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FULL NAME ALEXANDER, William L.

RANK Pvt. SERIAL 175330 ✓

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION Co. I, 318th Inf. ✓ 80

DATE OF DEATH Dec. 1, 1918

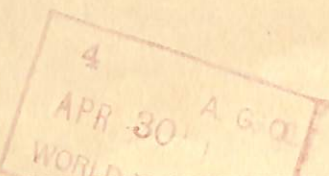
STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Pa. none of record

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED.

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION.....	10	39	C
Date	Grave	Row	Block
	Meuse-Argonne, #1232		

Cemetery

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Was one buried with body?.....yes

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE: Alexander (Wife) Mrs. Mabel B.

ADDRESS: 813 N. Front st, Reading, Berks Co Penna

RELATIONSHIP: Wife

REPORTED BY: James M. Means

2nd Lt., C.M.C., U.S.A.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

.....**Alexander**.....**#175,330**.....**William L.**.....
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

.....**Private**.....**Co. I,**.....**318th Infantry**.....
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH:.....**Base Hospital #42, sur-Meuse Bazoilles**

CAUSE OF DEATH:.....**Influenza. Complications**

Coalescing Broncho pneumonia.

DATE OF BURIAL:.....**December 2nd, 1918**

PLACE OF BURIAL:.....**US Cemetery, Bazoilles sur-Meuse**
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department). Map reference must specify clearly what map is used. **Vosges**

GRAVE NUMBER:**# 397**

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

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

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

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE:**Alexander**
(Wife) Mrs. Mabel B.

ADDRESS:**813 N. Front st, Reading, Berks Co Penna**

RELATIONSHIP:**Wife**

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PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE
TO PAYMENT OF
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AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to

Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,
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MUNITIONS BUILDING

WASHINGTON,

Alexander, William L. (MA)

D. C.

RETURN RECEIPT

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

✓ Mr. Frank W. Fisher

(Signature or name of addressee)

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Form 3811

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HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
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	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>10</i>	2	<i>10</i>
	ROW <i>39</i>	2	<i>39</i>
	BLOCK <i>C</i>	1	<i>3</i>
STATE	<i>Pa.</i>	2	<i>44</i>
RANK	<i>Priv.</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>80</i>	2	<i>80</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>318</i>	3	<i>318</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL	<i>No</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME		3	
	STATE	2	
RESIDENCE	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Dead - 1931</i>	1	<i>6</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
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ACCEPTANCE		1	

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IN REPLY
REFER TO

QM 293 A-M
Alexander, William L.(MA)

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

*Your office notified
2 years ago that*

*Mrs Alexander is
deceased*

Mrs. Emma L. Alexander,
245 Iron St.,
Bloomsburg, Pa.

January 5, 1933.

Dear Madam:

During the past three years, numerous communications have been forwarded you relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

Under the law, 1933 is the last year you may make the pilgrimage at the expense of the Government, and it is imperative that this office have an expression from you as to whether or not you desire to take advantage of the opportunity afforded you.

It is requested therefore you answer the following inquiry, sign your name, and return this letter to this office.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE IN 1933?

(Yes) or (No)

Sign here

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.

Encl.:
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IMMEDIATE ACTION

QM 293 A-M

WAR DEPARTMENT

Alexander, William L. (MA) OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

October 12, 1932.

Mrs Emma L. Alexander,
245 Iron St.
Bloomsburg, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Your Government has provided an opportunity for all Mothers and Widows of deceased members of the American Forces who were lost, buried at sea, or whose remains are now interred in Europe, to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. This was done in the hope that all who may make the pilgrimage will derive a measure of comfort and solace from the visit.

You are numbered among those who are privileged to make this pilgrimage.

During July and September of this year, inquiries were addressed to you as to whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage to Europe. To these inquiries no reply has been received from you.

You probably do not realize how important it is that a reply be received from you. If we do not receive replies, it becomes very difficult to make the necessary and proper arrangements for those who are to make the trip, as everything must be arranged in advance. Consequently, it is just as important for the Government to know the names of those who do not desire to take advantage of its offer as it is to know the names of those who do.

Will you please devote a few moments of your time to write either the word "YES" or "NO" in the following space_____, thus indicating whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage during 1933 and sign your name here_____. Use the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage, and return this sheet.

This reply will assure your Government that no worthy Mother or Widow has failed to receive its offer in commemoration of a loved one departed, and will greatly assist in making the necessary preparations for those of them who wish to take advantage of the privilege.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Sept. 6, 1932.

Alexander, Wm. L. (MA)

Mrs. Emma L. Alexander,
245 Iron St.,
Bloomsburg, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

In order that your desires may be of record, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested 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.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "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

NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Alexander William L (MA)

July 7, 1932

Mrs Emma L Alexander
245 Iron St
Bloomsburg 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?

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

QM 293 A-M

Alexander, William L. Pvt. (M-A) M

March 18, 1932.

Mrs. Emma L. Alexander,
245 Iron Street,
Bloomsburg, Pa.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries of Europe for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces. The purpose of the Act is an endeavor to bring a measure of peace and comfort to the hearts of the mothers and widows whose loved ones made the supreme sacrifice, and it appears from communications from women who have made the journey that this effort has not been in vain.

As the mother of the late Private William L. Alexander, you are eligible to make a pilgrimage to his grave in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in France. All necessary expenses of the pilgrimage will be borne by the Government and personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided. Doctors and nurses will be available and should you make a pilgrimage, you are assured the journey will not only be made at the expense of the United States, but everything possible for your welfare will be furnished. In other words, you will be the honored guest of the United States Government.

It is the earnest endeavor of this office to discover the wishes of each mother and widow with reference to the pilgrimage. It is hoped that you will decide to make the pilgrimage and will so state; however, if you feel you cannot accept the invitation, it is important that we be advised. You can realize that in arranging all details of a trip for so many people, it is necessary to have all information at once so that proper arrangements may be made. For the reasons stated, it will be appreciated if you will complete the questionnaire enclosed herewith and return it to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Alexander, William L. Pvt. (M-A) M

March 18, 1932.

Mrs. Emma L. Alexander,
245 Iron Street,
Bloomsburg, Pa.

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. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

In order that the records may be complete, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested 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.

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,

Encl:
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Alexander, William L. ^{MA} (SEA) M

September 28, 1931

Mrs. Emma L. Alexander,
245 Iron St.,
Bloomsburg, Pa.

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. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

In order that the records may be complete, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested 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.

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,

Encl:
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Alexander, William L. Pvt. (M-A) M-

July 9, 1931.

Mrs. Emma L. Alexander,
245 Iron St.,
Bloomsburg, 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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Alexander, William L. Pvt. 1232-M

April 1, 1931

Mrs. Emma L. Alexander,
245 Iron St.,
Bloomsburg, 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 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?

Age
Condition of Health

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M

October 9, 1930

Alexander, William L. Pvt. 1232 M

Mrs. Erma L. Alexander
245 Iron Street
Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	
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,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 7, 1930.

Alexander, William L. -1232 M

Mrs. Emma L. Alexander,
245 Iron Street,
Bloomsburg, Pa.

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, William I.~~ 1232 M

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Emma I. Alexander,
245 Iron St.,
Bloomsburg, 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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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, William L.
1232

September 10, 1929.

Mrs. Emma L. Alexander,
245 Iron St.,
Bloomsburg, Pa.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated Aug. 20, 1929, making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

No

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

Mother

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

No

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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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, William L.
1232

September 10, 1929.

Mrs. Emma L. Alexander,
245 Iron St.,
Bloomsburg, Pa.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated Aug. 20, 1929, making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Alexander, William L.

August 20, 1929

Mrs. Emma L. Alexander,
245 Iron St.,
Bloomsburg, 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 mother of the late Pvt. William L. Alexander, Co. I, 316th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse Argonne Amer. Cty. Remagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, 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. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried?

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Alexander, William L.

June 28, 1929.

He died 12-23-21

Mrs. Mabel Burres Alexander Eckert,
721 Coleman St.,
Easton, Pa.

*(M)
Emma L. Alexander
245 Iron Street
Bloomsburg, Pa.*

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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 Private William L. Alexander, Co. I, 318th Inf., 80th Div., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty., Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, 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
JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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September 30, 1927.

QM 293 AG
Alexander, William L.

Mr. F. M. Fisher,
245 Iron Street,
Bloomsburg, Penn.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 22, 1927.

The Quartermaster General desires that you be advised, that the records of the War Department show that Base Hospital No. 42, was located December 1, 1918, in what was known as Hospital Center, Neuf-chateau, Department of Vosges, France.

The 318th Infantry was a part of the 80th Division.

Very truly yours,

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K. J. HAMPTON,
Lt. Col., Q. M. C.,
Assistant.



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CALDWELL CONSISTORY CATHEDRAL
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Ward Department
Quartermaster General.

Sept 22 '27

Private William L. Alexander

175-330, Company 1; 3/8th. Infantry
killed in France on Dec 1st 1918
in base hospital 42.

Will you be kind enough to inform
me, his brother-in-law, just where
base hospital #42 was located
on Dec, 1st 1918 and in what
Division the 3/8th Infantry was
at that time. Thanking you kindly I am
Yours truly
245 Iron St. F. W. Fisher

QM 293 A-C.

(Alexander, William L.)

September 9, 1927

Mr. F. M. Fisher,
245 Iron Street,
Bloomsburg, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of September 2, 1927 concerning the location of the grave of the late Private William L. Alexander has been referred to this office by the National Headquarters, American Legion, Indianapolis, Indiana, for consideration and reply.

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the records show that the late Private William L. Alexander, 175330, Company I, 318th Infantry, is buried in grave 10, Row 39, Block C, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

Very truly yours,

ESM *Edm*
me

K. J. HAMPTON,
Lt. Colonel, Q.M.C.,
Assistant



Alexander,

(Surname)

Pvt.

William L.

(Christian name in full.)

Co I, 318th Inf.

175,330

(Army serial number.)

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased *Wife*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

no
(Yes or no.)

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

(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)

Mabel Burns Alexander
Box 133 Bound Brook, N.J.

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

3-6713

checked HW
10-12-20

Port. William Le Roy Alexander
397 Bozelli France
Dec 1-1918. M39.

Drawn by - BER
6-10-4-12-20

THE AMERICAN LEGION
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL ADJUTANT

Sept. 6, 1927.

Graves Registration Bureau,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed find a letter from
Mr. F. M. Fisher, 245 Iron Street, Bloomsburg, Pa.,
with reference to finding the grave of Private
William L. Alexander.

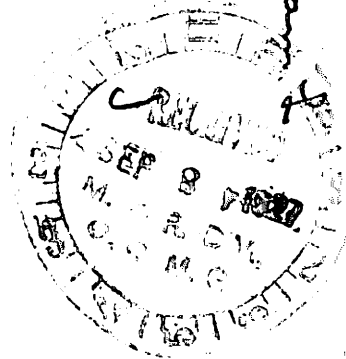
Would appreciate very much
your rushing this information to him as he is sail-
ing for France this week. Your prompt attention
will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

C. M. Wilson

C. M. WILSON, For the
Assistant National Adjutant.

ENC/ 1
CMW/DS



293 Alexander, William

Affiliated with The National League of Masonic Clubs

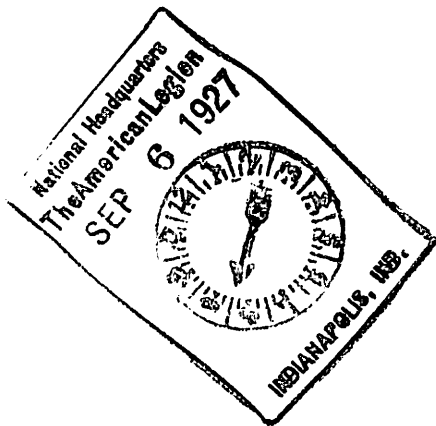


THE CRAFTSMAN
CALDWELL CONSISTORY CATHEDRAL
BLOOMSBURG, PA

National Sep 2" 27
American Legion Headquarters
Indianapolis
Gentlemen:
My brother-in-law

PVT. WILLIAM L. ALEXANDER,
Co. 1, 318 Inf. No. 175330
died at Base 42 in
France on December 1"
1918.

We do not know where
he is buried - name
of cemetery or grave number.
Can you supply me
with that information at once.



The Legion Delegate from
this section has agreed to
bring a picture of the grave
home to Private Alexander's
old mother if we can
get the information I
am asking you for before
he sails for France the
early part of next week.

Your attention to this matter
will have my personal
appreciation as well as
add some degree of satisfaction
to a soldier's mother.

Thanking you kindly,
your truly
245 Iron St. F. M. Fisher

In reply refer to:
293.8 C-R

#77963

File
November 29, 1922.

Mrs. Mabel Burres Alexander Eckert,
721 Coleman Street,
Easton, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:
The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that
the permanent grave of

the late Private William L. Alexander, Company "I",
318th Infantry, is Grave #10, Block C, Row #39, Meuse-Argonne American
Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Ardennes, France.
~~This is one of the permanent American graves in this cemetery.~~

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

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

Very truly yours,

MAILED

DEC 1 - 1922

G.R.S.

H. J. Conner,
Assistant.

22/1281/ARK

rk
AC 7

DATE 11/22/21

1. NAME Alexander, William L SERIAL No. 175330

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. I 318th Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION AMER. - Bazoilles-sur-Meuse - Vosges. 6

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

440

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 397. Bazoilles-sur-Meuse, Vosges.

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES E-346.21. N.170-12. Map: Mirecourt NW 84.

CONCENTRATED TO February, 1921. 440.

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

Bazoilles-sur-Meuse.

6.

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

Nothing of record.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS Not of record.

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

Wm. H. QUARTERMAN, Capt. F.A. USA.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 11/22/21 10 39 C

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

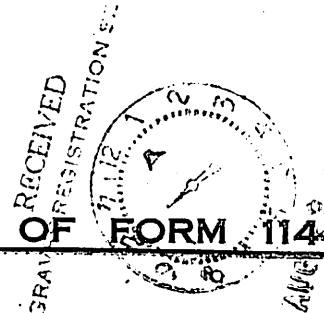
Plot
Block

Meuse-Argonne American Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse) 1232

CEMETERY

10/20/22
M.J.D.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B



1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.

2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch. Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.

3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.

4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form I6, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.

C O P Y

293.8 Cem. Div., #77963, ALEXANDER, William L.

721 Coleman St.,
Easton, Pa.

Chas. C. Pierce, Maj. U.S.A.

Sir:-

In reference to enclosed paper, have given the address of Mr. Alexander's people. We decided to leave Wm. Alexander in France where he was first interred, as they are not allowed to be reopened on there return to U. S. soil. Have remarried as you will see by my signature. Thanking you for the above letter, I have paid the price for this cruel war like many others. But if the body of Wm. Alexander is moved from (Bazalle's) Grave 397. Will you kindly let me know. But I hope they will not have to move his body.

Thanking you for your kindness to me

I remain respectfully

Mabel Burnes Alexander Eckert.
721 Coleman St.,
Easton, Pa.

*Very
kind
Mabel
3/29*

H.B.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Sept. 28, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF ALEXANDER, William L. SERIAL NUMBER 172330RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. I, 318th. Inf.2. Disinterred (date): Sept. 28, 1921. From (give complete location): Gr. No. 440American Military Cemetery # 6, Bazoilles (Vosges) France.By: Group 2. Unit Section No. 4

3. Reburied (date): In (give complete location):

Nov. 22, 1921 Meuse-Argonne Cem. 1232, Gr. 10, Row 39, Block CBy: Group Re-burial S Unit Nature of reburial lined casket

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

Buried in wooden box and in uniform. Body badly decomposed, recognition impossible.5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes. On grave marker? Yes.

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

No effects found.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) unable to determine.(b) Weight (estimated) unable to determine.(c) Hair—Color apparently dark brown.Quantity unable to determine.Characteristics unable to determine.(d) Hair on face—Color none.Location Quantity (e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) none visible.

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

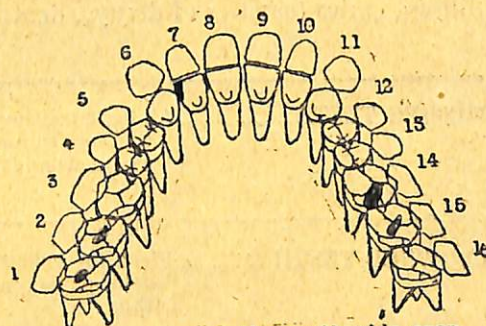
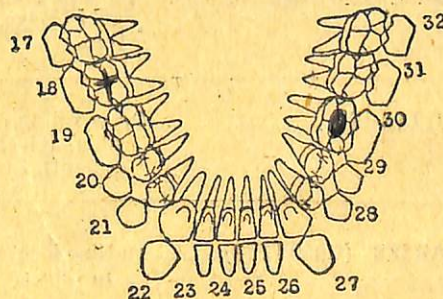
None discernible.

Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



Nos. 1, 2, 14, 15, 18, 30,

Nov. 7, Gold filling. Nov. 16, not grown. km.

7. Disinterment supervised by

J. E. BESON.

Approved:

(Title)

D. E. LOWRY,

1st. Lt., Q.M.C. bjr.






8. Reburial

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

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

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

(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No. 6.
6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspid (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

MISSING TEETHAll teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :	
CROWNED TEETHBlock in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :	
BRIDGE WORKBlock in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :	
FILLINGSDraw 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.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept. 28, 1921.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name Alexander, William L. *O.N. M.G.D.* 10. Name Alexander, W. L.
 2. No. 175330 *O.K.* 11. No. 175330
 3. Rank Pvt. 12. Rank
 4. Org. Co. I 318th Inf 13. Org.
 5. D.D. 12-1 14. (a) D.D.
 6. C.D. Broncho Pneumonia (b) D.B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 440 Sec. 15. Grave No. Sec.
 8. Plot Row 16. Plot Row
 9. 17. None
 18. Cemetery Amer. 19. Commune or town Bazoilles-sur-Meuse
 20. Dept. or County Vosges 21. Country France
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 6
 23. Disinterred (Date) Sept. 28, 1921. By J. E. Benson.
 24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name ALEXANDER, William L.Serial No. Rank Organization Co. I, 318th. Inf. Gr. 44025. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes. On body? Yes.Signature T. H. CHUNN. Junior Technical Assistant

T. H. CHUNN.

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).

No effects found. Form 16a accomplished. Disc on body reads (W.L. Alexander, 175330)
 27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, recognition impossible.

28. Nature of burial Buried in uniform and in wooden box.29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? See No. 10, 11.30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Sept. 28, 1921. By J. E. Benson.31. Casket sealed by J. E. Benson.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

J. E. BENSON.

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No.

C-10668

32. Designation of body:

Name Alexander, William L.

Serial No.

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. I 318th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse Argonne Amer. #1232 - Romagne-sous-Montfaucon
Meuse.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Sept. 28, 1921. By J. E. Benson.

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

D. E. LOWRY, 1st. Lt., Q.M.C.

bjm

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Sept. 28, 1921.

To point of Concentration Neufchateau (Vosges)

(Name

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

Capt. Q.M.C.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery

Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse)

(Name

Convoyer C. L. RIELEY Signature Shipping Officer

W. R. BUCKLEY,
Capt. Q.M.C.

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred Meuse-Argonne Cemetery #1232 Nov. 22, 1921

(Date

42. Grave No. 10

Section

43. ~~Plot~~ Block C

Row 39

G.R.S. Representative

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

WASHINGTON
Hoboken, N. J.

JAN 7 1921

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q. M. G.
To: Mrs. Mable B. Alexander, ~~222 N. 4th St., Reading, Pa.~~ *721 Coleman St., Easton Pa.*
SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. William L. Alexander, #175330, Co. 1, 318 Inf.

Note mother's name & address

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body remain in France.

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Major, U. S. A.

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 these relatives are STILL LIVING.

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow	<i>Mabel Burr Alexander Eckert</i>	<i>Easton</i>	<i>Pa</i>
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1 <i>None</i> 2 <i>None</i> 3 <i>None</i>		
Father	<i>Charles L. Alexander</i>	<i>Shawmut</i>	<i>Delaware</i>
Mother	<i>Emma L. Alexander</i>	<i>Hazellton</i>	<i>Pa</i>
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1 <i>None</i> 2 <i>None</i> 3 <i>None</i>		
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1 <i>Mrs. A. Lockwood</i> 2 <i>Agusta Alexander</i> 3 <i>Mrs. Frank M. Fisher</i>	<i>1540 Euclid Ave</i> " " <i>Hazellton</i>	<i>Berkeley Calif</i> " " <i>Pa</i>

Date *Jan 14 - 1921*

Signature

Address *721 Coleman St.*

Relationship

IMPORTANT.—CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper.

3-7890

(OVER.)

Jan 14

1921

I, the undersigned, am the _____ and nearest living relative of the within-named
(Relationship.)
soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:
(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

2. ~~To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to~~ _____

(Name.)

(R. R. station.)

(State.)

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

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

Signature

Michael Burin-Alexander Ecker

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

1. If definite instruction as to the disposition of a body are not received from the nearest relative 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 living relatives 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.

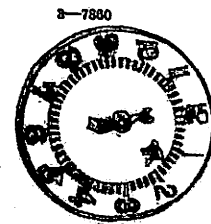
6. If YOU are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.

7. If YOU are not the nearest living relative 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.

JAN 14 1921



CEMETERY DIVISION

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name ALEXANDER, William L. Ser. No. 175330
 (b) Rank Private Organization Co. I, 318th Infantry
 (c) Date of death 12-1-18 (d) Cause of death Broncho pneumonia

TYP. vbbCKR. vbb

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

(a) Grave No. 397 Row -- Plot -- Sec. -- TYP. vbb
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Mable B. Alexander (wife) 813 N. Front St.,
Reading, Penn'a.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

NO CARDCKR. L.

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Mable Burres Alexander (b) Relationship wife
 (c) Address Box 133 Bound Brook, N.J.
 (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 BBR Date 10-12, 1920.V. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from Mabel B. AlexanderBox 133, Bound Brook, N.J., dated 9-12-19confirming request in Par. IV., item "D", above, or requesting that body besent to her, if all are returned.Examiner's Initials BBR Date 10-12, 1920.

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

Wife Mabel B. Alexander
222 N. 4th Reading Pa. 2-25-19 asks
for grave location of photograph and

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes from (over)Examiner's Initials MM Date 10-12, 1920.COUNTRY FRANCECEMETERY No. 6SHEET No. 4**FORM 115 - A COMPLETED**WB 12-16-20**CARDED**checked
11/12/20

11-21-21
transit to
Newse Argentine 12323
11-21-21

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

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by

cable on _____, 1920

letter on _____, 1920

PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED (H.S.)

IX.

CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE.

ACTION TAKEN.

Let 5/6/21 Sup. advise widow that letter add. to Mother
w/ regard to disposition of body was returned
unclaimed & unless at some future date specific
instructions are rec'd from Mother to the contrary, the
remains of former husband will remain in France
for permanent burial. M. R. 5/9/21

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

1/14/21-Form 120 - Mrs. Mabel Burns Alexander Eckert (widow)
721 Coleman Street, Easton, Pennsylvania, wishes body to
remain in France. H-1/20/21-jt

3/76- That City is not permit and asking for
final advice - AS

Let: 4/7/21 - widow - Mabel Burns Alex. Eckert - 721 -
Coleman St. Easton, Pa. - Requests remains to be
interred either in City at Arlington Va. or City in
France, advise location of grave after reburial - H-4/14/21

Letter 4/23/21 Sup. advise widow that thru
re-marriage she forfeits her right to direct
disposition. State let has been fwd Mother for
confirmation of her ^(widow's) request. M. R. 4-30-21

Letter 4/23/21 to Mother re: disposition. M. R. 4/30/21
(Let of 4/23/21 returned unclaimed.)

COPY

Place Bazailles, Cem. No. 6.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Jan. 28th, 19211. REMAINS OF ALEXANDER, William L. SERIAL NUMBER 17530RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. I. 31st Inf.2. Disinterred (date): Jan. 28th, 1921 From (give complete location): Gr. 397, Cem. No. 6.By: Group 3 Unit Sec. 83. Reburied (date): Jan. 28th, 1921 In (give complete location): Gr. 440, Cem. No. 6.By: Group 3 Unit Sec. 8. Nature of reburial Pine box; blanket.

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

Pine box and U. S. uniform. Badly decomposed, features not recognizable.5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? Yes

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

Bottle with hosp. record found under cross and in coffin with remains

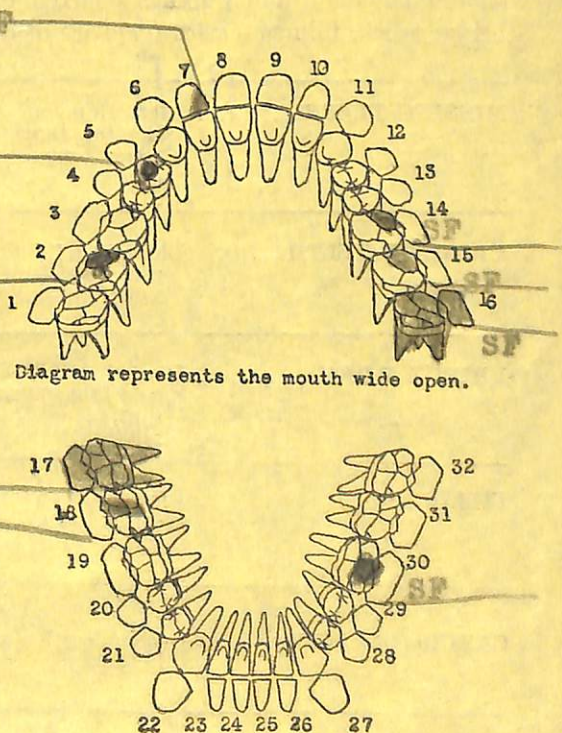
6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items?

(a) Height (actual measurement) 5ft 8 in.(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to estimate.(c) Hair—Color Apparently dark brownQuantity MediumCharacteristics None(d) Hair on face—Color NoneLocation NoneQuantity None(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) None(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) None

Jack Roberts, checker

7. Disinterment supervised by D. E. LounsburyApproved: J. Gerald Cole

9 # 30261








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

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

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

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

MISSING TEETHAll teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus:	
CROWNED TEETHBlock in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:	
BRIDGE WORKBlock in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus:	
FILLINGSDraw 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."

3-7832

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

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

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name ALEXANDER, William L. Ser. No. 175330 vbb
 (b) Rank Private Organization Co. I, 318th Infantry TYP
 (c) Date of death 12-1-18 Cause of death Broncho pneumonia *MB*

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

(a) Grave No. 397 Row Mrs. Mable B. Alexander (wife) Plot 813 N. Front St., Sect. Reading, Penn'a. TYP
 (b) Emerg. Address Reading, Penn'a.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases **NO CARD**CKR *1*

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

*A. G. O. Card: Wife Mable ^{Burns} Alexander, Box 133
 Bound, Brook N.J., requests body be not-
 returned. (#811-15-20)*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on NOV 17 1920 192
(Letter of transmittal on 192)**PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED** (45)VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. DEC 18 1920 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken

VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. 192

COUNTRY

CEMETERY NO.

SHEET NO.

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

FRANCE

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8-666/MB

WB12-16-20

WAR DEPARTMENT
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CEMETERIAL DIVISION, GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
Jan. 27th, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div., Cor.Branch.
(Alexander, William L.)

Mrs. Mabel Burns Alexander Eckert,
721 Coleman Street,
Easton, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:-

Receipt of your communication of recent date relative to the remains of the late William L. Alexander, Private, Serial No. 175330, Co. I, 318th Infantry, is acknowledged. Same has been referred to the Chief of the Cemeterial Division, Washington, D.C. from whom you may expect an early reply.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R.E. SHANTON,
Captain, Q.M. Corps,
Officer in Charge.

By:

F.C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

293.8 Cem.Div., Cor.Br. 1st Ind.

Graves Registration Service, Hoboken, N.J., Jan. 27th, 1921 - To: The Quartermaster General, (Cemeterial Division), Washington, D.C.

1. Forwarded, for furtherance of reply.
2. Status of this case, taken from the records of this office, is as follows:

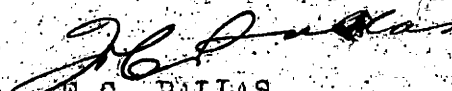
Pvt. William L. Alexander, Ser. No. 175330, Co. I, 318th Inf. Cem. #6 - Cable Ref. No. 4; So far as this office has been able to ascertain, Mrs. Mable Burns Alexander Eckert (remarried),

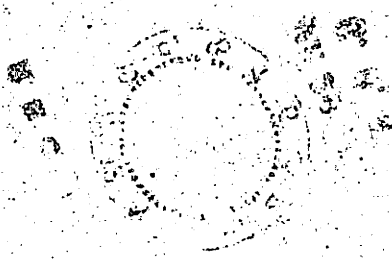
File No. 293.8 Gen. Div., Cor. Branch.
(Alexander, William L.)

Widow, 721 Coleman Street, Easton, Pa.,
is nearest of kin and has requested that
remains be left in France.

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Officer in Charge.

By:


F. C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant.



C. O. P. Y

731 Coleman St.,
Easton, Pa.

Chas. C. Pierce, Maj. U.S.A.

Sir:-

In reference to enclosed paper, have given the address of Mr. Alexander's people. We decided to leave Mr. Alexander in France where he was first interred, as they are not allowed to be reopened on their return to U.S. soil. Have reburied as you will see by my signature. Thanking you for the above letter, I have paid the price for this cruel war like many others. But in the body of Alexander is moved from (Lazalle's) Grave 397. Will you kindly let me know. But I hope they will not have to move his body.

Thanking you for your kindness to me

I remain respectfully

Abel Burnes Alexander Eckert.

721 Coleman St.,
Easton, Pa.

Recorded - Cemeterial Div., O. O. M. G.
File # 4436 477963

Abel Burnes Alexander Eckert

WAR DEPARTMENT
QUARTERMASTER CORPS
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
PIER 2, HOBOKEN, N. J.

February 9, 1921.

FILE No. 293.8 Cem.Div.Cor.Branch.
(ALEXANDER, William L.)

MEMORANDUM FOR: Cemeterial Division, O.Q.M.G., Overseas
Project Sub-section, Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT: Return of Records - Cemetery #6.
Transmittal Memorandum Number H - 1124.

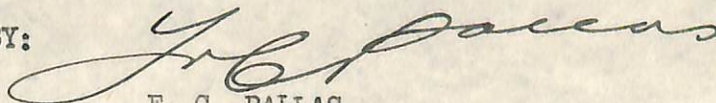
1. The records pertaining to the following case are returned herewith, it having been definitely determined that the body is to remain in Europe:

REFERENCE NO:

4 Alexander, William L., Private, Serial
Number 175330, Company I, 318th Infantry.

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,
Officer in Charge.

BY:



F. C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

1 Incl.

Recd 27/2/21 K

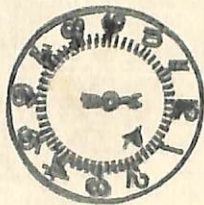
72 Coleman St ^{note}
Boston Pa

Chas C Peirce Maj. U.S.A.

Sir,

In reference to enclosed
papers. I've given the the
addresses of Mr Alexander's
people. We decided to leave
Mr Alexander in France
where he was first entered.
As they are not allowed to
be released on their return
to U.S. soil. I've remarried
as you will see by my
signature. I'm sorry

CEMETERY DIVISION



JAN 14 1921

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FEB 11 1921

OVERLAND FREIGHT

you for the above letter. I
longed for the price for this
cruel war like many others
But if the body of Mr Alexander
is moved from Bagollis Box 397
will you kindly let me know.
But I hope they will not have
to move his body.

Thanking you for your
kindness to me

Yours,

Respt

Mabel Burns Alexander Esq.

721 Coleman St

Easton Pa

Feb. 8th, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Com. Div., Cor. Br.
(Alexander, William L.)

Mrs. Mabel Burns Alexander Eckert,
721 Coleman Street,
Easton, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:-

Receipt of your communication of recent date, relative to the disposition of remains of the late William L. Alexander, Private, Serial No. 175330, Company I, 318th Infantry, is acknowledged.

You are advised that your request that the remains be left in France for burial in a permanent American Cemetery will be complied with. You are assured that the grave site will always be maintained as a fitting memorial of the late soldier's sacrifice. Upon transfer of the remains to a permanent American Cemetery you will be notified of grave location.

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R.E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q.M. Corps,
Officer in Charge.

By:

F.C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

ff/hk

Mailed - Q.P.D.
FEB 10 1921

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CASE OF : ALEXANDER, William L., Pvt.

Cty. 6 - 4

E/A - Mrs. Mable B. Alexander (wife) 813 N. Front St., Reading, Pa.

A.G.O. Card - Mable Burres Alexander, wife, Box 133, Bound Brook, N.J., requests body left in France.

G.R.S. Files - widow add. 222 N.4 St., Reading, Pa.

1/14/21, Form # 120, Mrs. Mabel Burns Alexander Eckert (widow) 721 Coleman Str. Easton, Pa., wishes body remain in France.

Letter 4/7/21, widow advises she desires body interred either in Cty. at Arl., Va., or Cty. in France.

Letter 4/23/21, to widow re confirmation from mother of deceased, n/k, of present request on file.

Letter to mother, Mrs. Emma L. Alexander, Hazelton, Pa., ret'd unclaimed.

Letter 5/6/21, to widow advising her wishes will be complied unless contrary instr. are received from mother.

Recommend Form Letter-----

Bayvilles - Amer. Cty - Vosges

Drawn by - b87c

6-4

10-12-20.

#77963

Box 133

Bond Brook N. J.

Sept 12-19.

Adpt. Gen.

Nav Dept. Wash. D.C.

My dear Sir,

Sorry to keep you waiting for a reply - but wanted to be sure of my decision. Because we mean Honor, and Honor sacrifice. So I decided to let my - Husband rest with - our other dear boys of which cannot be found

Oct 29 3.8 Alexander Wm. St. 76

I appreciate the Govt's -
kindness to me, I have -
paid my price like many
other - and am proud
it was in vain. But
if the Govt. decides to bring
all the bodies back, I want
my husband, and will -
take care of him - at
any time - Upon notification
Thanking you again
Diana

Respt.

Mabel B. Alexander

N. B. Jones L.

Mrs. Alexander is at Bozelle.

397 - As I can find him.

Pat. Co. 1, 318 Inf

175,330

Card filed No

BACKING SHEET

NUMBER _____ DATE _____

PERSON _____ PLACE _____

SUBJECT

A.G.O. 2023.03

DATES ON WHICH THIS FILE IS CHARGED OUT

ALEXANDER, Wm. L.

77963

1. G. R. S. ☒ in No. 1. ☒ G. R. S. File

2. Soldier's No. 75330

3. **ALEXANDER W.L.**
Surname (In Block Letters) First Name and Initials

4. **Pvt.**
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. Date of Death Cause, if known

6. **American Mil. No. 6**
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. **BAZOILLES**
Town or Commune (In Block Letters) Department

8. **397** **23**
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

9. Name Peg? ☒ Cross? ☒ Headboard? ☒ Bottle? ☒
Check Method of Marking

10. Buried with Body? ☒ Attached to Grave Marker? ☒
Identification Tags

11. If name unknown and tags missing, give marks and description.

12. Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

13. Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed **Albert Burns**

Group.....Unit. **C**.....G. R. S.

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Alexander #175,330 William L.
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Private Co. I, 318th Infantry.
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Base Hospital #42. Bazoilles sur-Meuse

CAUSE OF DEATH: Influenza. Complications.
Coalescing Broncho pneumonia.

DATE OF BURIAL: December 2nd, 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL: Cemetery, Bazoilles sur-Meuse
Vosges

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

GRAVE NUMBER: # 397

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? yes Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS

Was one buried with body? yes

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE: (Wife) Alexander Mrs. Mabel B.

ADDRESS: 813 N. Front st, Reading, Penna Barks Co.

RELATIONSHIP: Wife

REPORTED BY: James M. Means
2nd Lt., C.M.C., U.S.A.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

This portion to be sent to Chief of Graves Registration Service.

FILE

CEMETERY DIVISION
REGISTRATION SECTION

October 14th 1921

MEMO FOR:

Cards Department.

1.

CASE OF:

Co. I, 318th Inf.

ORGANIZATION (Old)

ALEXANDER 175330 William L, Pvt.

(Name)

FILE

Correction or additional data changes as shown below have been made on the Registration Card of the above-mentioned soldier and a corresponding change will be necessary on the Organization Card:

ORGANIZATION (New)

FILE NO.

SURNAME

SERIAL NUMBER

FIRST NAME AND INITIALS

RANK

DATE OF DEATH

CAUSE OF DEATH

	Date	Place	F-1A No.
Orig.			D-
1st Reb.			D-
2nd Reb.	1/28/21	6	D- 30261
3rd Reb.			D-

(Note: In the above spaces below double line fill in ONLY the new date and data correcting previous information)

BY: Miss Lannon

Card.
(Department)

5 x 8 card was sent to file.

Corrections made
on Organization
File Card:

By *B*
S/3324/LML

File O.S.P.
1612
FILE

May 6, 1921.

293.8 Gen. #77963 (Alexander, William L., Private)

The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army (Cemeterial Division)

Mrs. Mabel Burns Alexander Eckert, 721 Coleman Street, Easton, Pa.

Case of Private William L. Alexander.

1. Pursuant to the letter from this office under date of April 23, 1921, you are advised that a communication addressed to Mrs. Emma L. Alexander at Hazelton, Pennsylvania, on that date relative to what disposition she desired made of the remains of her son, the late Private William L. Alexander, Company I, 318th Infantry, has been returned, as Mrs. Alexander could not be located by the Post Office Officials at that place. Therefore, unless at some future date specific instructions to the contrary are received from Mrs. Alexander, the remains of your former husband will remain permanently buried in France. As stated in the letter of April 23, 1921, this body will eventually be transferred to the Argonne American Cemetery at Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse, where the grave will always be under the tender and reverent care of this Government.

2. As such disposition of the remains has been your wish this action is thought to be satisfactory to you.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHAPLES J. WYNNIE,
Captain, Q. M. G.

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Cemeterial Division

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MAY 6 1921

U.S.A.

Forward to O.S.P.

Noted on Form No. 115

Date

M. R. 6/2/21

WAR DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY,
WASHINGTON.

In Answer Refer to File No.

April 23, 1921.

No. 293.8 Cem. #77963 (Alexander, William L., Private).
From: The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army (Cemeterial Division).
To: Mrs. Emma L. Alexander, Hazelton, Pa.
Subject: Disposition of Body.

1. This office is in receipt of a communication from Mrs. Mabel Burns Alexander Eckert, the former widow of your son, the late Private William L. Alexander, Company I, 318th Infantry, in which she requests that the remains of this soldier be either returned to this country for burial at the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia, or removed to the Argonne American Cemetery at Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse, France.

2. Owing to the remarriage of the former widow of your son, it is desired that you confirm the request made by her in order that proper authority may be had for action. No particular form is necessary. Merely state over your signature whether you wish the remains of this soldier returned to this country for burial at a National Cemetery or for private burial at your home. In the event that you desire permanent burial abroad, such interment can be arranged.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

Charles J. Wynne

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

File
pm

April 23, 1921.

293.8 Gen. #77963 (Alexander, William L., Private).

The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army (Cemeterial Division).

Mrs. Mabel Burns Alexander Eckert, 721 Coleman Street, Easton, Pa.

Disposition of Body.

FILE

1. In reply to your letter of April 7, 1921, you are advised that through your remarriage you have forfeited your right to direct disposition of the remains of your former husband, the late Private William L. Alexander, Company I, 318th Infantry. This right devolves upon the mother of this soldier, Mrs. Dana L. Alexander, Hazelton, Pennsylvania. A letter has been addressed to Mrs. Alexander this date requesting information as to whether or not she desires to confirm your request that the remains of this soldier be returned to this country for burial in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia, or to be permanently interred in the Argonne American Cemetery at Rougemont-Montfaucon, Department of the Meuse.

2. You will be further advised upon receipt of this information from Mrs. Alexander.

By authority of the Quartermaster General;

sag

CHARLES J. WYNNIS,
Captain, O. M. C.

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5/5/21

APR 27 1921

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APR 26 1921

Cemeterial Division

Overseas Field Sub-Section

G.R.S.

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

I. GENERAL INFORMATION on Cemetery No. (furnished by: M. P.) (date 4-19-21)
Data sent Overseas Body & remain. Let. pass 11/17/20
Operations to commence (approx.) Have begun
Operations to be completed (approx.) _____
Bodies shipped from European Port _____
Bodies arrived at Hoboken 175330

II. CASE OF Alexander, William L. Pvt. Co I 31st Inf.
The following information was abstracted (Date) 4-19-21 from: Form #115-

SOURCE	CLK.	in OFFICE	CLK.	in OFFICE
A. G. O. Cards	<u>MP</u>	<u>yes</u>		
A.G.O. Corresp.				
G.R.S. Corresp. relative to disp.				
		Shppg. Inquiry (sent _____)		
		To _____		
		OSP S-S Corresp. (see Remarks.)		

DESIRES as to Disposition.

Name of Relative	RETURN		REMAIN	SPECIAL
	N. C.	Pvt. Int.		
Widow				
Children (Name oldest first)				
Deceased				
Father				
Mother				
Brothers				
Sisters				

Form #120-1/14/21- Mabel Ruess
Alexander Robert (former widow)
721 Colman St. Easton Pa. requests
body remain. To children - father
deceased. Mother - Emma R. Alexander
Hazleton, Pa.

Body to be shipped to _____
was shipped (Date) M. P. 4/19/21

REMARKS Cty & audited. Form #115 in Wash.
373 in storage at Port Cable 4-11-21, B&B 4/19-21

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APR 14 1921

Central Division
Overseas Project Sub-Section



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Central Division
Overseas Project Sub-Section

APR 13 1921

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CEMETERIAL
DIV. O. M. G.

APR 18 1921

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APR 13 1921

Central Division
Overseas Project Sub-Section

721 Coleman St.
Easton Pa.

April 7-1921

Mr. Ken Wash.

Sir,

Your letter in reference
to my former husband
Wm. L. Alexander Pri. Co D 318 Inf.
in reference to his burial
It was my wish they place
him where they placed him
first. But as you state the
site is to be discontinued I
would prefer him buried

Received, Cemeterial Div. O. M. G.
File 1677-186

NOTED ON 115
APR 14-21

is the United Cemetery of Arlington, or
United cemetery in France. Just as
the Gov. sees fit. But kindly let ~~us~~
me know where they lay him.
As he has suffered enough. I
thank you for your kindness to
me. And if you will kindly
keep me known of his last resting
place - I thank you.

Respt.

Michael Burns Alexander Esq.

11-14-21-2021

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File 77963

293.8 Reg. Sec., Cem. Div.
(Alexander, Wm. L.)

March 26, 1921.

From: The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army (Cemeterial Division).
To: Mrs. Mabel Burns Alexander Eckert, 721 Coleman St., Easton, Pa.
Subject: Disposition of Remains - Pvt. William L. Alexander, Company I,
318th Infantry, Serial 175330.

1. This office wishes to advise you that the American Cemetery at Bazoilles, Vosges, France, in which the body of your former husband, the late Private William L. Anderson, is now buried, will not be retained by the United States Government as one of its permanent cemeteries in France. It has been necessary to abandon this cemetery because a large proportion of the bodies have been returned to this country, leaving the remaining graves widely scattered throughout the entire cemetery. Under such conditions it has been found advisable to transfer these bodies to the cemeteries which are to be maintained by our Government, unless the nearest of kin desires the body returned to the United States.

2. Please advise this office by return mail (1) whether you desire his body returned to the United States and (a) shipped to you or (b) to the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia, the Government bearing the expense; (2) transferred to a permanent French Military Cemetery, the next of kin to assume all responsibilities and obligations in connection with the upkeep of the grave after the transfer is made; or (3) whether you would now be willing to have this Government transfer the body to one of its permanent American Cemeteries in France, wherein you are assured that the grave site will always be carefully and tenderly maintained as a fitting memorial of the late soldier's sacrifice and an appropriate headstone will be erected to mark his resting place therein.

3. In the event you desire the body returned to the United States for private burial, you are informed that the War Risk Insurance Bureau, Washington, D.C., will allow reimbursement, not to exceed \$100, upon presentation of an itemized statement, or receipted bills to cover charges incident to the removal of the body from the railroad station and the actual funeral expenses.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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OSP:SS
C & C Dept.

Overseas Proj. Sec.
Cemeterial Division

THOS. G. HANSON, Jr.,
Captain, C. M. Corps.

77963.

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June 12th, 1919.

Mrs. Wm. L. Alexander, 222 N. 4th Street, Reading, PA.

Private William L. Alexander, Co. I, 318th Infantry, American E.F.

1. In reply to your recent enquiry concerning the grave location of the above mentioned soldier, you are informed that the soldier is buried in Grave #997, in the American Cemetery at BAZOILLES-SUR-MEUSE, Department of the VOSGES, FRANCE. Bazailles is located about six kilometers south of Neufchateau.

2. We regret that it is impossible for us to furnish you with the name of the chaplain or any of the comrades of your husband, who were at the hospital with him when he died, in as much as this hospital has since left for the United States.

3. Photographs are at the present time being taken of the graves of all Americans, who have died in France, and these will be distributed at a very early date.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Colonel, Q.M.C. U.S.A.,
Chief, G.R.S.

REN/gg.

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

FILE NUMBER 77963

FROM:-

DATE

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME

RANK

NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

ALEXANDER, Wm L.

Pvt.

Co. I, 318th INF.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	1.-William L.Alexander, #175330 Pvt. Co. I 318th., Infantry
2.	Date of Death.	2.-12-1-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	3.-Broncho Pneumonia.
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	4.-409
5.	Date buried.	5.-Not given
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.	6.-Grave No.397.American Cemetery, Bozailles-sur-Meuse, Mosges, No.6
7.	Who reported burial.	
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	8.-Yes
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	9.-Cross.
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	10.-1 Tag buried with body 1 Tag attached to grave marker.
11.	Who is nearest relative?	11.-Mrs. Mable B.Alexander (Wife) 813 N.Front St., Reading, Pa.
12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	12.-Yes. 1-24-19
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.?	
	N.B. All Proper names to be printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.	

8134 Front St.
222 N 4th
Reading Pa.
Feb 25-1919.

Chief, Gross Reg. Service
Headquarters Service Supply
A. P. O 727

American E. F. France

My dear Sir,

Your letter to hand,
as to the above reference,
will you kindly give
me full information
as location, photograph.



name of Chaplain, also his
comrade who carried "My
Husband," "Priest L. Alexander"
of Co D. 318 Inf. died at Base
Hospital 42. Dec 1-1918. My
old address being 813 N Front St.
Baltimore to Elthead Rose
changed to 222 N 4th Reading
Thanking you for your kindness
& courtesy to me

Michael Bruno Alexander

222 N 4th

Reading Pa.

U.S.A.

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Mrs Wm L. Alexander