret the loss of Lieut. Alexander very much and sympathise with his folks and relatives. They have our profound sympathy.

Signed: Members of C° F - 47th In U. S. Inf.

Written by: Priv. Charles Knobloch
from: Maeystown.

C° F - 47th Infantry -
4th Division.

ALEXANDER, Gail H. - 1st Lieut.

On Aug. 1st the whole Division began moving up in the wake of the 42nd under orders to relieve it. This was accomplished during the 3rd under rather difficult conditions, as the enemy was now in full retreat to the Vesle and relief had to be made while both divisions were advancing. It was during this battle that our brave Lieutenant, Geo. H. Alexander was killed while in action and commanding his platoon which was the second platoon, consisting of part of F. C°, 47th Division Inf.

Before going over the top that very morning Lieutenant Alexander said to his platoon: "Boys follow me take no fear and we'll get them when we get over there. Do not stop for anything. We will cross the water. I'll go in first and swim over". After this task was accomplished Lieut. Alexander sent out a patrol to capture a machine gun nest. After being gone for sometime the patrol returned to report to Lieut. Alexander that no machine gun nest could be found. He then said: "Boys dry up a little and we will all get together and cross the railway track. It was while crossing the tracks that Lieut. Alexander was killed by a machine gun bullet coming from an unknown direction.

Lieut. G. H. Alexander was an honest man of sterling qualities and good character, a true and brave soldier who gave his life for his country. He was well liked by all the men of his company, C° F, and also by the men of his regiment, the 47th Inf. We all regret the loss of Lieut. Alexander very much and sympathise with his folks and relatives. They have our profound sympathy.

Signed: Members of C° F - 47th In U. S. Inf.

Written by : Priv. Charles Knobloch
from: Maeystown.

C^o F. - 47th Infantry -
4th Division.

ALEXANDER, Gail H. - 1st Lieut.

Killed in action Aug. 10th 1918, on the Vesle River near St Thi-
baut, France.

No burial report received.

Lieut. Alexander was shot through the head by a rifle bullet,
on the railroad track east of Bazoche. His body remaining there after
our division was relieved. We believe him to have been buried by the
77th Div.

Attached is an account of two eye-witnesses to his death and
who was with him through it all.

No informant given.

Signed: STARK, Thos. H. - 1st Lieut.
47th Infantry -

Home: 2146, Crotona Ave.
December 12, 1918.

Inquirers:

Lt John W. Arnold, Rm 222, ARC Hdqrs
Munroe & Co. 4 rue de Ventadour, Paris.

Lt. John W. Arnold, Rm 222, ARC
ARC Hdqrs, Hdqrs

D.P. 4, rue de Ventadour,
Paris, Rm 222, ARC Hdqrs.

Informant: MARCELL Richard, Sgt. 558037.

B.G. Co. 42 Inf.
Home: 2146, Crotona Ave.

Louisa S. Worthington, Searcher.

Inquirers:

D.P. Elizabeth F. Hutchin, Searcher.

Lt. John W. Arnold, Rm 222, ARC Hdqrs. D. Woodbridge, Searcher
Hdqrs.

Munroe & Co. 4, rue de Ventadour, Paris.
Rm 222, Hdqrs.

D.P.

Co. F. 47 Infantry

Lt. Alexander was killed on the Vesle River about August 6th. He was hit between the eyes by a machine gun and died instantly. He was buried at St-Thibault and the grave was marked with his tag. The company was making an attack. They crossed the river; they gained the objective. There was no other Alexander in the Co. Lemdin did not know the first name.

Alexander was heavy set, good sized, 5 ft 8 in, dark hair, rather gray, brown eyes, about 45 years.

Lemdin was an excellent witness; was eye-witness. See his killed by machine gun and helped to bury him (together with Lt. Bailey, an Adj. who was killed at the same time). Shells were falling at the time and grave was not marked.

Informant describes subject as tall, of dark complexion, probably a North Carolinian.

Informant : LEMDIN Swan, Cpl. 2107412.
Hosp. 57.
Co. F. 47th Inf.
Home: Sank Center, Minnesota.
December 12, 1918.

Inquirers:

Lt John W. Arnold, Rm 222, ARC Hdqrs
Munroe & Co. 4 rue de Ventadour, Paris.

Lt. John W. Arnold, Rm 222, ARC
ARC Hdqrs, Hdqrs

D.P. & Co. 4, rue de Ventadour,
Paris, Rm 222, ARC Hdqrs.

Informant : MARCELL Richard, Egl. 550037.

U.S. Co. 47 Inf.
Home: 2146, Crotona Ave.

Louisa S. Worthington, Searcher.

Inquirers:

D.P. Elizabeth F. Hutchin, Searcher.

Lt. John W. Arnold, Rm 222, ARC Hdqrs, D. Woodbridge, Searcher
Hdqrs.

Munroe & Co. 4, rue de Ventadour, Paris.
Rm 222, Hdqrs.

D.P.

D.B.

Munroe & Co. 4 rue de Valenciennes, Paris.
Lt. John W. Arnold, Rm 222, VBC Hdqrs.

Indicators:

December 1, 1918.
Home: Camp General, Minnesota.
No. 1, 4th Inf.
Hosb. 2A.

Informant: IEMDIA HAN, Cbj. STONIS.

Informant was an excellent witness: was also-witness.
Promoted since: front of lines.

Alexander was present at: Good street, 2 1/2 in. Park Hill, Upper St.

There was no other Alexander in the Co. Informant did not know the other.
He was killed in action. When Alexander was killed, he was wearing the uniform of the 47th Infantry.

Co. F. 47 Infantry

ALEXANDER Gail H. Lieut.

Informant, then a member of Co. F. volunteered to accompany subject on scouting expedition near Fismes on the Vesles front. Saw him killed by machine gun fire and helped to bury him (together with Lt. Bailey, Bn Adj. who was killed at the same time). Shells were falling at the time and grave was not marked.

Informant describes subject as tall, of dark complexion, slightly gray, probably a North Carolinian. Killed instantly. This was about noon.

Informant: MARCELL Richard, Bgl. 558037.

M.G. Co. 47 Inf.
Home: 2146, Crotona Ave.

Bronx, N.Y.

January 7th, 1919.

January 7, 1919.

Inquirers:

Lt. John W. Arnold, Rm 222,
ARC Hdqrs.

Munroe & Co. 4, rue de Ventadour,
Paris, Rm 222 ARC Hdqrs.

Inquirers:
D.P.

Lt. John W. Arnold, Rm 222, ARC Hdqrs.
Hdqrs.

Munroe & Co. 4, rue de Ventadour, Paris.
Rm 222, Hdqrs.

D.P.

D.B.

Hqdr
VBC

D.B.

ETTER

Wmroe & Co. 4, rue de Ventadour, Paris.
Rm 222, Hdqrs.
VBC Hqdr
Rm 222, Hdqrs.

Home: 1122 Swetland St.
Scrampton, Pa.
January 7, 1919.

Informant : ROBINSON Henry.

Co. F. 47 Infantry

ALEXANDER Gail H. Lieut.

H

Informant was next to him when he was killed by a machine gun bullet through the head near Basoches(?) on the Vesle River. Killed instantly. This was about noon.

Informant : ROBINSON Henry.
Camp. 1.
Co. G. 47th Inf.
Home: 1122 Swetland St.
Scrampton, Pa.
January 7, 1919.

Inquirers:

Lt. John W. Arnold, Rm 222, ARC Hdqrs.
E.D. Woodbridge, Searcher
Hdqrs.
Hunroe & Co. 4, rue de Ventadour, Paris.
Rm 222, Hdqrs.

D.B.

Co. F. 47 Infantry

ALEXANDER Gail H. Lieut.

Co. F. 47 Infantry

ALEXANDER Gail H. Lieut.

On August 8th - on the Vesle River & while we were taking over our position, Lt Alexander was shot in the head by a sniper, and killed instantly. I changed positions and I could not say anything about burial. He was not buried when I last saw him. He was liked by all the men - a good soldier - There never was a better soldier than he. This was preparing for action, holding the line there. I do not know where he was from, and killed him instantaneously. The men liked him very well. He was an officer. - The ground was held.

Informant : HANCOCK Velsey, Pvt. 2004679. 1873.
U.S. Base Hosp. 1. Vichy.
Co. F. 47 Inf. Ind.
Home: Wabash, Ind.
January 1919.

Inquirers :

Lt. John W. Arnold Rm. 222, ARC Hdqrs.
Munroe & Co 4 rue de Ventadour,
Paris, - Rm 222
Hdqrs

V.L. Foard, Searcher.

V.L. Foard, Searcher.

D.P.
Lt. John W. Arnold, Rm 222,
ARC Hdqrs.

Mrs V.L. Foard, ARC.

D.P.
Lt. John W. Arnold, Rm 222, ARC Hdqrs.
Munroe & Co, rue de Ventadour,
Paris, - Rm 222, Hdqrs.

S. Burrows, Searcher.

D.P.

Inquirers : Lt. John W. Arnold Room 222 ARC Hdqrs.
Munroe & Co 4, rue de Ventadour Paris .

Co. F. 47 Infantry

ALEXANDER Gail H. Lieut.

Lt. Alexander was killed in action on the Vesle River. He was in charge of a platoon, and had just ordered his men to keep their heads down so that the German snipers couldn't pick them off when one shot him in the forehead and killed him instantaneously. The men liked him real well as he was a fine officer. - The ground was held.

Lt. Alexander was in command of the company on about August 2, 1918, on the Vesle River near Fismes, and was killed in action. He was well liked by all men. He was from New Jersey. Informant: HANCOCK Velesey, Pvt. 2004679, Co. F. 47th Inf. Home: Wabash, Ind. December 1918.

Informant: McColl Velesey, Pvt. 557540, Varsity Football Center, 480 721, Co. F. 47th Inf. Home: Wabash, Ind.

Inquirers:

Lt. John W. Arnold, Rm 222, ARC Hdqrs.

D.P.

V.L. Foard, Searcher.

Mrs V.L. Foard,

Paris, - Rm 222, Hdqrs.

S. Burrowes, Searcher.

D.P.

Inquirers: Lt. John W. Arnold Room 222 ARC Hdqrs. Munroe & Co 4, rue de Valenciennes Paris.

ALEXANDER Gail H. Lieut.

Co. F. 47 Infantry

ALEXANDER Gail H. Lieut.

Lt. Alexander was in charge of the company on about August 8-10 on the Vesle River near Fismes, and a sniper shot him right in the forehead. A detail was sent out to bury him and they buried him very near the R.F. track. He was well liked by all men. He was from New Jersey, had come from Cam Green with the Company. He was wounded twenty minutes after he was shot. He was very good to the men and sure stayed with the boys. He was on the top for the first time. The boys will always remember him. When he crossed the river the Lt. stopped and helped every one of his men up the bank.

Informant : McCall Vincent, Pvt. 557540.
Vichy Hosp. Center, APO 781.
Co. F. 47 Inf.
Home: Hazeton, Pa.
January 1919.

Home: Fort Wayne, Ind.
January 23, 1919.

Inquirers:

Lt. John W. Arnold, Rm 222 ARC Hdqrs.
Munroe & Co, 4 rue de Ventadour,
Paris, - Rm 222. Hdqrs.

Mrs V.L. Foard, ARC.

D.P.

Barrows, Searcher.

Inquirers : Lt. John W. Arnold Room 222 ARC Hdqrs.
Munroe & Co 4, rue de Ventadour Paris .

H

"I saw Lt. Alexander hit by M.G. bullet right through the heart on August 8, at Vesle River near Fismes about ten A.M. I was about three feet away. He died instantly. I was wounded twenty minutes after. He was awful good to the men and sure stayed with the boys.. We were just going over the top for the first time. The boys will always remember him. When we crossed the river the Lt. stopped and helped every one of his men up the bank".

River in the Chateau Thierry drive instantly by the Germans. I was about 100 yards from him. We were holding the lines at the time but I do not know the details of his burial. He was about 6' tall, heavy built, had dark hair.

Informant : HAHN Wm. Pvt. 2004484.
Hosp. 106.

Co. F. 47th Inf.

Home: Fort Wayne, Ind.

January 22, 1919.

Kernum Hospital Center

Home address : Alber t E.H.

Feb. 12 th 1919

S. Burrowes, Searcher.

Benjamin Whitney, Searcher

Inquirers :

Lt. John W. Arnold, Rm 222 ARC Hdqrs.
Munroe & Co. 4 rue de Ventadour,
Paris, Rm 222, Hdqrs.

Inquirers : Lt. John W. Arnold Room 222 ARC Hdqrs.

Munroe & Co 4, rue de Ventadour Paris .

D.P.

Y.H.

BOUTA - BOUTA
Munroe & Co 4 rue de Wentadout

2. BOUTA, 2258951

BOUTA, 2258951
Munroe & Co 4 rue de Wentadout
John W. Arnold, 222 ARD Hdqs.

2258951
Home: 2258951
Co. 4, 47th Inf.
Rank: 1st Lt.

Informant: BOUTA, 2258951

He was killed Aug. 10th at the Veale River in the Chateau Thierry drive instantly by the direct hit of a shell. I was about 100 yards from him. We were holding the lines at the time but I do not know the details of his burial. He was about 6' tall heavy built, had dark hair.

Co. F. 47th Inf.

ALEXANDER Gail H. Lieut.

Lt. Alexander was a 1st Lt. He was killed Aug. 10th at the Veale River in the Chateau Thierry drive instantly by the direct hit of a shell. I was about 100 yards from him. We were holding the lines at the time but I do not know the details of his burial. He was about 6' tall heavy built, had dark hair.

Informant: Gallegos Pedro C. Pvt.
2258951 Co. F. 47th Inf
Kerhuon Hospital Center
Home address: Albert N.M.
Feb. 12th 1919

V.M.

Beulah Whitney, Searcher

Enquirers: Lt. John W. Arnold Room 222 ARD Hdqs.
Munroe & Co 4, rue de Wentadout Paris.

September 25, 1920

NO: 293.8 Com. #10499 (Alexander, Gail, E., 1st Lieut.)
FROM: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cometarial Division)
TO: Mr. C. H. Alexander, 516 W. 35th St., Norfolk, Va.
SUBJECT: Case of 1st Lieut. Gail E. Alexander.

1. Pursuant to your verbal request of recent date, relative to the late 1st Lieut. Gail E. Alexander, you are advised that this officer was killed in action August 10, 1918. The grave location of this officer as recorded in this office has not yet been confirmed. A detailed investigation is being conducted and you will be duly advised of its results.

2. The enclosed Graves Registration Service Bulletin (No. 10-F-W) will give in detail information concerning the activities of this Division.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Major, U. S. Army,
Chief, Cometarial Division.

By:

CHARLES J. WYNN,
Captain, Q. M. C.

mail
SEP 27 1920

September 10, 1920.

MEMORANDUM TO; Mr. J.T.Grant,

In reference to the attached case of 1st Lieut. Gail H. Alexander,
Co. D. 37th Infantry.

Mr. C. H. Alexander, brother of the deceased soldier wishes this office to write him giving full details as to cause, date of death, date and place of burial, by whom buried, whether buried by Germans or Americans, if the name of a Chaplain is given please advise him as to name. He wishes all information possible on this case and states that he has never received any information except date of death, which there was a doubt about.

Address reply to: 516-West 35th Street, Norfolk, Virginia.

Flora M. Glover
Inquiry Section
Telephone Unit.

(Telephone Inquiry)

Miss Glover:

We are holding this now
to locate reburial in Cty 617
where these bodies ~~are~~
have been reburied. Will
not be gotten it however
before next month. Kindly
return papers to me when
you are they with them.

O. G. Hughes

TO:- REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S.

Date 9/1/20.

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME Alexander, Gail H.

Serial Number

0086

RANK Lt.

ORGANIZATION

Co D, 37th Inf.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	(1). no. (1st Lt. Co F, 47th Inf)
2.	Date of Death.	(2). 8/10/18.
3.	Cause and place of death.	(3). K/A.
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	(4). #229.
5.	Date buried.	(5). no record.
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	(6). Re: - 12/5/18. Grave 57, Am. Plot, Row C, Am. Cty. #849, Bazoches, (Aisne)
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	(10)-a. no record, (10)-b. ..
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	(11). Mrs. G. H. Alexander (wife), 2127 Spring Gardens, Phila. Pa.
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	(12). 3/29/19, Phila. Pa.
12.	Has been notified? (Give date)	(14). F-12989.
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	
15.	Inquiry made by C. H. Alexander 516-24-35-17 Norfolk, Va. N.B. All Proper names to be typewritten, or printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.	Released by Information Control Dept. Directory ☒ Cards 5x8 ☐ Cards 4x6

ETR.

Classification

Adjustment _____

CEMETERY DIVISION
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
REGISTRATION SECTIONDate 9/8/20

MEMORANDUM:

To: Registration Files Sub-Section.

Subject: Adjustments made on Registration Files.

1. Charges as checked have been made in the Registration Files which will necessitate a corresponding change in the Classification Files.

FILE

	CORR.	ADD. DATA		CORR.	ADD. DATA
File Number			Date of Burial		
Name			Date of Reburial		
Serial Number			Burial Information		✓
Rank			Nearest Relative		
Organization			Notified Nearest Relative		✓
Cause of Death			Blue Card thrown out		
Date of Death			White Card set up		
Casualty Cablegram Number					

O.K. Alphabetical Files 9-9-20-EW

O.K. Organization Files _____

O.K. State Files _____

FILE

CARD DEPARTMENT

Cemetery Audit Department

Investigation & Adjustment Dept.

By

MJ Coe Ctl

Cards attached.

*Ref.
note address*

10499

L

Touraine Apartments,
15th & Spruce Streets,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Lieut.-Colonel, C.E. Pierce,
Chief Graves Registration Service,
Headquarters Services of Supply,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

In acknowledgment of your letters to me regarding Lt.
H. G. Alexander's place of burial in France, I wish to
thank you for your courtesy.

I would ask that you kindly make note of the change
in residence from 2127 Spring Garden Street, to the address
above.

Yours very truly,

April 23, 1919.

(Mrs.) Anna Alexander

G.R.S. Form No. 111
TRANSMISSION OF INQUIRIES

War Department
Office of the Quartermaster General
Graves Registration Service
Washington, D. C.

December 15, 1919

For information of:

- ✓ (a) Chief, Effects Bureau, Hoboken, N.J.
- (b) Auditor for the War Dept., Wash., D.C.
- (c) Director of Finance, Washington, D.C.
- ✓ (d) Chief, War Risk Insurance Bureau,

Case of:

Files
1st Lt. Gail H. Alexander
Company F., 47th Infantry

Request for action checked below:

- ✓ (a) Return of Personal Effects
- (b) Accrued Pay
- (c) Liberty Bonds
- (d) War Risk Insurance

has been made by:

Mrs. H.F. Alexander
(mother)
Danville, Va.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Colonel, Q.M. Corps,
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

/s/ama

G.R.S. #106
DISPOSITION OF BODY

War Department
Office of the Quartermaster General.
Graves Registration Service.
Washington, D.C.
December 15, 1919

For information of:

- (a) The Adjutant General of the Army
- (b) G.R.S., Paris, France,
- (c) Office Files.
- (d) Photographic Section.

Case of: 1st Lt. Gail H. Alexander
Company F, 47th Infantry

Grave Location: Grave 39, Section N
American Cemetery
Fismes, Department of Marne

Request for action checked below:

- (a) Return of Body to the U.S.
- (b) Permanent Burial in France.
- (c) Cancellation of former requests.
- (d) Change of address.
- XX (e) Photograph of grave,

has been made by: Mrs. H. F. Alexander
(mother)
Danville, Va.

by authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.
Chief, Graves Registration Service.
S-2992/L

/s/ma

G.R.S. Form No. 113
Reply to G. L. Inquiry.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 15, 1919

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**Mrs. H. F. Alexander,
Danville, Va.**

1. In reply to your inquiry we beg to say that the records of the Graves Registration Service contain the following information as to grave location:

Case of:

**1st Lieutenant Gail H. Alexander
Company F, 47th Infantry.**

Place of burial: **Reburied in
Grave #29, Section N
American Cemetery
Fismes, Department of Marne**

2. ~~The grave has been registered and~~ **The grave is marked with a cross** suitably marked for present purposes, pending the adoption of a more permanent monument by the National Fine Arts Commission, which now has the matter under consideration.

3. While it is a sad duty on our part to convey information concerning the burial of men who were our valient comrades, it is a satisfaction to answer the queries of those who suffer so grievously by the casualties of War.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Colonel, Q. M. Corps,
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Miss MacBride
Will you please have
research made in this
case

research please
MB MacB
11-19-19

No record of
grave number
off.

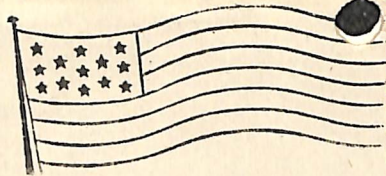
Dorville Virginia
Mar 13th 1914

Chief Graver Registrar -

Sir, 1st Lieut Gail Hamilton
Alexander was reported killed
in action at Bazoches, Aug 7th
1918 - He had just crossed the
Aisne river & started toward the
R. Road - He is said to be buried
there - & I write to know if his
grave is marked - & to ask for
photograph of same - Also to know
if his coat, rings, watch in chain
belt - leather with gold buckle
& gold chain with keys were kept.
and what the prospect is for having
them returned - Awaiting your
answer most eagerly - I remain

Most Respectfully -

Mrs H. F. Alexander
Dorville Va -



Chief Grave Registration Service
Headquarters Service of Supply.
A. P. O. 717.
American C. F.
France -

Mrs H. F. Alexander
Doraville
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TO:- REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S.

Date 11/21/19

FROM: INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME Alexander, Gail Hamilton

Serial Number Not given

RANK 1st Lt.

ORGANIZATION Co F. 47th Inf.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	- No Gail H. Alexander
2.	Date of Death.	2)-8-10-18
3.	Cause and place of death	3) Killed in action
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	4) 229
5.	Date buried	5)-not given
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	6)-grave #57-Amer Plot Row C, Amer. Cem. 847- Bazoches-Aisne. Reburied - May 20-1919.
7.	Who reported burial?	Grave #39 - Sec. V, Cem #617.
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	Amer. Cem. France Marne.
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	9) Yes
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	10)-not given
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	11)-Mrs. G. H. Alexander (w/f) 2127 Spring Garden St. Phila Pa.
12.	Has above been notified? (Give date)	Change Address - Mrs Anna Alexander Lorraine Apts. 15th & Spruce Sts Phila Pa.
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	12)-yes 3-29-1919
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	Released by Information Control Dept. Directory
15.	Inquiry made by?	X Cards 5 x 8 & form #16 Cards 4 x 6

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

2nd research M.A.C.

Copy

10499

To the Chaplain,
47th Infantry

Rev'd and Dear Sir:-

On August 10th Lt. Gail H. Alexander was killed.

May I ask from you a letter giving such particulars as you can of the Event-was it in personal combat or by shell-if in consonance with orders the place it occurred-was it sudden or in Hospital, Etc.

Gail was for years a Sunday School scholar in this Church and a beloved communicant. He was one of my close friends, and as his pastor for many years I am hoping to have your sympathetic response.

In addition to the personal items suggested, if not in disagreement with orders, please include the copy of the report at your headquarters.

In advance

Gratefully yours,

(Signed) J. Cleveland Hall
Rector Epiphany Church,
Danville, Virginia

Sept. 10, 1918.

Endorsed

Killed by Machine Gun Fire Aug. 10th while leading his platoon against a hostile position 600 yards Southeast of Bazoches north of the Vesle River. Do not know where he was buried.

Enclosure referred
to (letter from chairman)
enclosed to Rev. Cleveland
Hall. Upon direction
of Major Davis 10499
WCH-ARV.

10499

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

Reference - 10499.

April 10th, 1919.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.
TO : Rev. J. Cleveland Hall, Rector Epiphany Church, Danville, Virginia.
SUBJECT : Lieut. Gail H. Alexander, 47th Infantry, American E.F.

1. In reply to your letter of inquiry, I am very sorry to have to inform you that my field force has not as yet succeeded in obtaining any definite burial information regarding this soldier. You may rest assured that every possible effort will be made to locate the grave, and, if necessary, a special search will be made of the area where he died and is, no doubt, buried.

2. Careful note is being made of your name and address, and immediately the burial information is received, you will be informed.

By direction

(Enclosures - G.R.S.)
(10-B, .004.5)

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

Per

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

MBD-gg.

TO: - REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S.

FILE NUMBER 10499

From:- *CRPC*

Date: *1/27/19*

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME *ALEXANDER, GAIL H.*

NUMBER

RANK *LIEUT.* ORGANIZATION *47 INF.*

No	Question	Reply
✓ 1	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	1- Alexander, Gail H. 1st Lt. Co F, 47th Inf.
✓ 2	Date of Death	2- 8-10-18
✓ 3	Cause and place of death	3- k/a.
4	Number of Casualty Cablegram	4- 229
✓ 5	Date buried	<i>b</i> No burial information.
✓ 6	Grave Location (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required	
7	Who reported burial	
✓ 8	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	<i>8 30</i>
✓ 9	Report as to Identification Tags	
11	Who is nearest relative?	
✓ 12	Has N/R been notified? (Give date)	
13	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14	What is the Photograph No?	

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In Reply, all Proper names to be printed in BLOCK LETTERS.

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8/1/19

201 Alexander, Gail H.

2nd Ind.

10499
WLS/gn.

Central Records Office, A.G.D., A.P.O. 902, Am.E.F. 3rd Feb. 1919.
To Chief Graves Registration Service.

It is requested that the Central Records Office be furnished with complete burial records of Lt. Gail H. Alexander, formerly of Company E, 47th Infantry, shown by the records of this office to have been killed in action, August 10th, 1918.



EARLE BOOTHE,
Adjutant General.

By:
Captain, A.G.D., U.S.A.

3rd Ind.

ACL:P

Chief, Graves Registration Service, Hq. S.O.S., A.E.F., Mar. 20, 1919 - To: Central
Records Office, A.G.D., A.P.O. 902, A.E.F. Returned.

1. Records of this office show no burial information, case of Lieut.
Gail H. Alexander.

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

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TO:- REGISTRATION BRANCH G.R.S.

NUMBER 10499

FROM:-

DATE: 2-26-19

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME ALEXANDER GAIL H

NUMBER

RANK

Lt

ORGANIZATION

Formerly CO "F" 47th INF.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	① Yes Lt.
2.	Date of Death.	② 8-10-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	③ KIA
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	④ CC# 229
5.	Date buried.	
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.	
7.	Who reported burial.	
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	⑧ NO
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	
11.	Who is nearest relative?	
12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	⑪ Mrs. G.H. ALEXANDER (WIFE) 2127 SPRING GARDEN, ST. PHILADELPHIA, PA.
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	
	N.B. All Proper names to be printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS. Form 12 Sent out 2-21-19 NO HLB. 2-26-19 RFB	⑫ NO 2-26-19 RFB

G.R.S. Form No. 113
Reply to G. L. Inquiry.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 27, 1919.

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Mr. C. H. Alexander,
#1 Pelham Place,
Norfolk, Va.

1. In reply to your inquiry we beg to say that the records of the Graves Registration Service contain the following information as to grave location:

Case of: 1st Lieut. Gail Hamilton Alexander,
Co. F., 47th Infantry.

Place of burial: Reburied - American B/A Cemetery,
Fismes, Department of Marne, Grave
39, Section N.

2. The grave has been registered and suitably marked for present purposes, pending the adoption of a more permanent monument by the National Fine Arts Commission, which now has the matter under consideration.

3. While it is a sad duty on our part to convey information concerning the burial of men who were our valient comrades, it is a satisfaction to answer the queries of those who suffer so grievously by the casualties of War.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Colonel, Q. M. Corps,
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

G. R. S. MAILED
OCT 27 1919

TO:- REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S.

Date Oct-25, 1919

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME Alexander Gail Hamilton Serial Number

RANK 1st Lieut. ORGANIZATION Co. F, 47th Inf.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	1. Yes.
2.	Date of Death.	2. 8-10-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	3. Killed in action.
4.	Number of Casualty VCablegram.	4. 229
5.	Date buried.	5. Reburied: 12-5-18 ✓
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	6. Grave # 57. Amer. Plot. Row C. Amer. Cty. # 847 Bazoches - Aisne. Reburied, May 20, 1919: Grave # 39, Sec. N. Cty # 617, Fismes, Marne
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	9. Cross
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	10. no record (Wife)
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	11. Mrs. G. H. Alexander Touraine Apart. 15th & Spruce St. Phil. Pa
12.	Has above been notified? (Give date)	12. 3-29-19
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	
15.	Inquiry made by?	

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N.B. All Proper names to be
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NEW ENGLAND MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

KEMPER W. YANCEY, GENERAL AGENT

SAM A. SCHOOLFIELD, DISTRICT MANAGER

TELEPHONE 8395

623 DICKSON BUILDING

NORFOLK, VA.,

10/13/19.

Graves Registration Bureau
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Will you kindly in-
form me where my brother
body is buried in France.
1st Lieut Gail Hamilton Alexander
47th Inf - 4 Div Reg - Killed on
Vesle River Aug 10th

you will greatly oblige
yours truly

G. H. Alexander
#1 Pelham Place

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.
February 16, 1920

Mrs. Anna Alexander
Touraine Apts.
15th. & Spruce Sts.
Phila. Penn.,

1. In reply to your inquiry we beg to say that the records of the Graves Registration Service contain the following information as to grave location:

Case of: **Lt. Gail H. Alexander**
Co. F. 47th. Infantry.

Place of burial: **Reburied in Fismes Cemetery**
Department of Marne-
Grave #39-Section N.

2. The grave has been registered and suitably marked for present purposes, pending the adoption of a more permanent monument by the National Fine Arts Commission, which now has the matter under consideration.

3. While it is a sad duty on our part to convey information concerning the burial of men who were our valient comrades, it is a satisfaction to answer the queries of those who suffer so grievously by the casualties of War.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Colonel, Q. M. Corps,
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Philadelphia, Penna.,
February 4, 1920.

Chief, Graves Registration Service,
War Department,

Munitions Bldg., Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

I notice in the newspaper that you are now prepared to give information concerning the graves of the American soldiers in France.

Would appreciate very much any information you can give me regarding Lt. Gail H. Alexander, Company F, 47th ~~Infantry~~ Infantry.

Thanking you in advance, I am

Sincerely yours,

Touraine Apartments,
15th & Spruce Streets.



Chief, Graves Registration Service,
War Department,
Munitions Bldg.,
Washington, D.C.

TO:- REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S.

Date 2/13/28.

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME *Alexander, Gail H.* Serial NumberRANK *Lieut* ORGANIZATION *Co. F. 47th Inf.*

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	(1) Yes First Lieut.
2.	Date of Death.	(2) 8/10/18
3.	Cause and place of death.	(3) H-A
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	(4) #229
5.	Date buried	(5) 12/5/18.
6.	Grave Location (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	(6) Grave #57 Amer Plot, Row C, amer. Cty. #847 Bazoches, Aisne. Reburied: 5/28/19 Grave #39 Sect. H, #617, Cty. Fismes, Marne.
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker	
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	(10) a no record b no record
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	(11) Mrs. G. H. Alexander (wife) 2127 Spring Garden St Philadelphia, Pa.
12.	Has above been notified? (Give date)	(12) 3/29/19.
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	(14) F-12989
15.	Inquiry made by?	

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

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7/9/28.

47th Inf.

A.P.O. 746

10499
Dec 27/18

To: Graves Reg. Service -

The enclosed letters have just been sent to me - I was not assigned to this Regiment when the casualties mentioned occurred, and as most of our officers who were in that engagement are no longer with us - information for my definite failure is impossible.

Will you kindly verify the casualty reports and advise the proper direct of what

affectionate regards
and oblige

Yours

Thomas F. Oakley
Chaplain

47th Inf

Apr 7 1866



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WAR DEPARTMENT,
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.
WASHINGTON.

NOVEMBER, 12, 1918.

201. (Alexander, Gail H.) CD.

Honorable Anthony J. Griffin,
House of Representatives.

My dear Mr. Griffin;

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of October 30, 1918, and regret to advise that this office has received no further information concerning 1st. Lieutenant Gail H. Alexander, Company F, 47th. Infantry, than that he was killed in action August 10, 1918.

For more information and details concerning his death his family should write to his commanding officer, addressing him as follows. Commanding Officer, Company, F, 47th. Infantry, American Expeditionary Force.

Respectfully,

P. C. Harris.

The Adjutant General.

2nd. IND.

2388.

From Commanding Officer, 47th. Infantry, American, E. F. Germany, 8, Dec. 1918.

To; Central Records Office, American E. F. FORWARDED.

(T. H. MIDDLETON)
Colonel, 47th. Infantry.

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CODE SLIP

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HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME Alexander	A L E	3	1 2 5
BURIED	CEMETERY 608	1	3
	GRAVE 4	2	04
	ROW 12	2	12
	BLOCK 19	1	4
STATE	Pa	2	44
RANK	1 st Lt	1	1
DIVISION	4	2	04
ORGANIZATION	47	3	047
ARM	Inf	1	1
MERITORIAL	Yes	1	1
NAME Alexander	A L E	3	1 2 5
Mrs Anna	STATE Pa	2	44
RESIDENCE	COUNTY Montgomery	2	46
60 Lodges Lane	CITY Cynwyd	3	X
RELATION	Widow	1	5
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	good	1	1
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	no	1	2
29/514/EAB	age		57

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QM 293 A-M
Alexander, Gail H. (OA)

November 29, 1932.

Mrs. Anna Alexander,
60 Lodges Lane,
Cynwyd, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date advising that you do not believe you will be able to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your husband, the late Lieutenant Gail H. Alexander, during the summer months of 1933.

It is deeply regretted that you are unable at this time to accept the last offer of the Government to make the journey. However, it is sincerely hoped that you will find it possible to make the trip before the conclusion of the pilgrimages in 1933. If so, it is requested you advise this office and arrangements will be made for you.

Should you make the pilgrimage, you are assured that you will receive the best of care and attention at all times and that everything possible will be done for your comfort and welfare.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A M

November 16, 1932.

Alexander, Gail H (OA)

Mrs. Anna Alexander,
60 Lodges Lane,
Cynwyd, Pa.

Dear Madam:

In reply to a recent questionnaire you advised that you were undecided about making a pilgrimage to the grave of your husband, the late First Lieutenant Gail H. Alexander, during the summer of 1933.

In order that the best available accommodations may be secured for the mothers and widows it is necessary that steamship reservations be made several months in advance. It is therefore requested that you advise at this time whether or not you believe you will be able to make a pilgrimage next summer, in order that arrangements may be made accordingly.

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

For The Quartermaster General

Very truly yours,


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

Enclosure:
Envelope



Dear Sir

*Do not believe I will
be able to make the pilgrimage
next summer
Thanking you for the wonderful
invitation Sincerely Yours
Anna Alexander*

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Alexander, Gail H. (OA)

July 9, 1932.

Mrs. Anna Alexander,
60 Lodges Lane,
Cynwyd, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

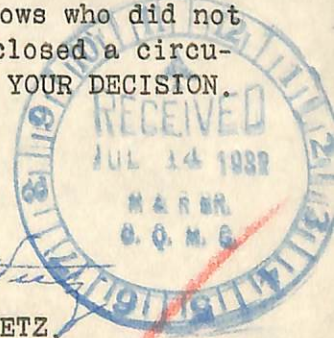
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DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933?

Undecided
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Anna Alexander



Alexander, Gail H. - 1st Lt.- Co. F, 47th Inf.- Pennsylvania

Date of Mother's death?

~~Stepmother or Leo?~~

} no record

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Father dead before 1918

m - was living in 1918 - no later
information

ms K. F. Alexander - not dependent
Danville.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Alexander, Gail H. OA W

November 2, 1931

Mrs. Alexander
60 Lodges Lane
Cynwyd, Pennsylvania

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. In your reply to the recent inquiry as to whether or not you desired to make a pilgrimage in 1932, you advised you were undecided.

In view of the fact that steamship reservations must be made several months in advance, it is essential that this office know how many mothers and widows must be arranged for. It is possible that you may have made your decision by this time. It is therefore requested that you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name, and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage. In the event you state you desire to make the journey in 1932 and circumstances prevent your making the pilgrimage, it is requested you notify this office as promptly as possible.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage
in 1932?

No

2. Please state your age and condition
of health:

Age:
Health:

3. Do you speak English?

4. What other language do you speak?

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

July 22, 1931.

Alexander, Gail H. 1st. Lt. (O-A) W*

Mrs. Anna Alexander,
60 Lodges Lane,
Cynwyd, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



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

Undecided
Write answer here

Anna Alexander
Sign here

George Washington

7-29-31

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Alexander, Gail H.,
1st Lt.

I decline the invitation extended
(Accept or decline)
me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of
the Government of the United States under the pro-
visions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Anna Alexander

Mrs Anna Alexander
(Name)

60 Lodges Lane, Gynwyd, Montgomery Co., Penna.

(Town or City)

(State)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Alexander, Gail H. - 608 W

June 30, 1930.

Mrs. Anna Alexander,
60 Lodges Lane,
Cynwyd, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?

2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?

3. Please give your age and state your health.

4. Do you speak English?

5. What other language do you speak?

Yes

Yes

Age *35*

Condition of Health *good*

Yes

only speak English

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



Enclosures:

Envelope

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Amendment

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Alexander, Gail H. 608W

June 18, 1930

Mrs. Anna Alexander,
60 Lodges Lane,
Cynwyd, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Yes ✓
(Write answer here)

Anna Alexander
(Sign here)

Roosevelt

8-9-30

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Alexander Gail H

I Decline the invitation extended
(Accept or decline)

me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of the
Government of the United States under the provisions of
the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

no

Mrs. Anna Alexander

(Name)

60 Lodges Lane, Cynwyd, Montgomery Co., Pa.

(Town or City)

(State)

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Alexander, Gail H. 608 W

October 7, 1929.

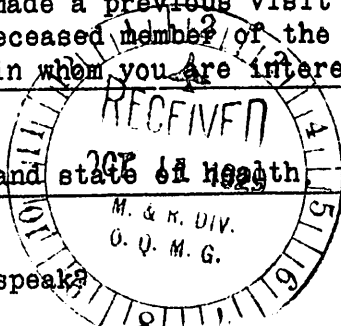
Mrs. Anna Alexander,
60 Lodges Lane,
Cynwyd, Pa.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress not later than December 15, 1929. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

In order that the report referred to may be made and plans completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested that you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office by return mail in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes) <u>1</u> (No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <u>yr</u> (No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes) (No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <u>50</u> Health <u>50</u> (Years) (Good) Good
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No) Other language <u>English</u> (Specify language spoken)



For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Alexander, Gail H.

July 30, 1929.

Mrs. Anna Alexander,
60 Lodges Lane,
Cynwyd, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the widow of the late First Lieutenant Gail H. Alexander, Co. F, 47th Inf. whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

1. Have you remarried since the death of the above named veteran?
2. If not, do you desire to make the pilgrimage?
3. Is the deceased survived by a mother?
4. If so, give her name and complete address.

Have not Remarried

Yes

No

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
~~Alexander, Gail H.~~

June 20, 1929.

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Mrs. Anna Alexander,
Touraine Apartments,
15th & Spruce Sts.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

W. Anna Alexander
60 Lodges Lane
Cynwyd, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the widow of the late First Lieutenant Gail H. Alexander, Co.F, 47th Inf. whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

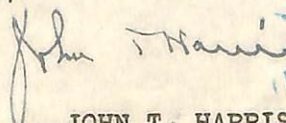
Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish her full name and address in order that action may be taken to extend an invitation to her to make the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

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relationship is that of a stepmother, mother through adoption or a woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. In case you have remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


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

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