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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M Allen. Alva (MA)

August 1, 1932

Mrs. Margaret J. Allen, R. F. D. 2. Bloomfield, Indiana.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours

CHAS. W. DIETZ Captain, Q. M. Corp.

Assistant

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QM 293 A-M Allon, Alva (MA) August 1, 1932

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For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours.

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WAR DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL WASHINGTON

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June 9, 1931.

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For The Quartermaster General.

A. D. HUGHES,

Captain, Q. M. Corps,

Assistant.

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL WASHINGTON

Allen, Alva - 1232 M

June 6, 1930.

Mrs. Cordelia Chaney, Oakland, Towa.

Dear Madam:

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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,

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 Allen, Alva 1232-M February 18, 1930

Mrs. Cordelia Chaney, Oakland, Ia.

Dear Madam:

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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 GENER WASHINGTON

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WAR DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL WASHINGTON

IN REPLY NEFER TO QM 293 A-C. Allen, Alva

July 31, 1929.

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Dear Sir:

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For The Quartermaster General,

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL WASHINGTON

Allen Alva (MA)

MrsCordelia Chancy
Oakland Iowa

July 7, 1932

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL WASHINGTON

Allon, Alva Pvt. (M-A) M

June 9, 1931.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

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

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May 9, 1930

QM 293 A-C Allen, Alva

Mr. Christopher B. Coleman, Director, Historical Bureau, State House, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 30 relative to the place of burial of the late Private Alva Allen.

You are advised that the remains of this late soldier are now interred in Grave 10, Row 44, Block E, in the Mouse Argonne American Cometery, Romagne-sous-Montfaulen, Meuse, France.

For The Quartermaster General.

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30 April 1930

The Quartermaster General,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

M. & R. DIV.

In re record of Alva Allen, 47279, private, Co. G, 18th Infantry.

Where is he buried?

Sincerely,

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Mrs. Cordelia Chancy, Oskland, In.

Dear Madam:

February 18, 1930

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL WASHINGTON

Allen, Alva

September 9, 1929.

Mr. Jerry Allen, R.F.D. #2, Bloomfield, Ind.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated July 31, 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?

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For The Quartermaster General,

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Allen, Alva

July 31, 1929.

Mr. Jorry Allen, R.F.D. #2, Bloomfield, Ind.

Dear Sir:

The inclosed card gives the permanent cemetery and grave location of the late.

All American military cemeteries, both in Europe and in our own country, will be maintained by the Government forever, the graves permanently marked by headstones showing the decedent's name, rank, organization, State, and date of death, all of which will be done without the necessity of requests emanating from relatives.

Please understand that in effecting the final disposition of our heroic dead the utmost care and reverence is exercised.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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July 19, 1920.

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QM 293 A-C Allen, Alva.

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May 25, 1929. To The Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.

1. You are advised of the confirmation of identification in the case of the late Private Alva Allen, 47279, Company G, 18th Infantry, 1st Division, killed in action October 4, 1918. The remains are to be interred in France.

2. It is requested that this office be advised of the grate location when interment has been accomplished.

For The Quartermaster General:

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293 Allen, Alva.

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LB/LB.

July 11, 1929. To: The Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington, D.C.

- 1. With G.R.S.Forms 16-A, 114-A and 1-A covering permanent concentration of the late Private Alva Allen, Company Gp 18th Infantry, into Grave 10, Block E, Row 44, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery.
- 2. It is requested that correct inscription to be cut on permanent marker over this grave be furnished this office as soon as possible.

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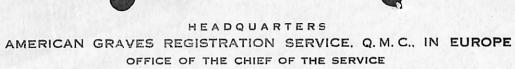
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Richard T. ELLIS, Colonel, Q.M.C., Chief.

JOHN T. HARRIS.

Assistant.

Major, Q.M.Corps;



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CHIEF. AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE.

PILE NO 293 ALLEN, Alve.

LB/LB.

PARIS FRANCE April 11, 1929.

Subject: Recovery of Remains.

To: The Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington, D.C.

- 1. Inclosed is G.R.S. Form 16-A covering the recovery of the remains of Frivate Alve ALIEN, #47279, Company G, 18th Infantry, by the Research Personnel of this service.
- 2. Remains were found in a trench, on the north side of Hill 240, at an altitude of 220 meters, commune of Exermont, Ardennes, map Foret d'Argonne, E-301.040, N-281.845.
- 3. No personal effects were found with the remains other than a Gillette safety razor and a small pair of scissors which were badly corroded and were left with the body.
- 4. Identification was established by tag found on body which read on one side "Alve Allen, Pvt. G. 18 Inf. USA." and on reverse "--279".

5. These remains are being held in the Meuse-Argonne Mortuary pending receipt of advice from your office as to confirmation of identification and disposition.

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Richard T. ELLIS, Colonel, Q.M.C., Chief.

Meuse-American Cemetery STATION Romagnessous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE July 8th, 1929.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT COMPARATIVE REPORT		
Records of G.R.S. Headquarters. Disc	repancy found upon exhumation of body	
1. Name ALLEN, Alva.		
2. No. 47279	11. No.	
3. Rank Private	12. Rank	
4. Org. Co.G, 18th Infantry	13. Org.	
5. D.D. October 4, 1918	14. (a) D.D.	
6, C.D. KIA.	(b) D. B.	
Redovered from individual standing trench, Commune, Exermont, Ardennes, E.301.040	Discrepancy found upon disinterment	
7. Grave No. Sec. Sec.	15. Grave No. Sec.	
8. PlotRow	16. Plot Row	
9.	17. No discrepancies.	
18. Cemetery	19. Commune or town	
20. Dept. or County	21. Country	
22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No.		
23. Disinterred (Date) April 2,1929,	By Harry E.N.Stine.	
24. Inscription on grave marker: None.		
Name	Serial No.	
Rank	Organization	
25. Was identification disc found on grav	re marker? On body? Yes. 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).		
TOB reads one side "Alve ALLEN, Pvt. G, 18 Inf. USA"., other side "279". Two service strips on sleeve. Shoes size TEE. Gilette safety rezor, small pair of scissors and wire		
cutters corroded and buried. 27. Condition of body Skeleton disarticulated, flesh entirely decomposed. Buried four feet deep in OD US Uniform and slicker. Shell had made		

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? TOS reads Alve Allen.

28. Nature of burial direct hit and lower part of his body and legs term to pieces.

- 30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date April 2nd, 1929. By Harry B. W. Stine.
- 31. Casket sealed by Harry R.M.Stine.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

Harry Editing

SHI	PMENT. (Show actual marking of box.)	Box No. C-33378.
32.	Designation of body:	
1	Name ALLEN, Alva.	Serial No. 48279
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33.	Consigned to:	is necessarily and the first of
ı	Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse-Argonn	e American Cemetery
	Casket boxed and marked (Date) June 20th, 1929	By Herry Ball Stine.
	I hereby certify that all the foregoing operation accomplished under my immediate supervision as is correct.	ations were conducted and and that the report above
	Signature of G.R.S. Inspector	W.B.Sheild,
36.	Remarks	Caretager.

37.	Shipped from point of Operation: (Date)	
	To point of Concentration	(Name)
	ConvoyerSignature Shipp:	
38.	Received at Railhead or Point of Concentrat	ion: Date
	By G.R.S. Representative	
39.	Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentrat	ion: Date
	To Permanent Cemetery	
	Convoyer Signature Shipp	(Name) ing Officer
2000	G.R.S. Representative	
41.	Reinterred July 8th, 1929,	
42.	Grave No. Ten (10),	Date) Section Block E,
43.	Plot Row For	ty-four (44).
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	Unit
Reburied (date):	In (give complete location): Grave 10, Block E, Row 44,
July 8th, 1929,	Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cemetery, Romagne-sous- Mentfaucon (Meuse), France.
By: Group W.B. Sheild, Caretaker,	Unit AGES., QIC., in E., Nature of reburial and OD Blanke
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Characteristics	1 2 16
(d) Hair on face—Color	Diagram represents the mouth wide open.
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(e) Permanent marks on body (old sca	ars, peculiarities, or
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(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at the	ime of casualty) perfect condition.
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supervised by Harry E.M.Stine.	Approved: W.B. Sho 11d.
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supervised by	Approved:
Caretaker.	(Title)

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

Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the corresponding numbered space. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 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:	TOOTH MISSING TOOTH MISSING
CROWNED TEETH	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:	GOLD CROWN GOLD CROWN
BRIDGE WORK	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus:	GOLDAND PORCELAIN BRIDGE GOLDBRIDGE
FILLINGS	Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:	GOLD FILLING GOLD FILLING GOLD FILLING GOLD FILLING
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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.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA.

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QM 293 A- C Allen, Alva.

May 25, 1929.

Subject: Investigation.

To: The Adjutant General, Washington, D.C.

1. You are advised that the remains of the late Private alva Allen, 47279, Company G, 18th Infantry, let Division, killed in action October 4, 1918, were recovered from "Individual standing trench, on north side of Hill 240, altitude 220 metres, Commune of Exernort, Ardennes. Map 35ME., East 301.040 - North 281.845."

2. A Gillette safety razor and a small pair of scissors were the only personal effects that were found, these, however, were so corroded that they were left with the remains. The soldier's identification tag was found.

For The Quarternaster Ceneral:



May 25, 1929 QM 293 A-C Allen, Alva. Mr. Jerry Allen, R.F.D. 2, Bloomfield, Indiane. Dear Sir: You are advised that the remains of your son, the late Private Alva Allen, 47279, Company G, 18th Infantry, 1st Division, killed in action October 4, 1918, have been recovered from an isolated grave. on the north side of Hill 240, Commune of Exermont, Ardennes, France. The remains of your son will be interred in one of the American Cometeries in France, and the grave will be marked by a white marble headstone, engraved with his name, rank, organization, division, date of death, and the state from which he came. You will be advised of the grave location when interment has been accomplished. For your information you are advised that the only personal effects found were a Gillette safety razor and a small pair of soisnois, however, these were so correded, that they with the identification tag were left with the remains. For The Quartermaster General; Very truly yours, JOHN T. HARRIS, Major, Q.M.Corps, Assistant.

QM 293 A-C

May 25, 1929

Allen, Alva.

Subject: Unlocated World War Dead.

To: The American Battle Monuments Commission, State, War and Navy Building, Washington, D.C.

1. You are advised that the name of the late Private Alva Allen, 47279, Company G, 18th Infantry, 1st Division, killed in action October 4, 1918, should be eliminated from your Unlocated List of World War Dead.

For The Quartermaster General:

JOHN. T. HARRIS, Major, Q.M.Corps, Assistant. 2 R.

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QM 293 A-C Allen, Alva. 1st Ind.

May 25, 1929. To The Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.

- 1. You are advised of the confirmation of identification in the case of the late Private Alva Allen, 47279, Company G, 18th Infantry, 1st Division, killed in action October 4, 1918. The remains are to be interred in France.
- 2. It is requested that this office be advised of the grave location when interment has been accomplished.

For The Quartermaster General:

Incl. withdrawn.

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

Noted by Statistical Clerk; Date 5-24-29 402

April 11, 1929.

Subject: Recovery of Remains.

To: The Quarternaster General of the Army, Washington, D.G.

- 1. Inclosed is G.R.S. Form 16-A covering the recovery of the remains of Private Alve ALEN, #47279, Company G. 18th Infantry, by the Research Personnel of this service.
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Richard T. ELLIS, Colonol, Q.M.C., Chief. May 24, 1929

From: Investigation.

To: Cemetery Audit.

cty 1232,

Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Remagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

MORGUE

Recovered April 2, 1929 from an isoldted Individual Standing trench grave, north side of Hill 240, 220 meterw altitude, Came. Exermont, Ardennes, 301.040 Rest - 281.845 North

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Body held in morgue Cty 1252, Meume-Argonne American Cometery.

Disposition card nor correspondence relative to disposition advice , Additional located.

E. Rensett Vail Investigator.

G.R.S.FORM #135 IDENTIFICATION OPINION

OPINION

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CASE OF ALLEN: ELVA 47279 Pvt. Co. G, 18th Inf. 1st Div. KIA 10/4/18
Ind. standing trench, north side of Hill 240, (altitude 220 meters, Cmme. Exermont, Ard. 201.04-281.845 Held in Morgue Ctv 1232.

Remains recovered April 2, 1929 from above ind. trench grave and held in DECISION morgue, Cty 1232, ARE THOSE of Pvt. Alva Allen, Co. G 18th Inf.

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Reported missing in action about 10/4/18, later determined killed in action October 4, 1918.

The 18th Infantry was a part of the 1st Infantry Brigade, of the 1st Division.

The Organization was evidently in the location from which the remains were recovered as Hill 240 tas one of the strong points or outstanding location frequently referred to in the records of the men of the 1st Division for the 1st part of October, 1918 in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive.

6. Pvt. Allen sailed for overseas in June 1917 therefore would have been entitled to wear 2 service stripes, as each stripe was given for 6 months overseals

It would appear from the location and conditions of recovery that Pvt. Allen had evidently been in the individual trench when hit by a shell and killed .- Europe reports "buried four feet deep" which would seem to indicate that the remains had been buried after being killed. (This burial so far as records show were never reported to the C.O. hence this office has no record of the burial of this soldier.)

The investigator is of the opinion that the remains recovered Apr. 2, 1929 from an individual standing trench, north side of Hill 240, 220 metres altitude. Cmme. Exermont, Ard. E301.040-N.281.845 on which were found 2 service stripes and identification tag, and which had been directly hit by shell, as lower part of body and legs were torn to pieces; (Sternum, 8 ribs, left tibia and fibula, right fibula completely shattered. Left femur double fracture lower third., right tibia fractured middle third, Hole through lower part of right pelvis bone. Left pelvis bone missing, both shoes torn by pieces of shell.) Are those of the late Private Alva : Allen, Co. G 18th Infantry. KIA 10/4/18.

> No disposition card nor corr. relative to disposition located.

E. Keusett Vail

Investigator.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date April 2, 1929.

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- (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.

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

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Allen, Alva Pvt. Co. G - 47279

INDEX SHEET

Letter

10-18-27

SYNOPSIS

Chief, Graves Reg. Service, QMC in Europe, Paris To

The QMG

RE - Burial Information & Dental Charts.

Adv. that there is no burial inf. on soldiers (listed herein) of the 18th Infantry whose graves are unlocated.

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WAR DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL WASHINGTON

Date 1871/27

SUBJECT: Information required for Cemeterial Division.

TO: The Adjutant General of the Army, World War Division, Washington, D. C.

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Remarks:

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Q. M. C. Form 492. Revised July 26, 1918. PHONES: { RESIDENCE, 188

ALLEN G. PATE LAWYER BLOOMFIELD, INDIANA

Sept. 26,1925.

Maj. D. K. Mitchell, Washington, D. C.

Dear sir: - RE: QM 293; A-C Allen, Alva Pvt. Co. G, 18 Inf.

Answerings yours of September 19th to Jerry Allen, Bloomfield, Indiana, I do not believe Alva Allen had any dental work done prior to enlistment. So far as I know he had teeth crowned filled or removed.

The only information we ever received was that he was missing in action about October 4,1918. We have made all sorts of endeavors to get more definite information

without avail.

Yours truly,



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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-C

Allen, Alva, Pvt. Co. G, 18th Inf.

Sept. 19, 1925.

Mr. Jerry Allen. R.F.D.2, Bloomfield, Ind.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the investigations which are being conducted with a view towards locating the graves of the Unlocated World War Dead, are proving successful in many cases where sufficient identifying marks can be secured. To assist in the investigation work, it will be appreciated if you will secure, if possible, a chart from the dentist who may have performed dental work for the soldier named above, prior to enlistment. The chart should include crowns, fillings, bridges, and extractions, if any. Should you be unable to obtain a chart, kindly report which teeth you recall crowned or filled.

Any information, sketches or descriptions which you may have received from comrades or officers, regarding the death and burial of this soldier, or which you may now secure from the Local Legion Post, may be of valuable aid in locating his grave, and it will be appreciated if you will forward same to this office.

You may be assured that everything possible will be done by the Department to bring the case to a successful conclusion.

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

Very truly yours,

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June 23, 1924.

Mr. Charles H. Abels, Florence, Ariz.

Dear Sir:

The Cuartermaster General desires to thank you for your kind letter of June 15, 1924, concerning the case of the late Private Alva Allen, Company G, 18th Infantry.

Very truly yours,

R. P. HARBOLD, Assistant.

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of lorence any June 15, 192 4 dear Sir: In regard to your letter on the neverse side, I remember Pat allens name & but I can not remember when or where he was killed, or buried, I have been sick so long that I do not irentember very well and such a long time has elapsed I can not help you locate the decenseds grave. yours temp Chas. N. abels.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL WASHINGTON

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June 17, 1934.

Mgt. John J. Fitzgerald, Company G. 18th Infantry, Camp Dix, N. J.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires to thank you for your kind letter of June 12, 1924, concerning the investigation in the case of the late Private Alva Allen, Company G, 18th Infantry.

Very truly yours,

R. P. HARROLD, Assistant.

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Lo. G. 18th Infantry Camp Dia, n. J. The W.m. Greral Washington, D.C. Sir, In reply to letter Q. m. 293. a.l. allen, alva, am sorry that I am unable to give you any information regarding the death and burial of Got allen, though I was gresent with the Co. during the offensive in the argonne. I remember when we checked up after coming out of the lines on Oct, 12/18, notody great seemed to know anything of allen though I have no doubt but that he was Tulled during the offensive Och 4- 11/18. I have also inquired of off. angelo Suilietto of this bo. regarding Ost. allen but he cannot furnish any information of his death or burial. Dorry I cannot be of any assistance in this matter V remain John J. Strigarald 10th Jost bo. G. 18 th dog. M. & R. BRANCH O. Q. M. Q. JUNI 61922

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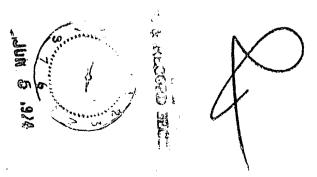
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Allen, Alva

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Sergeant John J. Fitzgerald, Company G, 18th Infantry, Fort Schmyler, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

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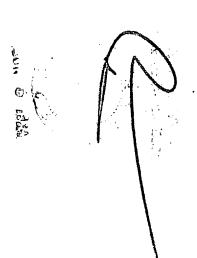
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For The Quartermaster General:

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May 20, 1924.

SUBJECT: Particulars concerning Alva Allen,

#47279, Co. G, 18th Inf.

TO:

The Adjutant General.

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For The Quartermaster General:

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