

G.R.S. Form #114 B

To The A. G. O.

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JUN 1 - 1926

DATE 10/4/21

MMB

1. NAME ALLEN, Thomas SERIAL No. 2763671

RANK Pvt. 1st cl. ORGANIZATION MG. Co. 47th Inf. 4 Div & DIVISION

GRAVE LOCATION Argonne, Amer. Romagne/s/Montfaucon 1232 Sec.97

45 Sec.97 1 GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Dannevoix, Meuse

COORDINATES Verdun 35 NE 280.95 N 315.8 E

CONCENTRATED TO 6/3/19 45 Sec 97 1 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Meuse Argonne Cemetery 1232 CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on body and cross.

DATE OF DEATH

Sept 17 1914

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

Mass

data F-1.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

None

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

M. B. Birdseye

M. B. BIRDSEYE 1st Lt., Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 10/4/21 15 33 E DATE GRAVE ROW Block -PLOT

AUDITED BY

Meuse Argonne American Cty # 1232 Romagne sous Montfaucon

M.H.L. 5/1/23

W 4/5/21 JUN 5 1926 A.G.O. WORLD WAR DIV.

CEMETERY Rec'd World War Div. 2 APR 2 28

O. Q. M. G.  
MAIL & RECORD BRANCH

File 293 - Allen, Thomas (1232)

Subject Priv. - M. G. Co. - 47<sup>th</sup> Infantry

29/243

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Allen, Thomas	3	1 2 2
	CEMETERY	1	1
BURIED	GRAVE	2	15
	ROW	2	33
	BLOCK	1	5
STATE	Wash	2	56
RANK	Col 1108	1	2
DIVISION	4	2	04
ORGANIZATION	47	3	047
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARITAL	Wid	1	2
NAME	Allen	3	
RESIDENCE	Mr Benjamin (Father)	2	
	STATE	2	
	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
RELATION	no sm mother	1	1
OTHER	no low	1	
ELIGIBILITY	Dead 10-4-19	1	6
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

**AUDITED**

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XC-75997  
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Allen, Thomas

PFC M.G.Co. 47th Inf.

Wash.

Date of mother's death? 10-4-19

~~Sw?~~  
~~Loco?~~

Father Benjamin Allen  
Box 286  
Benton Wash

Seebode

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Allen, Thomas - 1232 F

July 7, 1930.

Mr. Allen,  
Black Diamond, Washington.

Dear Sir:

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.

This office has no record of any person entitled under the Act mentioned to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe as the mother or widow of the above named deceased service man. To complete the list of eligibles and to assure that, if the above named man is survived by a mother or widow entitled to make a pilgrimage she receive an invitation to do so, it is requested you answer the following questions in the space provided on this letter and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

2. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not remarried?

If so, give her name and address:

3. Is the deceased survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him according to the terms of Section 4 (a) of the enclosed Act as amended?

If so, give her name and address:

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

January 24, 1930

Allen, Thomas 1232

Mrs. June Allen,  
Black Diamond,  
Washington.

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. 1cl., Thomas Allen, M.G.Co., 47th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-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. 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.

*NO was not married*

*NO mother is dead  
But the father is leaving  
and would love to visit  
the place if it would be  
possible for me to go*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Allen, Thomas  
1232

September 3, 1929.

Mrs. June Allen,  
Black Diamond,  
Washington.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated ~~June 23, 1929~~ <sup>making inquiry</sup> 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

June , 21 1929.

Allen, Thomas.

Mrs. June Allen,  
Black Diamond,  
Washington.

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 Private 1st Cl., Thomas Allen, MC Co. 47th Inf., 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 widow 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 invitation to her to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since re-married it is 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,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

Allen

Thomas

2,363,671

(Surname)  
Pvt lcl

(Christian name in full.)  
M G Co 47th Inf

(Army serial number)

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

*Father*

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*

(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)

*Benjamin J Allen*

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

*Block Diamond Wash*

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

47640

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Remains of:

Name: ALLEN Thomas

Number 2263671

Rank: Unkn.

Organization Unkn.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Disinterred (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

From (Give complete location) \_\_\_\_\_

6 6/3/1919.

Grave No58 B/A CEMETERY.

DANNEVOUX MEUSE. 35 NE. 315.8E 280.95M

Reburied (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

In: (Give complete location) \_\_\_\_\_

6/3/1919.

Grave #45 Sect 97 Plot

1232

ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY #1232

ROMAGNE MEUSE.

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

Burial good ; Buried in uniform Body badly decomposed;

Was one identification tag found upon the body?

Yes.

What other means of identification were found on the body?

None.

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Note:

CONFIRMED No. D

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

Supervised by: Lt Hodson.

DC.

R. H. ROSENTHAL

2nd Lieut. O. M. C. U. S. A

G.O. Group \_\_\_\_\_

Unit \_\_\_\_\_

3413 6/19

October 10, 1923.

Mrs. June Allen,  
Black Diamond,  
Washington.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the permanent grave of Private, First Class, Thomas Allen, Machine Gun Company, 47th Infantry, is Grave 15, Row 33, Block E, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries 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, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.

You are assured in effecting removal of the remains, the utmost care and reverence were exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed this sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

R. L. FOSTER,  
Assistant.

RD  
WFR

# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD: File #47640

(a) Name ALLEN, Thomas Ser. No. 2263571 36

(b) Rank 1/cl Pvt. Organization MG Co., 47th Inf. } TYP. als

(c) Date of death 9-27-18 (d) Cause of death K/A } CKR. acu

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

(a) Grave No. 45 Row -- Plot 1 Sec. 97 TYP. als

(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. June Allen, (Mother) Black Diamond, Wash.

III. ~~Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases/~~ CKR. acu

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD: Date of receipt now

(a) Name Benjamin F. Allen (b) Relationship Father

(c) Address Black Diamond, Wash.

(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? no

(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at Yes - if brought to U. S.

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

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

Examiner's Initials F.L. Date 4-22-21, 1920.

V. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from \_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_, confirming request in Par. IV., item \_\_\_\_\_, above, or requesting that \_\_\_\_\_

No correspondence.

Examiner's Initials F.L. Date 4-22-21, 1920.

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes F.L.

Examiner's Initials F.L. Date 4-22-21, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232-Sec. 97 SHEET No. 2.



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE October 3, 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 ALLEN, Thomas

10. Name

2. No. 2263671

11. No.

3. Rank Pvt. 1st cl.

12. Rank

4. Org. M.G. Co. 47th Inf.

13. Org.

5. D.D. 9-27

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. K.I.A.

(b) D.B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 45 Sec. 97

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot 1 Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17.

18. Cemetery Argonne, Amer.

19. Commune or town Romagne/s/Montfaucon

20. Dept. or County Meuse

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232, Sec. 97

23. Disinterred (Date) October 3, 1921

By Elza Holmes

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name ALLEN, Thomas

Serial No. 2263671

Rank Pvt. 1st cl.

Organization M.G. Co. 47th Inf.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes On body? Yes

*J. W. Edwards*  
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)  
Disc found on body reads: "Allen -----"

27. Condition of body Decomposed; features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial In uniform, burlap and pine box.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Oct. 3, 1921 By Elza Holmes

31. Casket sealed by Elza Holmes

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) *Elza Holmes*  
EMB

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-7460

32. Designation of body: 6

Name AVEN, Thomas Serial No. 2763671

Rank Pvt Organization M.G. Co. 47th Inf.

33. Consigned to:  
Name of Permanent Cemetery Argonne, Amer. Ro agne/s/Montfaucon 1232

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) October 3, 1921 By Elza Holmes

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 H.S. Harpole, 1st Lt. QMC

36. Remarks None

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) October 3, 1921

To point of Concentration Meuse-Argonne Cemetery #1232  
(Name)  
Convoyer Geo. F. Spann Signature Shipping Officer Capt QMC

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 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)  
Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

40. Received: Date \_\_\_\_\_  
G.R.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

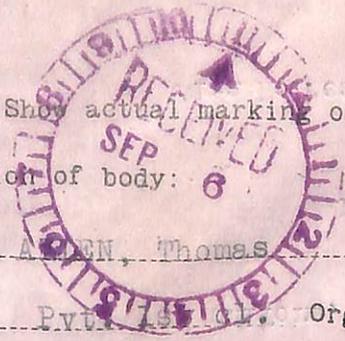
41. Reinterred Meuse Argonne Cem. #1232. Oct. 4, 1921.

42. Grave No. Row 33 Block E Gr. 15 (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_

G.R.S. Representative JAMES W. YOUNGER,  
CAPT., QMC.

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Place Rogne Sous Montfaucon

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Oct. 3, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF ALLEN, THOMAS SERIAL NUMBER 2263671<sup>3</sup>

RANK Pvt. 1/c ORGANIZATION M.G. Co., 47th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Oct. 3, 1921. From (give complete location):

Gr. 45 sec 97 pt 1, Meuse-Argonne Cem., #1232.

By: Group Holmes Unit Sec. 1

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

Oct. 4, 1921. Meuse Argonne Cem. #1232. Row 33 Block E. Gr. 15  
Unlined Casket.

By: Group Reburial Sec. Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial \_\_\_\_\_

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

IN U.S. uniform, burlap and buried in a wooden box,

body badly decomposed features unrecognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? Yes

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

tag corr. only last name legible.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Imp to det.

(b) Weight (estimated) Imp to det.

(c) Hair—Color None remaining

Quantity None

Characteristics None

(d) Hair on face—Color None

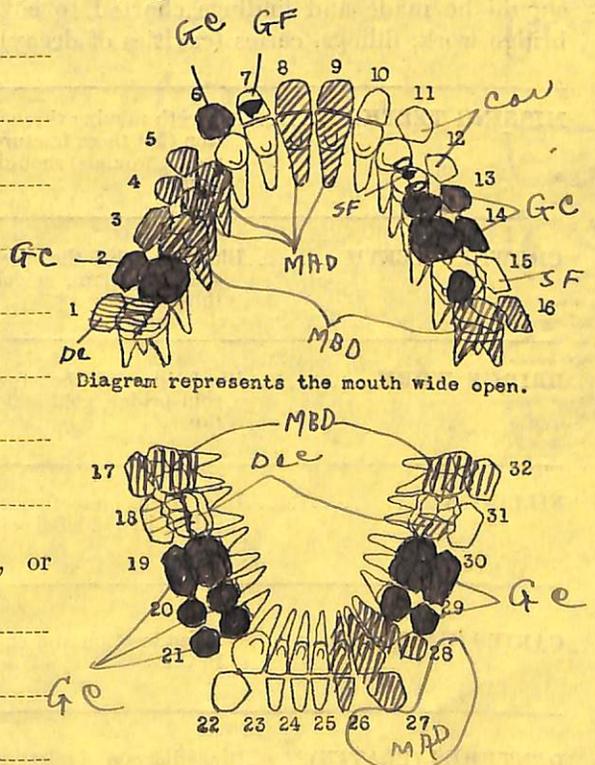
Location None

Quantity None

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) Imp to det.

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

None discernible



7. Disinterment supervised by E. Holmes S. E.

Approved: H. S. Harpole Lt. Lt. QMC.  
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by W. B. SHEILD

Approved: JAMES W. YOUNGER,  
CAPT., QMC.  
(Title)

concentration

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# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #47640

(a) Name ALLEN, Thomas Ser. No. 2263571  
 (b) Rank 1/c1 Pvt. Organization MG Co., 47th Inf. } TYP. als  
 (c) Date of death 9-27-18 (d) Cause of death K/A } acc

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

(a) Grave No. 45 Row -- Plot 1 Sec. 97 TYP. als  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. June Allen, (Mother) Black Diamond, Wash.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases \_\_\_\_\_ CKR. acc

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
 letter of transmittal on 5-6-, 192  
Section 94  
Par. 2 Not to be returned (JEN)

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., \_\_\_\_\_, 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. \_\_\_\_\_

Thomas Allen

Part 1 cl - Mg Co 47 Inf

9-27-18

2 3 6 3 6 7 1 OK

2 2 6 3 6 7 1 { Walter Krenz  
Part Co C 363 9/8

~~no rec~~ No Rec

K/a 10/8/18

Hillman

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ALLEN Thomas 2263671

Com of Montfaucon (Aisne)

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Map 35-NE E-313 N-280.5

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CMM (C159) SITE 35-NE COORD. E-313.0  
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AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F.  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE.

July 18th, 1919.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.  
TO : Prite Wm. T. Davies, Co. M., 34th Engineers, American E.F.  
A.P.O. 712.  
SUBJECT : Private Thomas Allen,, M.G. Co., 47th Infantry,  
American E.F. #2263671.

With an assurance of very deep sympathy, and in reply to your letter of enquiry, you are advised that information has been filed in this office by the burial officer concerned, to the effect that the above named soldier is buried in grave #58, plot #3, American Battle Area Cemetery at DANNEVOUX; department of the MEUSE.

The grave is marked with the regulation cross with one identification tag attached to grave marker.

(Enclosures - G.R.S.:)  
( 10 - B. )

CCP/GVC.

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

9 JUN 1919

NAME Allen, Thomas.

FILE NUMBER

4764

RANK Private

ORGANIZATION Co.H. 47th  
M.G.Batt.

SERIAL NUMBER

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with records?	1. ALLEN, 2263671, Thomas Pvt.1cl. M.G.Co. 47th Inf.
2.	Date of death?	2. 9-27-18.
3.	Cause and place of death?	3. K/a.
4.	Has this been reported on Casualty Cablegram, if so, give reference.	4. 306.
5.	Date of burial?	5. -
6.	Grave Location:	6. Grave #58, Plot #3, Amer. B/a Cty. Dannevoux, Meuse.
7.	Who reported burial?	7. } No information in file 8. } Yes (MIA)
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	How is grave marked?	9. Cross.
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	10. Yes.
11.	Emergency address:	11. Mr.s June Allen, (Mother) Black Diamond, Wash.
12.	Has above been notified? (Give date)	12. 21a) 1-25-19. F-36. 5-3-19.

ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY

Flowers, flags, etc. (Par. #5, Bul. 10-B)	Effects (G.R.S. Form No. 7&7-A)
Monuments (Par. #6, Bul. 10-B)	Accrued Pay (G.R.S. Forms Nos. 19 & 22)
Disinterments (Par. #8, Bul. 10-B)	Liberty Bonds (G.R.S. Forms Nos. 21 & 22)
Circumstances of death (G.R.S. Form No. 6)	War Risk Insurance (G.R.S. Forms Nos. 20 & 22)
Photographs requested (File 004.5)	Disposition of Remains (a) Return to U.S. (Form 25)
Grave Location	(b) Remain in France (Form 24)
	(c) Miscellaneous (Letter)

Remarks:

AMERICAN



ON ACTIVE SERVICE

WITH THE  
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

47640

June 17 1919

A. P. O. 712.

Headquarters  
Grave Registration Bureau  
American F. A.  
Commanding Officer  
Dear Sir.

Will you  
kindly inform me  
what cemetery private  
Thomas Allen Co. "H" 47th  
Machine Gun Battalion  
was buried killed in  
action the <sup>later</sup> part of Sept.  
1918.

Yours Respectfully  
Pvt. William J. Davies  
Co. "M" 34th Eng.  
American F. A.  
A. P. O. 712.

W. J. Davies  
Capt. Eng.

pt. N Davies  
C. M. 348  
American

AMERICAN



SOLDIER  
MAIL

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Hdq. Grave Registration Bureau

American F. F.  
France.



Robert  
Capt. [unclear]

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The men of this organization understand thoroughly the measures taken to protect them from social diseases and the treatment awarded those who contract them. The friends of the 54th. can rest assured in the fact that no cleaner aggregation of men exists in the A.R.P. and that nothing could be more absurd than the idea that they are being held in France through disease.

5. The men of the 54th. are loyal to the ideals which brought the American army across the seas, they have done their duties obediently and well and every reasonable man in the organization recognizes the fact that until his duties are finished he cannot return home with a clear conscience. However, the home folks should clearly recognize the obvious fact that by writing letters impatiently demanding a reason why he does not return, by magnifying their home tribulations and by showing a lack of that patriotic spirit of self sacrifice which soldiers in France have so abundantly shown, they make it infinitely harder for the men over here to stand the long separation from home and loved ones. The men of the 54th. will be home soon, but until they come it is the duty of the home folks to encourage the men here to do their full duty by you and by our common government.

*E. J. Kingsbury*  
E. J. KINGSBURY,  
Major, Engns. USA.



An Open Letter.

47640

To the home folks of the 34th. Engrs.

Attention having been drawn to the fact that misinformation and doubt exists in the United States as to the reason for delay in the return home of the remaining units of this regiment the following facts are presented which it is hoped will clear up such uncertainty as may now prevail in the minds of the friends and relatives of the men of this organization.

1. The 34th. Engineers is a shop and supply regiment comprising 12 Companies all of which have been engaged in the various activities incident to the supply and repair of military equipment used in the engineering operations of all the American Armies in France and Germany.

2. The 3rd Battalion, comprising companies G, H and I, having been organized first and having arrived in France about one month earlier than the remaining units of the regiment was released first and is now on its way to the United States. The slackening up of work following the evacuation of a large part of the American Forces in France warranted the release of some units of the regiment and it was only just that the units first in France should be the first released.

3. At all of the Engineer Depots in France enormous quantities of engineer material were stored, some of it for the lack of space and some of it because of the rapidity with which it was received during the time of hostilities, necessarily having been stored in the open. A great deal of this material must now be reclassified, the material subject to deterioration by the elements must be stored under cover, and other measures taken to preserve its value. Inventories must be taken and much of the material be re-shipped to the States while the rest must be put in such condition that it may be sold to the French Government or individuals. All of this work requires time and effort for its accomplishment but it is being pushed forward as rapidly as possible. There is every assurance that upon the completion of this work and upon the transfer of the Depots, the remaining units of the regiment will be released and returned home, if the international situation does not prevent the further release of American troops.

4. It should be distinctly and definitely understood that no units of this organization are being held in France through prevalence in its rank of disease, venereal or otherwise. The men of this organization stationed at this post are singularly free from social diseases and from drunkenness. Those few individuals who have contracted or will contract venereal disease are transferred immediately out of the organization to hospitals for special treatment and the date of their return to the United States will depend upon when they are considered cured.