

G.R.S. Form #114-B

To The A. G. O.

MT

MAR 10 1926

DATE 12/5/21

1. NAME ALLEN, William Cowen Jr. SERIAL No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 RANK 2nd Lieut ORGANIZATION MG Co 9th Inf  
 GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne Amer <sup>DIVISION 2nd</sup> Cty Romagne-s-Montfaucon 1232 sec45  
 CTY. NAME NUMBER

56 Sec. 45 2

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION ~~Somme~~Py Marne  
 GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES 35SW 279.5N 270E

CONCENTRATED TO 6/4/19 56 Sec 45 2  
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Meuse Argonne 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 data f-1/pfb

DATE OF DEATH Oct. 3, '18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME N. Y.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED Croix de Guerre

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 12/5/21 32 33 B  
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT Block

AUDITED BY  
 M.M.E.  
 3-8-23

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

MAR 11 1926  
 A.G.O.  
 WORLD WAR

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates) **CRO - Serule - cervical Malignancy -**  
Aww

Treatment and Progress: (include dates) <sup>Aug 21</sup> Seen by Maj. Kenner - Special nurse sent.  
B.P. ~~140~~<sub>70</sub> - Bromide <sup>ii</sup> Tind. - Vittel water. Luminal p.r.n. Vag. douche daily - Cleansing baths

Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> Seen by Major Kenner. to have two douches daily in Soda Biscuit.  
Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> Up and walking about. had a good day. has some incontinence  
of urine. Daily douche. (1/2 teaspoon Li sol. in 1 quart. water)

Aug 24<sup>th</sup> Had a day in bed.  
Aug 25<sup>th</sup> Came to window by train. Bromide, i.d.s  
Aug 26<sup>th</sup> Went to cemetery in Major Campbell's car. Bromide given  
3 p.m. less nervous.

Disposition: (include dates) 28<sup>th</sup> Condition the same.  
29<sup>th</sup> Condition improved. Bromide given. Douches. discharge less  
offensive

Remarks: Stood journey well. vaginal discharge very offensive.  
difficult to keep patient clean.

Aug 31<sup>st</sup> Blood stained discharge and pus -  
Sept 1<sup>st</sup> - Less discharge during day. - Douches.

Party P.  
P. Handley R.N.  
U. 7115. R.N. Special from Aug. 21 to Aug. 31.

# MEDICAL RECORD

Allen, Wm ~~Allen~~ Cowen

2nd Lt 99 Inf.

Station: Hotel Ambassador.

Date: Aug. 21, 1921.

Name Allen, Mrs Elizabeth

Home address 1200 Pacific St, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Address of Nearest friend or relative friend. Mrs J. Baker

436 Sterling Pl., Brooklyn, N.Y.

Religion Protestant.

Age 59.

Aug. 21.

History of Present complaint: Unable to circulate in unfamiliar surroundings.

History of recent cataract op. - Foul vag. discharge - Between legs very red & chafed - bleeding in parts. Underclothing very offensive & state urine & discharge - States she could not take proper care of herself on the boat. Took douches at home. - Very nervous & afraid to walk alone.

Aug 24<sup>th</sup>. Mother less nervous & much less offensive

(over)

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Party P

# MEDICAL RECORD

Allen, Wm Cowen  
27. 99 Inf.

Station America

Date : Eastbound

Name Allen, Mrs. Wm.C. (Elizabeth)

Home address 1200 Pacific St., Brooklyn, N.Y.

Address of Nearest friend or relative Miss J. Baker, 436 Sterling Pl.,  
Brooklyn, N.Y. or  
Miss H. Johnson, 10 Wyckoff St., Brooklyn, N.M.,

Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Age 59 M

History of Present complaint: Aug. 11th, Operated on 6 weeks ago for  
removal of cataract from eye.  
12th, Nausea and dizziness  
17th, cold in head.

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(over)

Diagnosis and complications : *(include dates)*

Aug. 12th, mal de mer.

17th, atrophic rhinitis, B0 150/75

Treatment and Progress : *(include dates)*

Aug. 12th, Sodasan dr i, TriplBromides i,

17th, Advise nasal irrigation. A.J.F.

Disposition : *(include dates)*

Remarks :

Allen, Wm Cowen.

Party "7" - Itinerary - Meuse-Argonne Group

Sailed August 18th, 1931, on AMERICA. Lt. Chas. R. Smith in charge. Arrived Cherbourg Harbor 2:05 pm August 20th. Special tender arrived 2:25 pm, bearing Maj. Francis M. Pitts and Ray G. Rutherford; Capt. M. J. Conway, R. Oranger and Wm. Hesketh; Lt. H. F. T. Hoffman; four nurses and two civilian employees. Train left Cherbourg 3:47 pm and arrived Gare des Invalides, Paris, 9:53 pm. Met by Col. Ellis and members of his staff, interpreters and nurses.

- August 21st: Rest in morning. Sightseeing trip about Paris in afternoon.
- August 22nd: Conference with Conducting Officer in morning. Lunch at hotel. Afternoon - Arc de Triomphe, wreath laid by Mrs. E. J. Ottum. Tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent. Dinner at hotel.
- August 23rd: Church or free. Lunch at hotel. Visit to Sacre Coeur in afternoon. Dinner at hotel.
- August 24th: Morning free. Lunch at hotel. Visit to Notre Dame in afternoon. Dinner at hotel.
- August 25th: Left Paris for Verdun via Porte de Pantin to Montmirail (rest stop Hotel Vert Gallant). Lunched in Chalons s/Marne at Haute-Mare-Dieu and on to Verdun. Quarters Hotel Nouvel.
- August 26th, 27th & 28th: Daily visits to Meuse-Argonne Cemetery. Lunched at cemetery and dinners at Verdun.
- August 29th: Left Verdun for Paris via R.N. 5 to St. Mencheould (rest stop Moderne Hotel). On, via Sippes, to Reims (lunch at Hotel Bristol Crystal) and Chateau Thierry (rest stop Hostellerie du Bonhomme). On to Paris via Hill 204 and Montreuil. Dinner at hotel, Paris.
- August 30th: Church or free. Lunch at hotel. Paris sightseeing trip. Dinner at hotel.
- August 31st: Colonial Exposition in morning. Lunch at hotel. Visit to Napoleon's Tomb in afternoon. Dinner at hotel. Night sightseeing trip.
- Sept. 1st: Morning free or visit to Louvre. Lunch at hotel. Versailles in afternoon. Dinner at hotel, Paris.
- Sept. 2nd: Shopping or free. Lunch at hotel. Afternoon free. Dinner at hotel.
- Sept. 3rd: Boat train for Cherbourg left 9:45 am, arrived 3:45 pm. PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT sailed 6:30 pm. Arrived New York September 11th, 1931.

Mrs Wm C Allen

ALLEN, WM COWEN

Name ALLEN, Mrs. Elizabeth S. (Wm. C.)  
HOTEL AMBASSADOR  
Paris Hôtel ~~BOULEVARD HAUSSMANN~~  
Home address 1200 Pacific St., Brooklyn, Kings Co., New York  
Party P Group Unit SS. AMERICAN  
Date of arrival August 20, 1931 Date of departure SS. ROOSEVELT, Sept. 3, 1931  
Relationship Mother  
Name of deceased ALLEN, ~~Wm. / Cowen~~ William Cowan, Jr.  
Rank 2nd Lt. Organization 9th Inf.  
Cemetery Meuse-Argonne G 32 - B - R 33

REMARKS

Miss Una Fitts to be assigned to special duty with Mrs. Allen.

On account of physical condition Mrs. Allen was sent to Verdun by train on Aug. 25.

Returned from Verdun by train Aug. 29th, accompanied by Miss Fitts,



WAR DEPARTMENT  
PILGRIMAGE WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS  
225 West 34th. St. New York, N.Y.

Party <sup>P</sup> .....  
Number .....  
**1542**

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATIONS.

Allen, Mrs. W.C. (E.S.)

Actual cost of  
Through Pullman at the  
Lower Berth Rate.

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Name of Pilgrim  
1200 Pacific St.  
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City Home Address County  
Brooklyn, N.Y.  
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New York, to .....

Destination of Ticket .....

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via *Toronto* .....

Date of Departure

Expiration Date of Ticket

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PARTY ..... FILE NO. ....

NAME Allen, Mrs. Wm. C. (Elizabeth S.) ..  
1200 Pacific St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

**ROUTE OF TICKET**

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..... to .....

Expiration date .....

The following stop overs are requested.

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(Signature of Pilgrim)

Allen, William Coma Jr.

MA

August 6th, 1931

Mrs. Wm. C. Allen  
1200 Pacific Street  
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Sir:

In letter from this office requesting whether or not you desire transportation from your home to the Hotel Astor, you advised that it would be necessary for this office to furnish transportation.

Please be ready with your baggage at 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, August 11th, as arrangements have been made for a taxicab of the Yellow Taxi Company to call for you at that time.

You should not pay the driver any money, as payment will be made by this office.

Yours very truly

GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR  
1st Lieut. Q.M.C. (DOL)  
Assistant

JPH:GER

2 Bags

J. F. M.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
"PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"  
225 WEST 34TH ST., NEW YORK, N. Y.

PARTY "P"  
July 24th, 1931

Mrs. Wm. C. Allen,  
1200 Pacific St.,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

There are enclosed herewith two tags and four identification pasters which have been prepared for the purpose of protecting your baggage while in transit, and to insure its safe arrival at the hotel where you are to stop in New York City. Please attach the tags to the handle of each piece of your baggage and place a paster on each end of each piece of your baggage before leaving your home.

Reservations have been made for you to stop at the Hotel **ASTOR** the night of **August 11th, 1931**. Necessary transportation will be provided for you from your home to the hotel, unless you desire to travel by your own transportation. Please use the lower portion of this letter to express your desires regarding transportation from your home to the hotel, and return it in the enclosed self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

All mail intended to reach you between **August 12th, 1931**, the day you sail from the United States, and **September 3, 1931**, the day you leave Europe, should be addressed to you in care of American Pilgrimage, 146 Avenue des Champs Elysees, Paris, France; for example:

Mrs. Mary Smith,  
c/o American Pilgrimage,  
146 Avenue des Champs Elysees,  
Paris, France.

There is also enclosed herewith information relative to the cemeteries in Europe.

For The Officer In Charge:

- 8 Incl:  
2 Baggage Tags  
4 Baggage Pastors  
1 Copy Cemeterial Information  
1 Self-addressed envelope

*George F. R. Taylor*  
GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR,  
1st Lieut. Q.M.C. (DOL)

I will  
will not

require transportation from my home to hotel.

*I will.*

*Mrs W. C. Allen.*

*2 P.M. 8/11*

CODE SLIP

Carbon 0

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Allen	3	1 2 2
	<i>N. M. Cowen</i>		
BURIED	CEMETERY	1	1
	GRAVE	2	3 2
	ROW	2	3 3
	BLOCK	1	2
STATE	N.Y.	2	3 7
RANK	2nd Lt.	1	1
DIVISION	2	2	0 2
ORGANIZATION	9	3	0 0 9
ARM	Inf.	1	1
MARITAL	no	1	2
NAME	<i>Mrs N. M. C. Allen</i>	3	1 2 2
	(Elizabeth S.)		
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	3 7
	COUNTY	2	2 4
	CITY	3	1 0 1
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR. 1931	1	2
ACCEPTANCE	yes	1	1

*Paired  
Aug. 12, 1931*

**AUDITED**  
NOV 3 1931  
RS

*NPH*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Allen, William Cowen, Jr.  
2nd Lt., MG Co., 9th Inf.  
Son

January 24, 1935

Mrs. Elizabeth S. Allen,  
1200 Pacific St.,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

In compliance with your recent request,  
instructions have been issued to forward you a  
flag in honor of the above named decedent, pro-  
vided a flag has not previously been furnished  
for him.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JAS. H. LAUBACH,  
Lt. Colonel, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Copy to Commanding Officer, Washington, Q. M. Depot.  
With instructions to furnish flag.

EM/vd

0492

1935 JAN -24- PM 4:09

QQMG M&R BR

# American Gold Star Mothers

OF THE WORLD WAR, INC.  
NEW YORK STATE



Headquarters: Pennsylvania Hotel, Seventh Avenue and 33rd Street, New York City

Quarter Master General  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have been informed that I am entitled to an American flag from the Government in memory of

my beloved Son Name of Deceased William Cowen Allen Jr  
SON OR DAUGHTER

Address of Deceased 1200 - Pacific Street - Brooklyn - N. Y. State  
NUMBER STREET CITY STATE

Army, Navy, Marine Army - 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant  
RANK REGIMENT COMPANY

Stationed at France - 1st Co. 9th Inf.

Lost at Sea  Among the Missing  Or Unknown

Place and Date of Death France - October 3<sup>rd</sup> 1918

Where Buried France

Name of Mother Elizabeth Stockdale Allen

Address 1200 - Pacific Street - Brooklyn - New York -  
NUMBER STREET CITY STATE

I will be very grateful if same will be forwarded to me.

Respectfully yours,

Elizabeth S. Allen

Allen, Tom C - ma

From CHRONOLOGICAL REPORT PARTY "P" 1931

Mrs. Wm. W. Moon was admitted to the American Hospital at 7 PM Sept 2 suffering from an acute exacerbation of a chronic Cholecystitis. Improved during the night and rejoined party in morning. Gave history of having about 20 similar attacks. See report.

Mrs. Eva Elliott, Chronic valvular heart disease with some Myocardial Decompensation was admitted to the American Hospital Aug 24. Remained in Hospital until Aug. 28 when she rejoined party at Verdun. Her activities were all supervised and at the time of leaving for the U S her condition showed marked improvement.

Mrs. Rose Shanse suffering from dementia, type undetermined, was accompanied by a special nurse throughout her pilgrimage abroad, and on return trip to U S.

Mrs. Elisabeth Allen, suffering from Cardio-renal-vascular Disease, with marked general senile changes and a probable malignancy of the Cervix, was able to remain with the party under the constant supervision of a special nurse.

The following pilgrims sent to and from Verdun by train account physical condition:

Mrs. L. A. Norton

Mrs. Essie Allen

Mrs. Eliz. Allen (also spec memo to Ship's Surgeon)

**Liaison**

From ~~Narrative~~ Report Party "P" West 1931

Mrs. William Allen was attended by Miss Jones, special nurse for Mrs. North.

Mrs. Moon suffering from gall bladder attack was put to bed.

Mrs. Elliott who had been quite ill in Paris was also put to bed.

Mrs. Pink, following out her Paris schedule, began to find fault with everything so emphatically that no one could room with her (See report for other references)

Mrs. Perry, a cardiac and mild mental was changed from 103 to 101 as she refused to room with Mrs. North. (See report for further details)

Mrs. Oldham wanted her room mate moved out because she was sick, but having no space available persuaded her to try out her assigned room with Mrs. Satterfield another night.

*Amb*

# MEDICAL RECORD

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Party: P Hotel: ASTOR S. S. AMERICA Eastbound  
Westbound

Name Allen, Mrs. Wm. C., (Elizabeth S.) 2nd Lt. Wm. Cowen Allen, 32, 33, B.)

Home Address 1200 Pacific St., Brooklyn, N.Y.

Name and address of nearest relative or friend Miss J. Baker, 436 Sterling Pl., Brooklyn, N.Y.

or Miss H. Johnson, 10 Wyckoff St., Brooklyn, N.Y., or Mrs. H. Elger, 79 Monroe St.  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Religion ..... Age 59 M

History of present complaint: Aug. 11th.

Operated on six weeks ago for removal of Cataract from right eye.

8-12-31 Nausea & dizziness

8-17-31 Cold in head

Note: patient foul and careless in body habits; probably  
a dementia with incontinence

INSTRUCTIONS: This card will be prepared for each Pilgrim treated on ship, east or west bound. Cards to be included in report of Liaison Officer upon return to New York.

**Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)**

8-12-31 Mal de mer.

8-17-31 Atrophic Rhinitis R.P. 150/75.

**Treatment and Progress: (include dates)**

8-12-31. Sodasan 3; Triple Bromide tab i.

8-17-31 Advice nasal irrigation

Mr. A. J. Fidler  
E. J.

**Disposition: (include dates)**

**Remarks:**

# MEDICAL RECORD

Party P.  
P. Handley, R. N.  
U. Fitts, R. N.

Station : Ambassador, Paris

Date : Aug. 21, 1931.

Name Allen, Mrs. Elizabeth,

Home address 1200 Pacific St., Brooklyn, N.Y.

Address of Nearest friend or relative Friend, Mrs. J. Baker,  
436 Sterling Pl., Brooklyn, N.Y.

Religion Prot.

Age 59

History of Present complaint : Aug. 21st, Unable to circulate in unfamiliar surroundings. History of recent op for cataract. Foul vag. discharge. Between legs very red and chafed, bleeding in parts. Underclothing very offensive & stale urine and discharge. States she could not take proper care of herself on the boat. Takes douches at home. Very nervous and afraid to walk alone.

Aug. 27th, Mother less nervous and less offensive.

Special Nurse from A

Aug. 21st to 31st.

(over)

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Diagnosis and complications : (include dates)

Cardio-renal-vascular.

Senile

Cervical Malignancy            A.W.K.

Treatment and Progress : (include dates) Aug. 21st seen by Maj. Kenner. Special nurse assigned  
BP 140/70, Bromides ii, tid, Vittel water, Luminol 9 pm. Vag. douche daily,  
cleansing baths. 22nd, seen by Maj. Kenner. To have 2 Sod. Bicarb douches, qd  
23rd, Up and walking about. Had a good day; Has some incontinence of urine.  
One douche - Lysol  $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp to qt of water.

24th, Had a day in bed.

25th, Went to Verdun by train. Bromides tid.

26th To Cemetery in Major Campbell's car. Bromides given. D.C.C.

27th less nervous. 28th Condition the same. 29th Improved. Bromides cont.

Disposition : (include dates) douches. Discharge less offensive D.C.C.

To and from Verdun by train. D.C.C.

Remarks : Stood journey well. Vaginal discharge very offensive. Difficult to  
keep patient clean.

Aug. 31st Blood stained discharge and pus.  
Sept. 1st, less discharge during day. Douches.

Sept. 3rd, to Cherbourg. Beach.

PARTY

P

EASTBOUND

STATE

GROUP

M. A.

M

NEW YORK

Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Wm.C. (Elizabeth S.) Address 1200 Pacific St.-Brooklyn, New York  
(Name of Pilgrim) (Street & No.) (City or Town) City

New York ..... Kings .....  
(State) (County)

Miss J. Baker ..... Address 436 Sterling Place Brooklyn  
(Name of Nearest Kin) or (Street & No.) (City or Town)

New York ..... Kings .....  
(State) (County)

Miss H. Johnson  
10 Wyckoff St.,  
Brooklyn, N. Y. or Mrs. H. Monroe St. Brooklyn, N. Y.

**ARRIVAL NEW YORK**

**Via Motor**

VIA. R.R. .... Train No. .... Date .....

Hotel Astor ..... Room No. 446 .....

Roomed with Alone .....

**DEPARTURE NEW YORK**

Date August 12, 1931 ..... Vessel AMERICA ..... Cabin No. 274 A .....

In Cabin with Alone .....

(Over Westbound)

WESTBOUND  
ARRIVAL NEW YORK

Date September 11, 1931. Vessel ROOSEVELT. Cabin No. 700 E  
125 A  
In Cabin with ~~Mrs. Thomas Hickey & Mrs. Gertrude Carson~~ Alone  
No room reservation  
Hotel Astor Room No. ....  
Roomed with .....

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

Taxi  
VIA. R.R. .... Train No. .... Space .... Car No. .... Date .....

REMARKS

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WAR DEPARTMENT

Penalty for private use to avoid



NOTIFY  
YOUR  
CORRESPONDENTS  
OF CHANGE  
OF ADDRESS

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

**PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS**  
**225 WEST 34TH STREET,**  
**NEW YORK, N. Y.**

NAME ALLEN, MRS. WM. C.

ADDRESS 1200 Pacific St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

DATE .....

TO:                   Officer-In-Charge,  
                          PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

I beg to inform you that I have returned to my  
home safely and in good health.

Sincerely,

(Signed) *Wm. C. Allen*

5465

1232

RETURN RECEIPT

S.S. ~~Amica~~ 8-12-31

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

Miss Elizabeth M. Allen

(Signature or name of addressee)

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery

7-20, 1931

Form 3811

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

c 5-6116

Allen Wm C

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 926572

INSURED PARCEL

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Return to Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,  
or Post Office Box,

MUNITIONS BUILDING

WASHINGTON,

D. C.

N.Y. STA. B. 7  
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ADDRESS  
YOUR MAIL  
TO  
STREET AND  
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PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE  
TO AVOID PAYMENT OF  
POSTAGE, \$300.

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OFFICE  
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AND DATE OF DELIVERY

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Allen, Wm. Coven M-A

July 13, 1931

Mrs. Elizabeth S. Allen,  
1200 Pacific St.,  
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Madam:

Your passport for the pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe has not been received in this office.

You must have a passport to enter Europe. Please go at once to the Clerk of the United States District Court nearest your home or to the Clerk of the Court at your County seat. The following action must be taken by you now:

- (a) Have four (4) photographs of yourself made on thin paper (unmounted) not more than 3 x 3 inches or less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size.
- (b) Take these photographs, your invitation and any evidence of citizenship you may have to the Clerk of the Court as shown above.
- (c) Have someone who has known you for at least two years go with you to the Clerk to identify you.

The Clerk will help you fill out the application and HE will forward it to the proper office. Passports will be delivered to you aboard the boat. No charge will be made for the application or passport.

Persons living in or near the following cities will take the steps shown in (a), (b) and (c) above, and go to the U. S. Passport Agent at the address nearest their home shown below and not to Clerks of Courts:

Boston, Mass.	Custom House, State & Washington Streets
Chicago, Ill.	608 South Dearborn Street
New Orleans, La.	216 Post Office Bldg.
New York, N. Y.	Sub Treasury Bldg., Broad & Wall Streets
San Francisco, Cal.	Custom House, Washington & Battery Streets
Seattle, Wash.	1008 White Bldg., 4th Avenue & Union Street
Washington, D. C.	State Department, 17th & Pennsylvania Avenue

Advise this office at once if you have made application, giving the name given by you on the application.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Aug 12

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

Brooklyn - N. Y. -  
1200 Pacific Street  
July 7<sup>th</sup> 1931

PLEASE FILL IN THE INFORMATION CALLED FOR BELOW,  
AND MAIL THIS LETTER PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED  
ENVELOPE WHICH REQUIRES NO POSTAGE.

Allen, Wm. Cowen, 1232 N. Y. Kings County

Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In the blank space below you will find  
the name and address of the person in the United  
States whom I desire to be notified in case I be-  
come seriously ill or other emergency arises while  
I am making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by  
the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Miss J. Baker. Miss H. Johnson. Mrs H. Elger  
Name 10 Wyckoff Street. Brooklyn. N. Y. 79 Monroe St.  
Brooklyn. N. Y.  
436 Sterling Place  
Address Brooklyn. N. Y.

Very truly yours,



(Your name) (Mrs) Elizabeth S. Allen

(Your address) 1200 Pacific Street  
Brooklyn.  
N. Y.

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Allen, Wm. Cowen

2nd. Lt.

I Accept the invitation extended  
(Accept or decline)

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

Mrs. Elizabeth S. Allen

(Name)

1200 Pacific St., Brooklyn, Kings Co., New York

(Town or City)

(State)

QM 293 AM  
Allen, Wm. Cowen 1232 M

March 2, 1931.

Mrs. Elizabeth S. Allen,  
1200 Pacific Street,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Further reference is made to the pilgrimage you are to make to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

Since writing you under date of January 26, 1931, the schedule for the pilgrimage has been revised and the August 26th sailing cancelled. Accordingly, an invitation to sail on the America August 12, 1931, is being forwarded you under separate cover.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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No guess • carbon •  
+ no correspondence

see master card  
for street address

↳ Mrs. Wm C Allen (mother)

1339 Bedford Ave  
Brooklyn N Y

January 26, 1931

QM 293 A-1  
Allen, William Cowen 2nd Lt 1232

Mrs. Elizabeth S. Allen,  
1260 Pacific Street,  
Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 22, 1931, relative to changing the date of the pilgrimage to Europe to visit the grave of your son, the late Second Lieutenant William Cowen Allen, under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, from May 20, 1931 to August 1931.

In compliance with your request, reservation made for you to sail on the President Harding May 20, 1931 has been cancelled and you will, in the near future, be extended an invitation to sail on August 26, 1931.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Allen Wm. Cowen 1200 Pacific Street  
2nd St. 9th Inf Kings Co. Brooklyn N. Y. (23)

~~accept declines~~  
Traveling May 20, 31 January 22nd 1931  
Listed for August, 26

To the Quartermaster General, Washington D. C.

I have received your communication and invitation in regard to the pilgrimage, you have kindly invited me to take. I have accepted and would like to go very much. You say, that I could write to you for further information. I would like to ask you if there is a later pilgrimage than the one that leaves on May 20th, if I may be allowed to go on the later one - as I am expecting soon to go under a cataract operation on my right eye. I feel that on that account it would better arrange to go later. If there is a later pilgrimage

I hope ~~that~~ this request will meet  
with your approval - and that I will  
hear from you as soon as convenient -

(Mrs) Elizabeth S. Allen. <sup>(M)</sup>



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Allen, Wm. Cowen

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*Decline by letter 1/22/31 - on acct. of operations  
To go August 26*

I ~~accept~~ the invitation extended  
(Accept or decline)

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the Government of the United States under the pro-  
visions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Elizabeth S. Allen

(Name)

1200 Pacific St., Brooklyn, Kings County, N.Y.

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(State)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 27, 1930.

Allen, Wm Conan - 1232 M

Mrs. Elizabeth S. Allen,  
1200 Pacific St.,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age Condition of Health
4. Do you speak English?	
5. What other language do you speak?	

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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**WAR DEPARTMENT**  
**OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL**  
**WASHINGTON**

February 25, 1930

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Allen, Wm. Cowen 1232—H

Mrs. Elizabeth S. Allen,  
 1200 Pacific St.,  
 Brooklyn, N. Y.

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. 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,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Allen, Wm. Cowen 1232-M

June 3, 1930

Mrs. Elizabeth S. Allen  
1200 Pacific Street  
Brooklyn, New York.

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

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

(Write answer here)

*Mrs Elizabeth S. Allen*  
(Sign here)

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Mrs Elizabeth S. Allen  
1200 Pacific St.  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

February 1, 1930

Allen, William Cowen 1232

Mrs. Elizabeth S. Allen,  
1200 Pacific St.,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

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 2nd Lt. William Cowen Allen, 9th 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?

*He was not married*

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.

*Survived by a mother  
whose address is  
Mrs Elizabeth S. Allen  
1200 Pacific Street  
Brooklyn N. Y.*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Allen, William Cowan 1232

January 24, 1930

Mrs. William C. Allen,  
1339 Bedford Ave.,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

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 2nd Lt. William Cowan Allen, 9th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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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-M  
Allen, Wm. Cowen M-A

July 13, 1931

Mrs. Elizabeth S. Allen,  
1200 Pacific St.,  
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Madam:

Your passport for the pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe has not been received in this office.

You must have a passport to enter Europe. Please go at once to the Clerk of the United States District Court nearest your home or to the Clerk of the Court at your County seat. The following action must be taken by you now:

- 0815
- (a) Have four (4) photographs of yourself made on thin paper (unmounted) not more than 3 x 3 inches or less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size.
  - (b) Take these photographs, your invitation and any evidence of citizenship you may have to the Clerk of the Court as shown above.
  - (c) Have someone who has known you for at least two years go with you to the Clerk to identify you.

The Clerk will help you fill out the application and HE will forward it to the proper office. Passports will be delivered to you aboard the boat. No charge will be made for the application or passport.

Persons living in or near the following cities will take the steps shown in (a), (b) and (c) above, and go to the U. S. Passport Agent at the address nearest their home shown below and not to Clerks of Courts:

Boston, Mass.	Custom House, State & Washington Streets
Chicago, Ill.	608 South Dearborn Street
New Orleans, La.	216 Post Office Bldg.
New York, N. Y.	Sub Treasury Bldg., Broad & Wall Streets
San Francisco, Cal.	Custom House, Washington & Battery Streets
Seattle, Wash.	1008 White Bldg., 4th Avenue & Union Street
Washington, D. C.	State Department, 17th & Pennsylvania Avenue

Advise this office at once if you have made application, giving the name given by you on the application.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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QM 293 AM  
Allen, Wm. Cowen 1232 M

March 2, 1931.

Mrs. Elizabeth S. Allen,  
1200 Pacific Street,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Further reference is made to the pilgrimage you are to make to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

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For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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January 26, 1931

QM 293 A-M  
Allen, William Cowen 2nd Lt 1232

Mrs. Elizabeth S. Allen,  
1200 Pacific Street,  
Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Madam:

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For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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**WASHINGTON**

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 27, 1930.

Allen, Wm Cowen - 1232 M

Mrs. Elizabeth S. Allen,  
1200 Pacific St.,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

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 Mother 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,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Allen, Wm. Cowen 1232-E

June 3, 1930

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Brooklyn, New York.

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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)

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(Sign here)

**WAR DEPARTMENT**  
**OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL**  
**WASHINGTON**

February 26, 1930

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Allen, Wm. Cowen 1252—H

Mrs. Elizabeth S. Allen,  
 1200 Pacific St.,  
 Brooklyn, N. Y.

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4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age      Health (Years)    (Good)    (Poor)	
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes)    (No) Other language (Specify language spoken)	

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

February 1, 1930

Allen, William Cowen 1232

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For The Quartermaster General,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

January 24, 1930

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Allen, William Cowen 1232

*Elizabeth S.*  
~~Mrs. William C. Allen,~~  
~~1339 Bedford Ave.,~~  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

*1200 Pacific St.,*

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JOHN T. HARRIS,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

January 24, 1930

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

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In reply refer to:  
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*Allen, Wm C.*

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March 22, 1923.

Mr. William C. Allen,  
1339 Bedford Ave.,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of the late Lieutenant William Cowen Allen, Jr., M.G. Co., 9th Infantry, is Grave 32, Row 33, Block B, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse, France.

This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries to be maintained by the 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. 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 exacted and more than willingly accorded by those performing 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,

H. J. Conner,  
Assistant.

O.Q.M.G.  
Central Mail & Files Br.



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Place Roll no 1232.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Dec 5, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF ALLEN, William Conner, Jr. SERIAL NUMBER.....

RANK 2nd Lt. ORGANIZATION M.G.Co. 9th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : Dec 5, 1921 From (give complete location) : gr 56, sec 45, plot 2, cty 1232.

By : Group 4 Unit sec 1

3. Reburied (date) : Dec. 5, 1921 In (give complete location) : Meuse-Argonne Cty. #1232 Gr. 32, Block B, row 33.

By : Group Reburial S Unit..... Nature of reburial Unlined casket.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment : wooden box and burlap and 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 : body tag checks with records.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) impossible to determine.

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

Quantity do

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

do

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

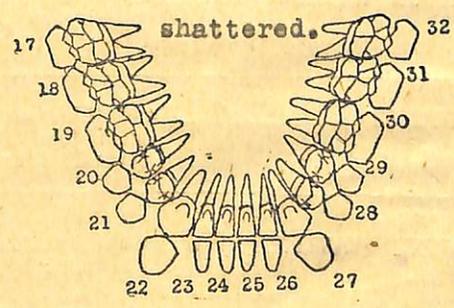
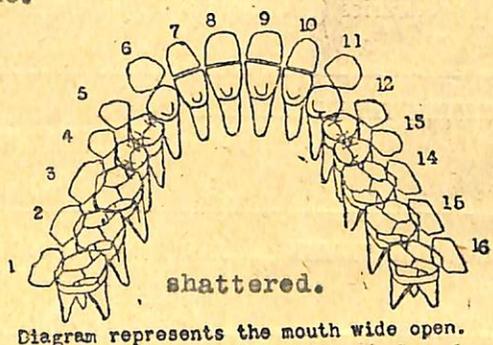
head and jaws shattered,

7. Disinterment supervised by E. Lavelle  
Ed Lavelle.

Approved : A. E. Dewey  
A. E. Dewey 1st Lt., Q.M.C.  
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by A. U. Dufault  
A. U. DUFALT.

Approved James W. Younger  
(Title) JAMES W. YOUNGER,  
CAPT., Q.M.C.



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Dec. 5, 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, William Cowen, Jr.  
 2. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Rank 2nd Lieut  
 4. Org. MG CO 9th Inf  
 5. D.D. 10-3-1918  
 6. C.D. KIA

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 56 Sec. 45  
 8. Plot 2 Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 17. No discrepancies.

18. Cemetery Meuse-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 45

23. Disinterred (Date) Dec. 5, 1921.

By Ed. Lavelle.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name William G. Allen

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

Rank 2nd Lt.

Organization M G Co. 9th Inf.

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

Signature J. L. White  
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).

None.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed; features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial us uniform, barlap 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 Dec. 5, 1921. By Ed. Lavelle.

31. Casket sealed by Ed. Lavelle.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) Ed. Lavelle

Ed. Lavelle.

AUDITED BY

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. **C-16464**

32. Designation of body:

Name **William G Allen** Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

Rank **2nd Lieut** Organization **MG Co 9th Inf**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne-s-Montfaucon**  
**1232**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **Dec. 5, 1921.** By **Ed. Lavelle.**

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 *A. E. Dewey*  
**A. E. Dewey, 1st Lieut. MG.**

36. Remarks **None.**

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) **Dec. 5, 1921.**

To point of Concentration **Morgue, Romagne.**

Convoyer **A. J. Royed.** Signature Shipping Officer *J. Gerald Cole*

**J. GERALD COLE**  
Captain, C. A. G.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

40. Received: Date \_\_\_\_\_

G.R.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

41. Reinterred **Dec. 5, 1921** **Meuse-Argonne Cty. #1232.**  
(Date)

42. Grave No. **32** Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot **B** Row **33**

G.R.S. Representative *James W. Young*  
**JAMES W. YOUNG, CAPT., C. A. G.**

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #33788

(a) Name ALLEN, William C. Owen Jr. (4-16-21) M. Ser. No. --
(b) Rank 2nd Lt. Organization M.G.Co., 9th Inf.
(c) Date of death 10-3-18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. als
CKR. 30

3/16/22 Exhumed
Mr. Concentration
Munich - Argonne
1232 at 3/3/22

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

(a) Grave No. 56 Row -- Plot 2 Sec. 45 TYP. als
(b) Emerg. Address Will C. Allen, (Father) 1339 Bedford Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y.

III. Files of/soldiers dying from contagious/diseases/ CKR. 30

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt

No card in file. ms 4-11-21

(a) Name (b) Relationship
(c) Address
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.?
(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 Date, 1920.

V. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from W.C. Allen (father)
164-166 Chambers St., New York City, dated 12-17-18

confirming request in Par. IV., item, above, or requesting that information
concerning death, personal effects and
the return of body.

Examiner's Initials ms Date 4-11-21, 1920.

VI. G. R. S. FILES, CORRESPONDENCE—shows as follows: Let. 4-23-20 Father

William C. Allen, Sr., 164 Chambers St., New York City,
requests body be left where it is buried
in France in its present resting place.
(a) Cancellation memos referred to?

Examiner's Initials ms Date 4-11-21, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232-Sec. 45. SHEET No. 2.

AP. 4-20-21.

checked 4-16-21

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 **APR 19 1921**, 1920

*Sec. #45*

*Par. 3 - Undisturbed  
Allen, William Cover Jr. nest*

IX.

**CORRECTIONS**

CHANGE OF ADVICE.	ACTION TAKEN.
Desires body be _____	
Body to be shipped to _____	
_____	
_____	
_____	

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*B.A.M.R.:*

*Mr. William Cola Allen (father)  
1339 Bedford Ave,  
Brooklyn, N.Y.  
5-18-21 B*

Name .....

Rank .....

Serial No. ....

Org. ....

Remarks .....

.....  
A.G.O. Card & Corr. ....

Discrepancies .....

Name .....

Rank .....

Serial No. ....

Org. ....

Remarks .....

.....  
G. R. S. Corr .....

Discrepancies .....

Name .....

Rank .....

Serial No. ....

Org. ....

Remarks .....

.....  
Checkers .....

Discrepancies .....

Name .....

Rank .....

Serial No. ....

Org. ....

Remarks .....

S-1783/MB

*7 SW. sent,  
E.O. 4-13-24,  
checked H.H.  
4-17-24*

OSP-SS  
Form No. 1009

C 82076

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION

*Please  
insert!*

Harlow C.W.  
NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER  
1232-Sec.45 - 2  
CEMETERY NO.  
4/13/21.  
DATE  
Allen, William C., 2nd Lieut.  
SERIAL NUMBER ORGANIZATION DATE OF DEATH  
M.G.Co., 9th Inf.  
M.G.Co., 9th Inf. 10/3/18.

*copy  
to  
copy  
5-18-21*

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE April 27, 1921.

Mr. William C. Allen, (Father)  
Mrs. Elizabeth Stockdale Allen, Mother  
PERSON NAMED BY SOLDIER TO BE BENEFICIARY OF INSURANCE RELATIONSHIP

1339 Bedford Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. (Em. Address)  
ADDRESS

PERSON RECEIVING DEATH COMPENSATION RELATIONSHIP

S/1868/LML

*No record  
mcp.*

# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

See Form 115  
att 3/31/22

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD: File #33788

(a) Name ALLEN, William Cowen Jr. (4-16-21) M Ser. No. --

(b) Rank 2nd Lt. Organization M.G.Co., 9th Inf. TYP. als

(c) Date of death 10-3-18 (d) Cause of death K/A } 30

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

(a) Grave No. 56 Row -- Plot 2 Sec. 45 TYP. als

(b) Emerg. Address Will C. Allen, (Father) 1339 Bedford Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y.

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

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 APR 19 1921, 192

Sec. #45.

Pr. 3 - Undisturbed

Allen, William Cowen Jr. mes

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. \_\_\_\_\_

FRANCE 1232-Sec. 45. 2.

CP 4/20/21

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION

*Cancel*  
Harlow G.W.

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER	CEMETERY NO.	DATE
Allen, William O., 2nd Lieut.	1232-Sec.45 - 2	4/17/21.
SERIAL NUMBER	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
---	M.G.Co., 9th Inf.	10/3/18.

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PERSON NAMED BY SOLDIER TO BE BENEFICIARY OF INSURANCE

RELATIONSHIP

ADDRESS

PERSON RECEIVING DEATH COMPENSATION

RELATIONSHIP

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

33788

Remains of:

Name: ALLEN, Jr. W. G.

Number

Rank: 2nd Lt.

Organization MG Co. 9th Inf

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group:

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From (Give complete location)

8 4th, June 1919.

Grave #11 Isolated

SOMME PY, MARNE.

35 SW 270. E 279.5 N

Reburied (Date)

To: (Give complete location)

4th June 1919.

Grave #56 Sec #45 Plot #2.

1232

ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY No. 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 any identification tag found upon the body? No

What other means of identification were found on the body?

Officers Uniform.

10855 CONFIDENTIAL No. 11

Note:

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., after 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. Grant

R. H. ROSENTHAL

2nd Lieut. Q.M.G.U.S.A.

HW

G.O. Group

Unit

33788

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

## LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

..... ALLEN ..... William C. .....  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

..... 2nd Lt. ..... M. G. Co. ..... 9th Inf. .....  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: .....

CAUSE OF DEATH: .....

DATE OF BURIAL: .....

PLACE OF BURIAL: .....

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

See correspondence- McMurrer, .....

Philip P. 41397

GRAVE NUMBER: .....

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

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?  .....

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE: .....

ADDRESS: .....

RELATIONSHIP: .....

REPORTED BY: .....

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

FROM : ADJUTANT GENERAL.

TO : C.O., M.G. Co., 9th Inf.

SUBJECT : Information for Burial Register.

1. You are directed to transmit without delay to the Chief, Graves Registration Service, the information indicated on enclosed Grave Location Blank as necessary for the completion of official records.

By Command of General Pershing:

Robert C. Davis  
Adjutant General.

Note:

In case this item is checked, you will note hereon:

Nearest relative of deceased:

Relationship:

Address:

# GRAVE LOCATION BOOK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Allen W. C.  
(Surname) (Number) (First Name and Initials.)

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. G. C. 9<sup>th</sup> Inf.  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL: Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: Bois de Pins

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

N. E. of Somme Py. In S. E. corner of woods near road. Map Sahure

1:20,000 ~~279.4 - 270.3~~  
280 - 269.6

GRAVE NUMBER: 1

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

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: *yes*

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:

REPORTED BY: Joseph H. O'Donnell  
Chaplain 9<sup>th</sup> Inf.  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Rush Case

G.R.S Form No. 8-W; Central Records Liaison.

Rush

33780

Memo For: G.R.S. representative, C.R.O.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

1. Items checked are to be completed:

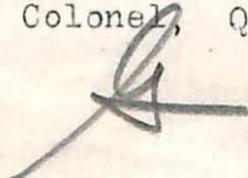
Surname: *Allen.*  
 Number:  
 First name: *William E.*  
 Rank: *2nd Lt.*  
 Company:  
 Organization: *M.S. Co*  
 Date of death: *9th Infantry.*  
 Cause:  
 Place: *Killed in action 10/3/18*  
 Location of hospital:

Number " "  
 Class " "  
 Emergency address: *William E Allen*  
 Relationship: *Father 1339 Bedford Ave*  
 Authority: *Brooklyn,*  
 Cablegram No: *289-2*  
 Telegram from: *New York*

dated:  
 Reported to Washington:  
 C.C.Nos.

(Underscore the "official" C.C.)  
 Remarks:

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



## REGISTRATION CARD #41054

G.R.S. Form No. 3 Central Records Liaison.  
 Memo For: G.R.S. representative, C.R.O.  
 SUBJECT: Information required for G.R.S.

1. Items checked are to be completed:

- 33788
- ( ) Surname: ALLEN  
 ( ) Number:  
 ( ) First name: Will C. (William C)  
 ( ) Rank: 2nd Lieut.  
 ( ) Company: Co. C (M.G.Co.)  
 ( ) Organization: 345th M.G.Bn. (9th Inf)  
 ( ) Date of death: 10-15-18 (10-3-18)  
 ( ) Cause: B/P (k/a)  
 ( ) Place:

Location of hospital:

- ( ) Number " "  
 ( ) Class " "  
 ( ) Relative: William Allen Sr.  
 ( ) Relationship: Father  
 ( ) Address: 1339 Bedford ave  
 Brooklyn  
 N.Y.  
 ( ) Authority:  
 Cablegram No:  
 Telegram from:

dated:

- ( ) Reported to Washington:  
 ( ) C.C. Nos: 295----289  
 ( ) (Underscore the "official" C.C.)  
 ( ) Remarks: 289  
 ( ) Show present status on reverse side.

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

Initials of Reporter:

33788

**FILE**

4-12-21  
(Date)

FORM 115 has been compiled on the following case:-

CEMETERY NO. 1232 SECTION 45

FORM 115 Sheet No. 2

MK  
(Initials)

CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
REGISTRATION SECTION**FILE**

June 14, 1921

MEMO FOR:

Cards Department.

1.

CASE OF:

Machine Gun Company 9th Infantry

ORGANIZATION (Old)

ALLEN, William C. 2nd Lieutenant

(Name)

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 William Cowen Jr.

RANK

DATE OF DEATH

CAUSE OF DEATH

	Date	Place	F-1A No.
Orig.			D-
1st Reb.			D-
2nd Reb.			D-
3rd Reb.			D-

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

BY: Dan T. DodsonAdjustment

(Department)

5 x 8 card was sent to file.

Corrections made  
on Organization  
File Card:

By Cory

S/1105/LML

8

FROM: O.Q.  
CEMETERIAL  
Munitions B  
Room

WAR DEPARTMENT  
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington

G.R.S. Form 8W-A-H  
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 4/13/21.

PLEASE  
EXPEDI

File No. Requisition

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division) **(SPECIAL)**

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & F Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

**FILE**

1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed, Request confirmation of all information shown.

- a. Surname Allen *O.K.*
- b. Christian name William C. *William C. Allen*
- c. Serial Number ---
- d. Organization M.G.Co., 9th Inf. *O.K.*
- e. Rank 2nd Lieut. *O.K.*
- f. Date of death 10/3/18. *O.K.*
- g. Cause of death K/A. *O.K.*
- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- i. Emergency address William C. Allen  
1337 Bedford Ave.,  
Brooklyn, N.Y.
- j. Relationship Father

NOTED FORM 115  
DATE 4-16-21 "M"

BODY DESCRIPTION  
(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- a. Age of enlistment
- b. Color of eyes
- c. Color of hair
- d. Height
- e. Weight
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)

DENTAL CHARTS  
(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

a. Strike out teeth missing

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

upper right                      upper left

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

lower right                      lower left

H. L. ROGERS,  
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.

BY: *[Signature]*  
H. J. CONNER,  
1st. Lieut. Q.M.C.

CEMETERY NO: C.W.  
1232-Sec.45.

SHEET NO: 2  
TYPED BY: I.W.

33706  
June 9, 1920.

33788-Inquiry (Allen, William C., 2nd Lt.)

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

Mr. William C. Allen, Sr., The Tarrant Co., 164-166 Chambers Street,  
New York, N. Y.

Permanent Burial in France.

1. In reply to your letter of April 23rd, you are advised that cancellation of your former request that the remains of your son, Second Lieut. William C. Allen, M. G. Co., 9th Infantry, be returned to the United States, has been made on our records and the necessary instructions will be issued to have the remains of this officer permanently buried in France.

2. It is the intention of the War Department to concentrate the bodies of our soldier dead whose relatives have requested permanent burial in France, into one of several permanent American Cemeteries. The Argonne American Cemetery at Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse, in which the remains of your son are interred, has been designated by The Secretary of War as one of these permanent cemeteries and will no doubt be established as such. The body of your son, would not, in this case be removed from the Argonne Cemetery but in the general plan of the concentration in this cemetery it might be necessary to transfer the remains to another grave location in order to insure a better burial site for the future care and maintenance of the grave.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

CHARLES C. PIERCE  
Colonel, U. S. Army  
Chief, Cemeterial Division

By:

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

JUN 15 1920

R. S. MAULD

ESTABLISHED  
1834.

JAMES TARRANT, . . . . . 1834  
JOHN A. TARRANT, . . . . . 1852  
JOHN A. TARRANT & CO., . . . . . 1856  
TARRANT & CO., . . . . . 1861  
THE TARRANT CO., . . . . . 1902

# The Tarrant Co.,

Manufacturing Chemists & Importers

164-166 Chambers Street,

New York, April 23rd, 1920.

Received - - Ing. Dept.

# 33788

War Department,  
The Adjutant Generals Office,  
Washington, D.C.

(Misc. Div. IDR/WMS.)

My Dear Sir:-

Referring to your letter of January 4th, 1919, in reply to mine of December 17th, 1918 in relation to the return of the body of my son, Lieut. William Cowen Allen, Jr., Machine Gun Company 9th Infantry American Expeditionary Force, I beg to inform you that Mrs. Allen and myself have decided that we prefer to have our sons body remain wher it is buried in France.

I learn through the public press that it is the intantion of the goverment to return all the bodies of officers and soldiers as soon as possible, and I sincerely hope this letter may reach you in time to prevent his body from being removed from its present resting place.

Very truly yours,

WCA/SH.

3 Received A G O. APR 24 1920

WAR DEPARTMENT  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE & STORAGE  
WASHINGTON

✓  
W

*Allen*

*5/3/20*

ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY

\_\_\_\_ Circumstances of Death  
(Par. #2, Bul. 10-C-W)

\_\_\_\_ Liberty Bonds  
(G.R.S. Form 111)

\_\_\_\_ Flowers, Flags, etc.  
(Par. #6, Bul. 10-C-W)

\_\_\_\_ War Risk Insurance  
(G.R.S. Form 111)

\_\_\_\_ Monument  
(Par. #6, Bul. 10-C-W)

\_\_\_\_ Photographs  
(Par. #11, Bul. 10-C-W)

\_\_\_\_ Discrepancies in Inscription  
(Par. #9, Bul. 10-C-W)

\_\_\_\_ Permanent Burial In  
✓ (a) France (G.R.S. Form 106)

\_\_\_\_ Personal Effects  
(G.R.S. Form 111)

\_\_\_\_ (b) Other Countries

\_\_\_\_ Accrued Pay  
(G.R.S. Form 111)

\_\_\_\_ Return of Bodies From  
\_\_\_\_ (a) France (G.R.S. Form 106)  
(Par. #12, Bul. 10-C-W)  
\_\_\_\_ (b) Other countries

\_\_\_\_ Maintenance  
(Par. #7, Bul. 10-C-W)

Remarks: *Y.P.*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: In addition to information furnished on Nos. 1, 6, 11; and 12, G.R.S. Form 101-A (Information Blank), supply data on the following:

Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15.

✓  
*ewt*

*MJH*

Analysis Clerk.

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

I. GENERAL INFORMATION on Cemetery No. (furnished by: \_\_\_\_\_) (date \_\_\_\_\_)

Data sent Overseas \_\_\_\_\_  
Operations to commence (approx.) \_\_\_\_\_  
Operations to be completed (approx.) \_\_\_\_\_  
Bodies shipped from European Port \_\_\_\_\_  
Bodies arrived at Hoboken \_\_\_\_\_

II. CASE OF Allen, William Cowens Lt. M.C. Co. 9 Inf.

The following information was abstracted (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ from: \_\_\_\_\_  
No A.G.O. card on file with request for disposition

SOURCE	CLK.	in OFFICE		CLK.	in OFFICE
A. G. O. Cards			Shppg. Inquiry (sent _____)		
A. G. O. Corresp.			To _____		
G. R. S. corresp. relative to disp.			OSP S-S Corresp (see Remarks.)		

A.A. 56-20

DESIRES as to Disposition.

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

Body to be shipped to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ was shipped (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS No action has been taken  
Qty 1232 has not yet been reported  
from Audit Dept. 5-6-20 B.E.H.

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

Date 5-4-20

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME *Allen, William Cowen Jr.* Serial NumberRANK *Lieut.* ORGANIZATION *M. G. Co. 9th Inf.*

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	(1) <i>W. Allen William C. 2nd Lieut M. G. Co. 9th Inf.</i>
2.	Date of Death.	(2) <i>10-3-18</i>
3.	Cause and place of death.	(3) <i>N/A</i>
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	(4) <i># 289</i>
5.	Date buried.	(5) <i>Not given</i>
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	(6) <i>Grav # 11 Isolated grave # c-262 Somme Py. Marne Reburied 6-4-19 Grav # 56 Sect. 45 Plot # 2 Argonne Amer City # 1232 Romagne sous-Montjaucou, Meuse</i>
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	<i>None (father)</i>
12.	Has been notified? (Give date)	(1) <i>Will C. Allen 1339 Bedford Ave. Brooklyn, N.Y.</i>
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	(2) <i>107-1-20-20</i>
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	(4) <i>D-25791</i>
15.	Inquiry made by?	Released by Information Control Dept. Directory <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cards 5x8 <input type="checkbox"/> Cards 4x6 <i>rsb.</i>

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*BBS,*

G. FORM #117. Reply to A.G.O.

File Number 33788  
January 8, 1920

WAR DEPARTMENT  
The Office of the Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D.C.

MEMORANDUM TO: Adjutant General's Office,  
Washington, D. C.

In reply to communication under date of Oct. 29, 1919.  
The files of the Graves Registration Service show that the remains of  
2nd Lieut. William O. Allen Jr.  
M. G. Co., 79th Inf.

~~are buried~~

were disinterred and reburied in  
Argonne American Cemetery  
Romagne-Sous-Montfaucon, Department of  
Meuse. Grave 56, Sec. 45, Plot 2.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Colonel, U.S. Army,  
Chief, Graves Registration Service.  
By:

CHARLES J. WYNNE,  
Captain, Q.M.C.,  
Graves Registration Service.

G.R.S. File No.  
CJW/

NS-5954/MB  
KK

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

Date 11-3-19

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME *Allen, William C. Jr.* Serial Number

RANK *2nd Lieut* ORGANIZATION *M G. Co. 7th Inf*

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	<i>Organ - M G Co 9th Inf. File no. Not given</i>
2.	Date of Death.	
3.	Cause and place of death.	
4.	Number of Casualty VCablegram.	
5.	Date buried.	
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	<i>6 Disinterred from Grave #1, Isolatic - Somme Ar, France</i>
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	<i>6 Reburied - 6-6-19 in Grave #56, Sec #45, Plot #2 Argonne Amer. Cty #1232 Romagne sous Montfaucon France</i>
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	<i>10 a Not given 10 b Not given</i>
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	<i>11 c Not given</i>
12.	Has above been notified? (Give date)	<i>12 - Not given</i>
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	
15.	Inquiry made by?	

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List of 45 off. Oct 29-19*

**File No. 293-8**  
**G. L. - Capt. Wynne.**

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*Information from Form 16*

33788

FROM: G. R. S. Officer, Paris.

FILE NO. 33788

TO: Chief, G. R. S., (Registration Branch), Tours,

DATE May 22, 1919.

SUBJECT: Location, grave of:

NAME ALLEN, William C. Jr.

SERIAL NUMBER

RANK 2nd. Lieut.

ORGANIZATION M.C. Co., 9th. Inf.  
2nd. Div.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with records?	1. ALLEN, William C. 2nd Lieut. M.C.Co., 9th Infantry.
2.	Date of death:	2. 10-3-18.
3.	Grave location:	3. Commune 0-262. Grave 11, (Isolated), Commune of Comme-Py (Marne), map ref.: Map 35SW, Coords: E270 - N279.5.
4.	Who reported burial?	4. G.R.S. Officer.
5.	Confirmed by G. R. S.?	5. Yes.
6.	How is grave marked?	6. Cross.
7.	Identification tags:	7.
	(a) Buried with Body?	(a) No.
	(b) Attached to grave Marker?	(b) No.
8.	Emergency address:	8. <del>Wm. Henry C. Allen, (Mother)</del> <del>524 N. Washington Ave., Burdett, Texas.</del>
9.	Has above been notified? (Give Date)	9. Yes. 5-12-19.

## REMARKS:

Forwarded to Chief, G.R.S., May 22nd, 1919.

Requested by... ELGER, Mr. HARRY.....

European address... Hotel Continental, Paris.....

Relationship to deceased... Friend.....

Checked by .....

Inquirer reports: K/A Oct. 3rd.  
Mr. William C. Allen, (Father)  
Bedford Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y.

Office of Casualty Division and

*Allen*

2nd Lt

(Name) *Allen William C.* (Rank)

(Organization) *M. G. Co 9. Inf.*

Embarked for duty overseas.

1918.

Casualty record *Killed in action.*

*Oct 3/18*

No later record at Cas. Div. concerning him.

Date *12/18/18*

*W. H. W.*

(Searcher)

*William C. Allen - Father*

*1339 Bedford ave  
Brooklyn N.Y.*

*Muse*

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*164-166 Chambers Street,*

*New York,* December 17th, 1918.

War Department,  
Casualty Section,  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

In re:- William C. Allen, Jr., 1339 Bedford Ave., Brooklyn, New York, Machine Gun Company 308th Infantry graduated from officers training school, Camp Upton, L.I., and left for the otherside early in April 1918, received his commission as 2nd lieutenant and was transferred to Second division (regular) September 1918.

During the month of November 1918, I received letters from Captain R. C. Hilton, 2nd Lieut. Thomas P. Knapp and 2nd Lieut. Raymond B. Beach, all attached to Machine Gun Company, 9th Infantry A.E.F., under John A. Lejeune Major General U.S.M.C. commanding second division(regular) copies of which I enclose herewith, informing me that my son Lt. William C. Allen, Jr., was killed in action on October 3rd, 1918.

Up to the present time his name has not appeared in any of the lists of casualties, and while I have no doubt that the evidence of my sons death is all too true, I anxiously await the official information from Washington with his personal effects which I hold most sacred.

May I be advised, providing it is within the jurisdiction of your department, if I could possibly obtain possession of my sons body any sooner by paying the expenses of having it exhumed and expressed to me and thereby avoid the possibility of a doubt in obtaining his identical body?

Thanking you in advance for any information you can possibly give me, I await your reply which I trust may be favorable, and remain

Very truly yours,

*W.C. Allen*

WCA/SH.

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DEC. 18, 1918.

*W.C. Allen, Jr. killed in action, Oct 3, 1918. Machine Gun Co. 308th Inf. 9th A.E.F. under Lejeune.*

*12-17-18*

COPY

Ninth Infantry, A.E.F.  
12 Oct. 1918.

Mr. W. C. Allen,  
164 Chamber St.,  
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

It is with deep regret that I announce to you the death of your son, William C. Allen, Jr., who was killed in action Oct. 3, 1918.

Lieut. Allen was in command of a platoon of machine gunners and was just starting "over the top" when the enemy threw a heavy artillery barrage ahead of our advancing troops. All of us had to pass through this barrage.

One shell wounded several of Lieut. Allen's men. He was in the act of giving first aid to these men when he was struck and killed by a shell fragment.

Lieut. Allen has been under my command since July 29 1918, and he has always been faithful in the performance of his duties. He did good work with this company during the drive around St. Mihiel on Sept. 12th. His fate was quite a shock to all of the officers and men of this company.

May it be consoling to you to know that he gave his life for one of the noblest causes in history.

Sincerely,

(Signed) R. C. Hilton,  
(Capt. 9th Inf.)

Rec'd Cas. Div.  
DEC. 18, 1918.

COPY

M.G.Co.9th Inf.,  
A.P.O.710,  
A.E.F.,France,  
Oct.17, 1918.

My dear Mr. Allen:-

Permit me the honor of grieving with you in the loss of your son, Lieutenant Allen,-Bill, as I familiarly knew him.

I can't begin to tell you how popular and how well liked he was by both officers and men of this command. Indeed, the highest compliment I can pay him as a soldier and gentleman is to say that his men would follow anywhere. He was not only their commander, he was their leader.

A few minutes previous to his death he had with the ut-most bravery, mingled with great coolness and keen judgment, skillfully manouvered his platoon thru one of the heaviest artillery barrages we have yet been under, and at the time of his death, he had stopped and was gallantly giving first aid treatment to some very seriously wounded men.

His death is an untold loss to us all, but he died bravely and as a soldier desires ; on the Field of Honor.

Permit me, sir, to remain

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Thomas P. Knapp,  
2nd Lt. 9" Inf.

Rec'd Cas. Div.  
DEC. 18, 1918.

COPY

M.G.Co. 9th Infantry,  
Amer. E. F.  
October 25th, 1918.

My dear Mr. Allen,

It is with the deepest regret that I learned to-day of the death of your son and my best friend. I have been away at school and was not with the Company at the time. Bill and I had been together since the days at Upton over a year ago and I looked upon him more as a brother than as a friend.

I know that words are useless at such a time but I do want to extend my sincere sympathy in your great bereavement and trust that you will not hesitate to call on me should I be able to render any assistance whatsoever.

Sincerely yours,  
(Signed) Raymond B. Beach.

2nd Lieut. R. B. Beach  
M.G.Co. 9th Inf.,  
A. E. F.

Rec'd Cas. Div.  
DEC. 18, 1918.

(Miss. Div.) EDR/WES

January 4, 1919.

Mr. W. C. Allen,  
154 - 166 Chambers Street,  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of December 17, 1918, relative to the return of the body of your son, Lieutenant William C. Allen, Jr., Machine Gun Company, 9th Infantry, American Expeditionary Forces, I beg leave to invite your attention to the third paragraph of the inclosed Memorandum of Information, respecting the policy of the Government in regard to friends or relatives superintending the preparation and shipment of bodies back to the United States.

It is desired to express to you the deep sympathy of the Department on account of the loss of your son, and to commend you for the sacrifice and the contribution you have made to the cause for which he gave his life.

Very sincerely yours,

J. G. Ashburn

Adjutant General.

1 Incl.

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1-6-19

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Wm. C. Allen, Jr.