

G.R.S. Form #114-B

1518

FULL NAME ..... ALLEN, William H. ✓

RANK..... Private ✓ ..... SERIAL..... 1451259 ✓

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION ..... Company, A, 138 Inf., 35 Div. ✓

DATE OF DEATH..... Sept. 20, 1918 ✓

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME..... Mo.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED. none

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION. 3-12-29 #84- 3 C  
Date Grave Row Block

Suresnes American Cemetery #34

..... Cemetery #12, Army School APO #714  
Cemetery

Rec'd World War Div.

4 DEC 5 1928

23/306/ARK

DMB  
12-6-28

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Allen* *1451259* *William H.*  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

*Pvt* *Co A, 138 Inf.*  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: *Base Hospital 53*

CAUSE OF DEATH: *Lobar Pneumonia*

DATE OF BURIAL: *September 22, 1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL: *Cemetery 13*

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

*Army Schools A. P. O. 714*

GRAVE NUMBER: *84*

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

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? *yes*

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE: *Mrs. S. V. Allen*

ADDRESS: *Newburg, Missouri*

RELATIONSHIP: *Mother*

REPORTED BY: *John A. Nesbitt, Chaplain*

*Base Hospital 53*

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

# WESTERN MILITARY BUREAU

## ROUTE AND SCHEDULE

EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE SAILING FROM NEW YORK CITY August 19, 1930

Phelps \_\_\_\_\_ County, State of Missouri

Name Allen, Mrs Sarah E (h-18)

Address Jerome, Mo

Route going: St L-SF St Louis, Penna ~~New York~~

Return: B&O St Louis, St L-SF

*132 R  
550 P*

Itinerary  
going

	ROAD	TRAIN	TIME	DATE
Lv Jerome	StLSF	8	* 4:30AM	August 16
Ar St Louis	"	"	8:10AM	" "
Lv "	Penna	Spl	10:15AM	" "
Ar New York	"	"	3:00PM	" 17
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Ar * <u>SPECIAL STOP</u>				
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Accommodations: Seat in Standard sleeper Jerome, Mo to St Louis, Mo  
Standard sleeper St Louis, Mo to New York, N Y

Elapsed Time: 33 Hrs: 30 Min.

Extra Fare:

*467*

Party "A" - Itinerary - Saranac Group

Sailed August 10th, 1930, on ORCHARD STEAMSHIP. Capt. Arnold J. Park in Charge. Arrived Cherbourg August 27th. Special tender arrived 11:57 am, bearing Maj. Bailey and Misses: Capt. Cato, Cato, Haley, Harriet, Lambert and Marie; Mrs. Yarbrough, Freeman and Blaine; five nurses and three civilian employees. Train left 1:37 pm; arrived Gare des Invalides, Paris, 6:00 pm. Met by Col. Ellis and members of his staff, interpreters and nurses. Taken in bus to hotel.

August 28th: Morning devoted to transaction of personal business, exchange of money, preparation of laundry, etc. Afternoon - Ave de Triumphe, Arc de Triumphe laid by Mrs. Seymour and Mrs. Gagnon. Tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent. Dinner at hotel.

August 29th: Morning free. Lunch Hotel d'Iena. Sightseeing trip Paris - Sacre Coeur. Dinner at hotel.

August 30th: Visit Saranac Cemetery. Lunch at Belle Cyoliste. Afternoon free. Dinner at hotel.

August 31st: Free of Church. Lunch Hotel d'Iena. Visit Saranac Cemetery. Dinner at Hotel d'Iena.

September 1st: Fontainebleau via Barbizon. Lunch Hotel Logis. Left for Paris via Melun. Dinner at Hotel d'Iena.

September 2nd: Sightseeing trip Paris - Louvre. Lunch at Belle Cyoliste. Visit Saranac Cemetery. Dinner at Hotel d'Iena.

September 3rd: Versailles in morning. Lunch Belle Cyoliste - Saranac. Visit Cemetery. Dinner at Hotel d'Iena.

September 4th: Left for La Ferté s/o Joinville via Porte de Pantin, Meaux, (rest stop Hotel de la Terrasse). Lunch Hotelierie du Bonhomme at Chateau Briery. Visit Aiane-Sarac Cemetery in afternoon. Left for Paris via La Ferté (rest stop Hotel de la Terrasse). Dinner at Hotel d'Iena.

September 5th: Morning free. Visit to Cemetery. Lunch at Belle Cyoliste. Cemetery. Dinner at Hotel d'Iena.

September 6th: Morning free. Lunch at hotel. Afternoon free. Dinner at hotel.

September 7th: Free of Church. Lunch at hotel. Sightseeing trip Paris - Notre Dame. Dinner at hotel. Sightseeing trip at night.

September 8th: Morning free. Lunch at hotel. Sightseeing trip Paris, Napoleon's Tomb. Dinner at hotel.

September 9th: Saranac Cemetery. Lunch Hotel d'Iena. Afternoon free. Dinner at hotel.

September 10th: Boat train left for Cherbourg 9:44 am, arrived 3:36 pm. AMERICA sailed 5:40 pm. Arrived New York September 19th.

\* On Sept. 9th, about 50 Missouri members of this party participated in a ceremony in the Court of Honor of the Invalides when a gavel, in the possession of Mrs. Caylor, was presented to Marechal Joffre.

Mrs Sarah E Allen

ALLEN, WILLIAM H



WAR DEPARTMENT  
 "PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"  
 ROOM 901  
 225 WEST 34TH ST., NEW YORK, N. Y.

ALLEN, William H. Sur

Party ..... "R" .....

Number ..... 3100 .....

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

Allen, Mrs. Sarah E. .... Actual cost of through Pullman.  
 Name of Traveler

Jerome, Phelps County .....  
 Home Address

WASHINGTON, D. C.  
 New York, to

Jerome, Mo.

Missouri ..... \$ 12.00 .....

New York, to Jerome, Mo. .....  
 Destination

Via B & O to St. Louis - Frisco to dest. ....

Limit-Oct. 7, 1930 ..... Sept. 20, 1930 .....  
 Date of Departure

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	Car	U. S. G. Order No.	Actual Cost
L	Versey City	B&O	25	9/20	8:27 a.			
AR	Wash. D. C.	"	"	1:20 P.				
LV	"	"	11	9/22	4:33 P.			
AR	St. Louis, Mo.	"	"	9/23	5 P.M.	Lo.	107-1024427	9.00
LV	"	Frisco	5	"	11:45 P.			
AR	Jerome, Mo.	"	"	9/24	3:09 a.	Lo.	107-1024428	3.00
LV								
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LV								
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LV								
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TOTAL 12.00 .....

Remarks:

Stopover - Washington

Escorted to train by Capt. F. M. Child

ALLEN, WILLIAM H

Arrived August 17, 1930 3:00 pm, Penna.R.R. Met by Capt. Wm. Hesketh and escorted to Hotel McAlpin. Quartered for two days with Mrs. Elizabeth Zink.

Two pieces luggage.

Quartered on <sup>George</sup> WASHINGTON with Mrs. Margaret Warren and Mrs. Hilde Paulson Gross, Cabin 109.

On return from pilgrimage quartered at Hotel McAlpin with Mrs. Elizabeth Zink.

Name ALLEN, Mrs. Sarah E.

Paris Hôtel HOTEL D'ÎÉNA

Home address AVENUE D'ÎÉNA  
Jerome, Phelps County, Missouri

Party R Group 6 Unit ~~SS~~ WASHINGTON

Date of arrival AUG. 27. 1930 Date of departure ~~SS~~ AMERICA Sept. 10, 1930

Relationship Mother

Name of deceased ALLEN, William H.

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. A, 138th Inf.

Cemetery Suresnes.

REMARKS





NAME ALLEN, MRS. SARAH E.

S.S. AMERICA SEP 19 1930

2100

HOME JEROME, PHELPS COUNTY, MISSOURI

R.R. Bo to St Louis

STATION Forest Jerome mo

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE Oct 7- '30

S. O. Wash

no fare

August 1st, 1930

Mrs. Sarah E. Allen  
Jerome, Mo.

Dear Madam:

Please attach the enclosed tags to each piece of baggage, thus to protect the safe arrival of same in New York.

Upon your arrival in this City, you will be met at the Railroad Station by a United States Army Officer, in uniform, who will wear on the left sleeve of his coat a blue cloth band, showing a Gold Star and the word "Pilgrimage". This officer will escort you and your baggage to your Hotel in New York City.

For The Officer in Charge:

George F. R. Taylor,  
1st. Lieut., Q.M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Enclosures:  
2 tags.

Diagnosis, and complications: (include dates)

Aug. 21, 1930. Chronic bronchitis

Treatment and Progress: (include dates)

Aug. 21st, 1930 Elix. Terpin Hydrate c Cod. q 3 or 4 h.  
22nd; improving.  
26th, better.

Disposition: (include dates)

Aug. 28, 1930 Few rales both chests. Chr. Bronchitis, bilateral.  
*Remarks* History several years duration, associated c loss of weight. A.W.K.

Party R

# MEDICAL RECORD

Allen, Wm. H.  
Post. Co A, 1389 Inf.

Station: S.S. Washington

Date: Eastbound

Name Allen, Mrs. Sarah

Home address Jerome, Mo

Address of Nearest friend or relative Husband, S.B. Allen

Religion Meth.

Age 63

History of Present complaint: Cough

INSTRUCTIONS. — This card will be started in all cases of Pilgrims requiring medical attention by the Medical Officer or Nurse first rendering such attention. Subsequently it will be carried by the nurse in attendance upon the group to which the Pilgrim is assigned. All Medical Officers rendering any assistance in the case will make an appropriate entry which will include date, time and signature. Upon final disposition of the case the Nurse in charge will deliver the card to the Office of the Chief Surgeon. Pilgrims sent to the American Hospital will be accompanied by this card properly completed, which will be authority for admission, in which case a duplicate card will be made and sent without delay to the Office of the Chief Surgeon.

(over)



# CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Allen, Wm H</i>	<i>All</i>	3	<i>122</i>
	CEMETERY <i>34</i>	1	<i>6</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>35</i>	2	<i>35</i>
	ROW <i>3</i>	2	<i>03</i>
	BLOCK <i>C</i>	1	<i>3</i>
STATE	<i>mo</i>	2	<i>29</i>
RANK	<i>Pvt</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>35</i>	2	<i>35</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>138</i>	3	<i>138</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARITAL	<i>married</i>	1	<i>3</i>
NAME <i>Allen Sarah E</i>	<i>All</i>	3	<i>122</i>
	STATE <i>mo</i>	2	<i>29</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Phelps</i>	2	<i>81</i>
	CITY <i>Jerome</i>	3	<i>X + X</i>
RELATION	<i>mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>good</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR. <i>1930</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ACCEPTANCE	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
29/514/EAB	<i>age</i>		<i>63</i>

**AUDITED**  
SEP 24 1931  
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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB- HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME Allen,	All	3	1 2 2
William H.	CEMETERY 34	1	6
BURIED	GRAVE 35	2	35
	ROW 3	2	03
	BLOCK C	1	3
STATE	Mo	2	29
RANK	Pvt	1	2
DIVISION	35	2	35
ORGANIZATION	138	3	138
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARITAL	Unmarried	1	3
NAME Pohlman	Poh	3	2 5 8
Mrs. Martha Allen	STATE Missouri	2	29
RESIDENCE	COUNTY St. Louis Co.	2	97
3670 Market St.	CITY St. Louis	3	052
RELATION	Widow	1	5
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Yno	1	2
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	
29/514			

Unmarried  
for Civil & Records  
**AUDITED**  
SEP 24 1931  
HVPB



QM 293 AM

Allen, Wm. H. Sur

March 1, 1932

Mrs. Sarah E. Allen,  
Jerome, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

On your return from the pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe, you were furnished at New York with the following requests for use in obtaining parlor car seat or sleeping car berth on your way home:

WQ-1,024,428 for sleeping car berth from St. Louis, Mo.  
to Jerome, Mo.

No

The Pullman Company has never submitted a bill for the above and as it is desired to close these items will you please return this letter showing opposite the above by "Yes" or "No", whether you were furnished the accommodations shown. If they were not furnished and the requests are in your possession, please return them, or if they have been lost or destroyed write "Lost" after the word "No", so they may be cancelled.

The inclosed envelope may be used for reply.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

1 Incl.  
Env.

R

NAME *Allen, Mrs. Sarah E.*  
ADDRESS *Jerome, Missouri*

*ALLEN, WM. H.*

DATE .....

TO:

Officer-In-Charge, *PHELPS CO.*  
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

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

*S* Sincerely,

(Signed) *Mrs Sarah E Allen*

RPB-7-22-30-5M

*34*  
*SUR*



WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICIAL BUSINESS



Penalty for private use to avoid  
payment of postage, \$300.

RMS

**PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS**

**225 WEST 34TH STREET,**

**NEW YORK, N. Y.**

STATE

MISSOURI

ALLEN, Wm H.

M

Jerome

Phelps County

NAME ALLEN, MRS. SARAH E. HOME ADDRESS

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN

Mr. S. Allen same

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE

Aug 17

HOTEL

McAlpin

ROOM NO.

1220

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE

AUGUST 19, 1930

VESSEL

WASHINGTON

CABIN NO.

109a

DESTINATION

CHERBOURG, FRANCE

CEMETERY

SURESNES

RETURN NEW YORKDATE SEP 19 1930

Jerome, Phelps County

M  
NAME Allen, Mrs. Sarah E. HOME ADDRESS MissouriRETURN ON S. S. S/S AMERICA HOTEL MCALPIN ROOM NO. 663DEPARTURE NEW YORKDATE 9/20ROAD BVC TRAIN 25 CAR ..... BERTH or SEAT .....

REMARKS .....

Washington DC



K. Mann  
(Nurse)

# MEDICAL RECORD

Party: R.

S. S. Washington <sup>Eastbound</sup> ~~Westbound~~

Name Allen Mrs. Sarah

Home Address Jerome, Mo.

Name and address of nearest relative or friend S. B. Allen (husband)  
Same address.

Religion Methodist

Age 63

History of present complaint: Cough.

(OVER)

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) 8/21/30. Chronic bronchitis.

Treatment and Progress: (include dates) 8/21/30 Elix. Terpin Hydrate  
with Codeine. q 3 or 4 h. 8/22/30. Improving, 8/26/30.  
Better.

Disposition: (include dates)

Remarks: 8/28/30 Two rales both chests, Chronic  
Bronch. Bilat. Stridor several years  
duration associated with loss weight  
down



3449

## RETURN RECEIPT

34

Washington 8-19-30

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

Sarah E Allen

(Signature or name of addressee)

Vernie Allen

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_

Form 3811



U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1929

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# Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300

## REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 925279

## INSURED PARCEL

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

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING  
OFFICE

JEROME  
AUG  
12  
PM  
1930

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to \_\_\_\_\_

W. M. GENERAL

Street and Number, }  
or Post Office Box, }

(NAME OF SENDER)

MUNITIONS BUILDING

Post Office at \_\_\_\_\_

Rev. 3-24

c5-0116

State \_\_\_\_\_

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RETURN RECEIPT

Washington 8-19-30

34

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

Mrs Sarah E. Allen

(Signature or name of addressee)

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_

Form 3811

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1929

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# Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 925727

INSURED PARCEL

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

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING

OFFICE

JUL

130

P.M.

1930

AND DATE OF DELIVERY



Q. M. GENERAL

MUNITIONS BUILDING  
(NAME OF SENDER)

Return to \_\_\_\_\_

Street and Number, }  
or Post Office Box, }

Post Office at \_\_\_\_\_

Rev. 3-24

o 5-6116

State \_\_\_\_\_

Washington, D. C.

QM 293 A-M  
Allen, Wm. H. 34 M

July 21, 1930

Mrs. Sarah E. Allen,  
Jerome,  
Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of July 19, 1930, relative to your desire to leave Jerome on Train No. 12 August 8th, in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, sailing on the S.S. Washington August 19, 1930.

Please be advised that the Railroad Company has been requested to deliver your transportation to you in time to enable you to leave Jerome August 8th. As previously advised you the Special Train via the Pennsylvania Railroad leaves St. Louis at 10:15 A.M. August 16, 1930, and you should be at the station in ample time to take this train.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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# Signal Corps, United States Army

Received at

War Department Message Center,  
Room 3441, Munitions Building,  
Washington, D. C.

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH CO.

3-9311

38W TR. 14 COLLECT GOVT

JEROME MO 945A JULY 19-1930

DEWITT,

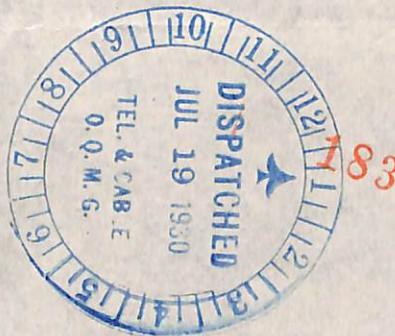
QM GENERAL WASHN, D.C.

WILL LEAVE JEROME TRAIN TWELVE AUGUST EIGHTH WILL VISIT IN  
STLOUIS UNTIL SIXTEENTH.

SARAH E. ALLEN.

1205P

Record Attached



293  
Allen  
Wm. H.



Washington, D. C. July 18, 1930

Mrs. Sarah E. Allen  
Jerome, Missouri

TELEGRAPH THIS OFFICE IMMEDIATELY DATE AND TRAIN ON WHICH YOU DESIRE TO  
LEAVE JEROME

GSM 1933

DeWitt  
Quartermaster General

QM 293 A-M  
Allen, Wm. H. 34 M

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JTH



## CLASS OF SERVICE

This is a full-rate Telegram or Cablegram unless its deferred character is indicated by a suitable sign above or preceding the address.

# WESTERN UNION

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

## SIGNS

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 LCO = Deferred Cable  
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JEROME MO 235P JUL 16 1930

R E SHANNON

(192)

*Clay*

CAPTAIN Q M CORPS ASSISTANT WASHINGTON DC

EXPECT TO BE IN STLOUIS WEEK BEFORE SIXTEENTH WILL BE READY LEAVE ON  
 SPECIAL TRAIN ON AUGUST SIXTEENTH SURE

MRS SARAH E ALLEN

- 636P

*R-18*  
*204*  
*Read*  
*Del Am*

QM 293 A-M  
Allen, Wm. H. 34  
Washington, Aug. 19, 1930

July 14, 1930

Mrs. Sarah E. Allen,  
Jerome, Mo.

Dear Madam:

A special train carrying the Missouri Mothers and Widows will leave St. Louis at 10:15 A.M., August 16, 1930. In order to connect with this train it will be necessary for you to leave Jerome at 4:30 A.M. the same day, arriving in St. Louis at 8:10 A.M. special stop being made of Frisco train No. 8. A lower berth will be furnished you from Jerome. The only alternative to this would be for you to leave Jerome at 1:32 P.M. on the 15th, arriving in St. Louis at 5:50 P.M. and laying there over night. Upon receipt of this letter please telegraph this office, collect, which you desire in order that the necessary arrangements may be made.

If you desire to stopover in St. Louis over night, in order to avoid this early departure, your per diem allowance will be sufficient to take care of your hotel bill.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

RES:1b



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

May 16, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Allen, William H. -34 M  
Washington 8-19

Mrs. Sarah E. Allen,  
Jerome, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not furnished the name of your Emergency Addressee as requested in letter of instructions from this office.

It is requested that in the blank space below you write the name and address of the person in the United States whom you desire to be notified in case you become seriously ill or other emergency arises while you are making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Name

*Mr. A. V. Allen*

Address

*Jerome. Mo*

Please fill in the above and mail it TODAY in the self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Env.



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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May 9, 1930.

Allen, William H. 34 M

Mrs. Sarah E. Allen,  
Jerome, Mo.

Dear Madam:

The following instructions prepared by the Secretary of State contain the necessary instructions to be followed by you in obtaining the passport or travel document to be utilized in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. Please read the directions carefully and call in person upon the nearest Passport Agent or clerk of a Federal or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens. Passport Agencies are located in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle. In large cities there are usually two or more courts and at each county-seat a state court authorized to accept these passport applications.

When you make this call be sure to take with you the four photographs called for in the instructions together with your invitation as a means of identification. You should take with you to the passport office at this time a friend who is an American citizen and who has known you for several years. The passport Agent or clerk of the court will mail your application to the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C., who will issue the passports and travel documents and will deliver them to The Quartermaster General to be held by him until your arrival in New York.

The instructions prepared by the Secretary of State are as follows:

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than 2½x2½ inches in size and such documentary



evidence of her American citizenship as she may have in her possession. In the absence of evidence of citizenship, her application should be witnessed by a credible person residing in the same community who is an American citizen, has known her for a long period of time and is able to swear to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that she is a citizen of the United States.

"A mother or widow who does not owe allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Pilgrimage Travel Document through a clerk of a Federal court or a State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens or through a Passport Agent upon the form of application prescribed for that purpose, entitled APPLICATION FOR A PILGRIMAGE TRAVEL DOCUMENT, issued under the Act of March 2, 1929, submitting therewith four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3 x 3 inches in size and not less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size. When making application she should be accompanied by a credible witness who has known her for a period of two years or more.

"The Act of March 2, 1929, provides that no fee shall be charged for the execution of an application for a passport or travel document or for the issue of a passport or travel document to a mother or widow making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces are now interred.

"Special Pilgrimage Passports and Pilgrimage Travel Documents when issued by the Department of State will be forwarded to the War Department.

"Applicants resident in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle should execute applications at the Passport Agencies in those cities."

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



Washington

8-19-30

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Allen, William H.

I accept  
(Accept or decline)

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

Mrs. Sarah E. Allen,

(Name)

Jerome, Phelps County, Missouri.

(Town or City)

(State)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Allen, William H. 34 M

October 8, 1929.

Mrs. Sarah E. Allen,  
Jerome,  
Missouri.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes) <i>Yes.</i> (No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <i>Yes.</i> (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) <i>No.</i>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age 63 (Years) Health (Good) <i>Good.</i> (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <i>Yes.</i> (No) Other language <i>no.</i> (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Jerome Mo.,.

June 24th/39

Mr John T.Harris  
Major Q.M.Corps  
% Quartermaster General  
Washington D.C

Dear Sir : In reply to your letter of May the 3rd , beg to advise that I am the mother of William H.Allen formally of Company A, 138th infantry .

I am very anxious to visit my sons grave at Suresnes American Cemetary, Suresnes, Seine France and I am very desirous of going on one of the pilgrimages to above cemetary.

Please advise me as far ahead as possible of time trip will start.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance in enabling to make such A trip, Remain

Yours very truly,

Mrs Sarah E. Allen





WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO OM 293 A-C

Allen, William H.

May 3, 1929.

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Mo.

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The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private William H. Allen, Company A, 138th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, 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 an 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 remarried 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,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO — CM 293 A-C  
Allen, William H.

May 6, 1929.

Mrs. Martha Allen, *Polmon — remarried for mail & Records*  
3670 Market St.,  
St. Louis, Mo.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 AM

Allen, Wm. H. Sur

March 1, 1932

Mrs. Sarah E. Allen,  
Jerome, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

On your return from the pilgrimage to the American  
Cemeteries in Europe, you were furnished at New York with the  
following requests for use in obtaining parlor car seat or  
sleeping car berth on your way home:

WQ-1,024,428 for sleeping car berth from St. Louis, Mo. *No*  
to Jerome, Mo.

The Pullman Company has never submitted a bill for  
the above and as it is desired to close these items will you  
please return this letter showing opposite the above by "Yes"  
or "No", whether you were furnished the accommodations shown.  
If they were not furnished and the requests are in your posses-  
sion, please return them, or if they have been lost or destroyed  
write "Lost" after the word "No", so they may be cancelled.

The inclosed envelope may be used for reply.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,



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

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QM 293 AM

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For The Quartermaster General.

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

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QM 293 A-M  
Allen, Wm. H. 34 M

July 21, 1930

Mrs. Sarah E. Allen,  
Jerome,  
Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of July 19, 1930, relative to your desire to leave Jerome on Train No. 12 August 8th, in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, sailing on the S.S. Washington August 19, 1930.

Please be advised that the Railroad Company has been requested to deliver your transportation to you in time to enable you to leave Jerome August 8th. As previously advised you the Special Train via the Pennsylvania Railroad leaves St. Louis at 10:15 A.M. August 16, 1930, and you should be at the station in ample time to take this train.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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July 14, 1930

Dear Madam:

If you desire to stopover in St. Louis over night, in order to avoid this early departure, your per diem allowance will be sufficient to take care of your hotel bill.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 13, 1930

Allen, William H. 34-M

Mrs. Sarah E. Allen,  
Jerome, Mo.

Dear Madam:

Somewhat heavier clothing is required to be worn in Europe than is necessary in the United States, in order to be comfortable. During the summer in Europe it is cool during the day and the nights are frequently chilly. Considerable rain is usually encountered during this time.

In order that you may be comfortable at all times, regardless of the condition of the weather, and may avoid missing any of the sights or any part of the itinerary which has been planned for you, the following suggestions are made.

The clothing which you will take with you should be slightly heavier and warmer than you would normally wear in the United States during the summer and should be strong and durable. It is essential that you take with you the necessary equipment to afford protection from the cold and dampness. Be sure to take at least two pairs of comfortable shoes to provide a change in the event your feet become wet, a pair of rubbers, an umbrella, and a sweater or some warm wrap to be used should the weather become uncomfortably cool. It is very desirable that, in addition to the sweater, you have with you a full length coat of medium weight for general wear.

The shortages of suitable facilities for laundry and the frequency of the moves you will make while in Europe will make it impracticable to secure as frequent service of this nature as may be desired. You should therefore provide yourself with sufficient underwear, nightgowns, stockings and handkerchiefs to meet your requirements should it be impossible to have your washing done more frequently than once in two weeks.

If you will read carefully the suggestions made above, and comply with them, it will add greatly to your comfort throughout the trip and will assist the Government in carrying out successfully its plans for conducting the pilgrimage. This letter is being sent to every mother and widow who has accepted the invitation sent to her by the Government to visit the grave of her son or husband.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May 16, 1930.

Allen, William H. -34 M  
Washington 8-19

Mrs. Sarah E. Allen,  
Jerome, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not furnished the name of your Emergency Addressee as requested in letter of instructions from this office.

It is requested that in the blank space below you write the name and address of the person in the United States whom you desire to be notified in case you become seriously ill or other emergency arises while you are making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

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Name

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Address

Please fill in the above and mail it TODAY in the self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Allen, William H. 34-M  
Washington 8-19

May 10, 1930

Mrs. Sarah E. Allen,  
Jerome, Mo.

Dear Madam:

Requests for stop-overs on return from the pilgrimage to the American cemeteries in Europe are being received by this office, in some cases, too late to take action.

Transportation arrangements for the round-trip are made a month before departure and requests for stop-overs on return must be in this office at that time.

Stop-overs can not be allowed on the trip to New York or in Europe, but may be allowed at any point on return from New York provided there is no additional cost or, if there is, that it is paid in advance by the pilgrim.

If you desire stop-overs at any point on return, please advise this office AT ONCE as to the cities where you desire to stop and we will be glad to arrange accordingly, or advise you if there is any additional cost to be paid by you. Send your request direct to this office and do NOT include it with your passport application.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

May 9, 1930.

Allen, William H. 34 M

Mrs. Sarah E. Allen,  
Jerome, Mo.

Dear Madam:

The following instructions prepared by the Secretary of State contain the necessary instructions to be followed by you in obtaining the passport or travel document to be utilized in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. Please read the directions carefully and call in person upon the nearest Passport Agent or clerk of a Federal or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens. Passport Agencies are located in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle. In large cities there are usually two or more courts and at each county-seat a state court authorized to accept these passport applications.

When you make this call be sure to take with you the four photographs called for in the instructions together with your invitation as a means of identification. You should take with you to the passport office at this time a friend who is an American citizen and who has known you for several years. The passport Agent or clerk of the court will mail your application to the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C., who will issue the passports and travel documents and will deliver them to The Quartermaster General to be held by him until your arrival in New York.

The instructions prepared by the Secretary of State are as follows:

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than 2½x2½ inches in size and such documentary

evidence of her American citizenship as she may have in her possession. In the absence of evidence of citizenship, her application should be witnessed by a credible person residing in the same community who is an American citizen, has known her for a long period of time and is able to swear to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that she is a citizen of the United States.

"A mother or widow who does not owe allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Pilgrimage Travel Document through a clerk of a Federal court or a State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens or through a Passport Agent upon the form of application prescribed for that purpose, entitled APPLICATION FOR A PILGRIMAGE TRAVEL DOCUMENT, issued under the Act of March 2, 1929, submitting therewith four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3 x 3 inches in size and not less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size. When making application she should be accompanied by a credible witness who has known her for a period of two years or more.

"The Act of March 2, 1929, provides that no fee shall be charged for the execution of an application for a passport or travel document or for the issue of a passport or travel document to a mother or widow making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces are now interred.

"Special Pilgrimage Passports and Pilgrimage Travel Documents when issued by the Department of State will be forwarded to the War Department.

"Applicants resident in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle should execute applications at the Passport Agencies in those cities."

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

Allen, William H. 34-M

April 30, 1930

Mrs. Sarah E. Allen,  
Jerome, Missouri.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 8 1929.

Allen, William H. 34 M

Mrs. Sarah E. Allen,  
Jerome,  
Missouri.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Allen, William H.  
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August 9, 1929.

Mrs. Martha Allen,  
3670 Market St.,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 3, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Allen, William H.

May 3, 1929.

Mrs. Sarah Allen,  
Jerome,  
Mo.

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 William H. Allen, Company A, 138th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, 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 an invitation to her to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

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

The Quartermaster General,

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO—~~QM 298~~ A-C  
Allen, William H.

May 3, 1929.

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3670 Market St.,  
St. Louis, Mo.

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Very truly yours,

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QM 293 A-C

Allen, William H.

April 11, 1929.

Mrs. Martha Allen,  
3670 Market St.,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

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

William H. Allen.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

J. McCLINTOCK,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE March 12, 1929

## 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 H.

10. Name

2. No. 1451259

11. No.

3. Rank Private

12. Rank

4. Org. Co.A, 138th Infantry

13. Org.

5. D.D. September 20, 1918

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. Lobar pneumonia

(b) D.B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 84 Sec. - - -

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot - - - Row - - -

16. Plot Row

9.

17.

18. Cemetery French Communal

19. Commune or town Langres

20. Dept. or County Haute-Marne

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 13

23. Disinterred (Date) March 8, 1929

By Harry E.N. Stine, Investigator.

24. Inscription on grave marker :

Name ALLEN, William H.

Serial No. 1451259

Rank Private

Organization Co.A, 138th Infantry

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

Signature Junior Technical Assistant

## PREPARATION

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

Plaque aluminium reads "Francais" "William H. Allen, Pvt. Co.A, 138 R.I."

Plaque metal reads "No. 84 Wm. H. Allen, Pvt. 138th Inf., Co.A, Died Sept. 21, 1918, 1451259".

27. Condition of body Flesh partly decomposed, skeleton disarticulated.

28. Nature of burial Regulation metallic lined casket, O.D. blanket and sheet.

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date March 8, 1929 By Harry E.N. Stine

31. Casket sealed by Harry E.N. Stine, Investigator.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor



SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-33345

32. Designation of body :

Name ALLEN, William H.

Serial No. 1451259

Rank Private

Organization Co. A, 138th Infantry

33. Consigned to :

Name of Permanent Cemetery Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) March 8, 1929 By Harry E. N. Stine

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

*Harry E. N. Stine*

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation : (Date)

To point of Concentration

(Name)

Convoyer

Signature Shipping officer

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration : Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration : Date

To Permanent Cemetery

(Name)

Convoyer

Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date March 12, 1929

G.R.S. Representative James H. Duncan, Supt. Suresnes American Cemetery.

41. Reinterred March 12, 1929

42. Grave No.

35

(Date)

Section

43. Plot Block C

Row 3

G.R.S. Representative

*James H. Duncan*  
James H. Duncan, Supt.  
Suresnes American Cty.



Suresnes American Cemetery  
Suresnes, Seine.

Place

Date March 12, 1929

## REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF ALLEN, William H. SERIAL NUMBER 1451259  
 RANK Private ORGANIZATION Co. A, 138th Infantry.

2. Disinterred (date) : March 8, 1929 From (give complete location) : Grave 84,  
French Communal Cemetery, Langres, Haute-Marne.

By : Group Harry E. N. Stine, Unit Investigator.

3. Reburied (date) : March 12, 1929 In (give complete location) : Grave 35, Row 3,  
Block C, Suresnes American Cemetery.

Metallic casket and  
shipping case.

By : Group James H. Duncan, Supt. Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial \_\_\_\_\_

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

Buried in made grave, about 6 feet deep, in regulation metallic lined casket, O.D.  
blanket and sheet. Flesh partly decomposed, skeleton disarticulated.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment and general remarks : Tags as above. Strip  
on cross, casket, body and in bottle same as above. Papers destroyed by water in bottle.  
Plaque aluminium reads "Francais: William H. Allen, Pvt. Co. A, 138, R.I."  
Plaque metal reads "No. 84. Wm. H. Allen, Pvt. 138th Inf. Co. A, Died Sept. 21, 1918, 1451259".

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

(estimate)  
(a) Height (~~actual measurement~~) 5 feet 6 inches

(b) Weight (estimated) 155 lbs.

(c) Hair—Color Impossible to determine

Quantity " " "

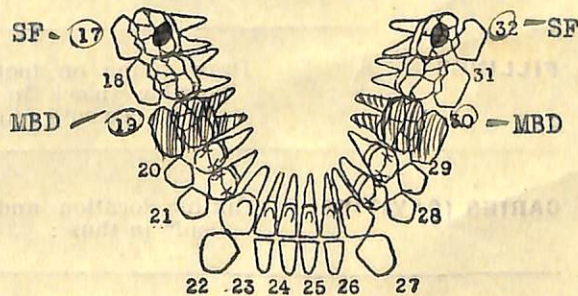
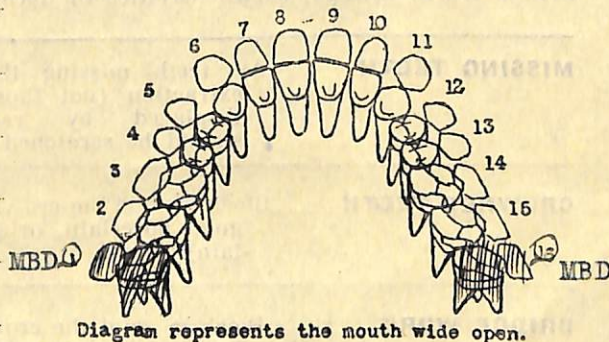
Characteristics " " "

(d) Hair on face—Color " " "

Location " " "

Quantity " " "

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



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

Impossible to determine

7. Disinterment supervised by Harry E. N. Stine Approved : Harry E. N. Stine  
Harry E. N. Stine, Investigator. (Title)

8. Reburial supervised by James H. Duncan Approved : James H. Duncan  
James H. Duncan, Superintendent, Suresnes American Cemetery.



QH 292 A-6  
(Allen, William H.)

December 4, 1923.

Mrs. Martha Allen Pohlman,  
3670 Market St.,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that receipt be acknowledged of your recent statement authorizing the removal of the body of your husband, the late Private William H. Allen, to one of the American Cemeteries in Europe, which will be perpetually maintained by the Government. The Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C., in Europe, has been advised of your decision and requested to effect the proposed change at an early date. Upon receipt of report that such action has been taken, you will be advised as to the name and location of the cemetery in which interment is made, and the number of the grave.

Very truly yours,

U. McCLINTOCK,  
Colonel, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

GH

U.S.M.C.M.E.H.

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St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 23, 1928.

J. McCintock,  
Major Q. M. Corps,  
War Department,  
Office of Q. M. General.

Dear Sir:

In answer to the communication dated October 24, 1928,  
relative to removal of body of my late husband, William H. Allen, would  
respectfully state:

That it is my desire that he be re-buried in permanent cemetery  
where his grave will be assured of perpetual care.

My post office address is:

3670 Market St., St. Louis, Mo.

Very Respectfully,

QM 292 A-C  
(Allen, William H)

*Martha Allen -  
Now Pohlman*

*gmk*

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QM 292 A-C  
(Allen, William H.)

November 15, 1928.

Mrs. Martha Allen,  
3621 Market St.,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires your attention be invited to office letter of October 10, 1928, in which information was requested as to your wishes with respect to the removal of the body of your husband, the late Private William H. Allen, to one of the permanent American cemeteries in Europe.

As this office is desirous of definitely determining the final status of these isolated cases, and due to the fact that the work must be completed before the end of the current year, it will be appreciated if you will furnish the information called for at an early date. Please address your reply to The Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C., and quote the above file number.

Very truly yours,

J. MacCLINTOCK,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

C. M. G. - M. C. V.

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address

Miss Martha Allen

3621 Market St

St Louis Mo

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Letter re directed to  
above & mailed 10/24/28



Auth. V. B. Cl. 53651

Brother

Charles L. Allen

2511 Edsel Ave.,

Detroit,

Mich.

SLC

10-20-28

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Mrs. Martha Allen,  
5689 Laclede Ave.,  
St. Louis, Mo.

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TO WRITER  
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*Handwritten:*  
Oct 13 1928  
Mrs. S. Allen  
5689 Laclede Ave.  
St. Louis, Mo.

QM 292 A-C

202  
October 19, 1928.

(Allen, William H.)

Mrs. Martha Allen,  
3621 Market St.,  
St. Louis, Mo.

per U.S.V. B } 10/24/28

Dear Madam:

In view of the fact that the work on the American Cemeteries in Europe will be completed by the end of the present year and the bodies of the World War dead, remaining overseas, will be practically all concentrated in these cemeteries, The Quartermaster General desires to ascertain your wishes in connection with the body of your husband, the late Private William H. Allen. On June 10th, 1921 you advised this office that it was your wish that your husband's grave be not disturbed, and you relieved the Government of all responsibility for the care and upkeep thereof. However, before the final work in the cemeteries is completed, it is again desired to call your attention to this matter, as it is thought you may have changed your mind and may now desire to have your husband reburied in one of these permanent cemeteries where his grave may be assured of perpetual care.

These cemeteries, eight in number, which will be perpetually maintained by this Government are located in France, England and Belgium and have been beautified with trees, shrubs, lawns and walks, making them a fitting final resting place for our soldier dead. Each grave will be permanently marked with an appropriate white marble headstone, inscribed with the name of the soldier, his rank, regiment, division, date of death and the State from which he came, these headstones being erected without necessity for any special action or request on the part of relatives.

C.M.G. - 100  
This inquiry is made at this time, inasmuch as it has been brought to the attention of this office, that in many cases these undisturbed isolated graves are not being properly cared for and that the crosses on same are either illegibly marked or in poor condition. In view of the fact that the Government has been relieved of the responsibility for these graves, this office is unable to rectify this condition unless permission is given to remove the bodies to the permanent cemeteries. If you are desirous of availing yourself of this opportunity to have your husband's body placed among his comrades and where his grave will always receive reverential care, kindly advise this office to that effect at an early date, as upon completion of the present work the Government employees now in Europe will be withdrawn and it will not be possible to undertake the action suggested.

Sincerely yours,

J. McCLINTOCK  
Major, Q. M. Corps  
Assistant.

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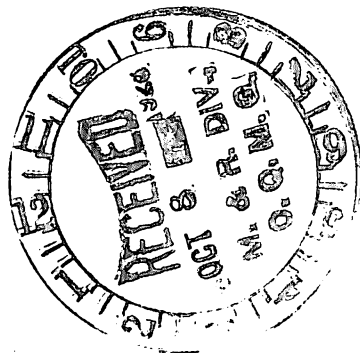
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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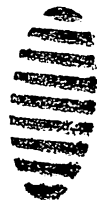
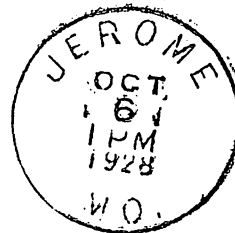


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Mrs. Martha Allen,  
Jerome,  
Mo.

*Address  
unknown*



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
(Allen, William H.)

October 3, 1928.

Mrs. Martha Allen,  
Jerome, Mo.

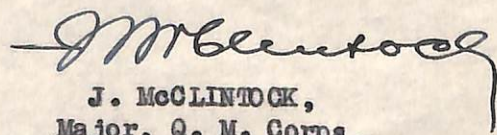
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Sincerely yours,

  
J. McCLINTOCK,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.



QM 293 A-C  
(Allen, William H.)

October 3, 1928.

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~~Jerome, Mo.~~

3689 Laclede Ave., St Louis, Mo.

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Sincerely yours,

J. McCLINTOCK,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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O.O.M.G.-M & R DIV.

20 OCT

DISP.



Allen,

(Surname.)

William H.

(Christian name in full.)

451,259

(Army serial number.)

Pvt Co A 13 E Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased.

Wife

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

yes

(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you

wish them interred in a national cemetery?

(Yes or no.)

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

Mrs J V Allen

(Name of person to receive remains.)

Jerome Mo

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

Jerome Mo

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here) Mrs Martha Allen

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by Pm

13-3

11-2-3



2-1-11  
10-1-11



G.R.S. Form No 115

COUNTRY FRANCE

Cemetery No. 13

Sheet No. 3

File No. 17468

## COMPILATION N/R REQUESTS

## I. DATA COMPILATION

## A. Location Index Card:-

(1) Name Allen, William H. Ser. No. 1451259

(2) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. A, 13th Inf.

(3) Date of death 9-20-18

## B. Registration Card:- (Check Reg. Card Inf. against Loc. Ind. Inf.)

(4) Cause of death Lobar Pneumonia

(5) Grave No. 84 Row -- Plot -- Sect.--

TYP. ESW

CKR. MEH

TYP. ESW

CKR. J.W.

## II. FILES EXAMINATION

A. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; no card

## B. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD

Date of receipt

(6) Relationship Wife

(7) Name Mrs Martha Allen

(8) Address Jerome, Mo.

(9) Desires remains brought to U. S.?

(10) Desires remains brought to U. S. and interred in National Cemetery at

(11) If brought back, what shipping instructions?

Jerome, Mo.

(Ex + Del) Jerome, Mo.

MM 4-16-21

## C. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE

Date of communication

(12) Does correspondence Change or qualify request as made on A.G.O. card? If so, specify such information.

(13) A. G. O. Files EXAMINED by J.D.

(Date) 4-16-21

D (14) G R. S. Files - Correspondence. (Has reference been made to File No. Cancellation memos.?) Yes or No Does such correspondence, if containing request for disposition, reconcile with that of A. G. O.?

(Specify "Yes or "No".) If "No", give date of communication, the name, address, and relationship and substance of request.

(15) G. R. S. Files EXAMINED by

(Date)

5-4-21

5/26/22

Reburied in Grave 84

for Communal City

Langres (Hauts Marne)

U. S. Bureau of War Reliefs

Further responsibility



# III. FINAL ACTION

A. MEMORANDUM to D. M. O. in E. made (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

(16) Removal of Remains (within custody of G.R.S.) to \_\_\_\_\_

(17) Instructions that remains be left undisturbed \_\_\_\_\_

(18) Typed by \_\_\_\_\_ Checked by \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

B. G. R. S. FORM NO. 114 made (Date) May 5, 1920

(19) Typed by KMB Checked by mjc (Date) May 5, 1920

## C. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

Form 120 5/15/20 + 6-23-20 sent to widow but signed and returned by Mrs. Sarah B. Allen, mother, Jerome, Mo. Mother requests body shipped to Mrs. S. V. Allen, Newburg, Mo. 8/4/20 Letter to Mrs. Martha Allen, widow, asks

Dispatched (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

(Let. Trans. No. JAN 5 1921)

PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_

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

concurrency in mother's request or give such shipping instructions as she desires. Eld. 9-17-20.

Form 120 9/12/20 Martha Allen (widow) 3689 Laclede, St. Louis Mo., requests body remain in Europe 9-25-20. - M.D.

5/20/21 Europe advised by proposed cable 302 - suspend action. Feb 6/2/21 advising widow city is temporary. 5/24/21 asking she inform office whether she desires body removed to a permanent city, perm France city, or returned to this country. M.R. 6-6-21

dated 6/10/21 Form 123, returned fully executed by widow - Mrs. Martha Allen - Feb 6/16/21 6-30-21 - Dag. acR acknowledges receipt of Form #123 from widow and advises that she will be informed of new grave location - Feb 7/7/21 1st Ind. 10/24/21 from Europe, states nec. arrangements have been made with French authorities to rebury body in trench communal cts of Langres. Perpetuity & perm maintenance of grave granted for

Europe 6/20 "instructions obeyed" at 11/4/21

Letter from



11-15-21  
Mayor of Langres

Let 11/15/21 Widow is advised that arrangements have been made with French authorities to bury body in the French Communal City at Langres. Upon reburial she will be adv of g l 11-15-21 Da.

6/7/22 Formal Release to widow Mrs. Martha Allen, whereby she assumes further responsibilities of grave. (ALS. 6/7/22).



Place LANGRES. (Hte. MARNE)

## REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date JANUARY 30, 1922.1. REMAINS OF ALLEN, William H.SERIAL NUMBER 1451259RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. A. 158th Inf.2. Disinterred (date): Jan 30, 1922. From (give complete location):Grave No. 84, American E.F. Cemetery No. 13, Langres, (Hte. Marne).By: Group 2 Unit Section 4.3. Reburied (date): Jan 30, 1922. In (give complete location):Grave No. 84 French Communal Cemetery, Langres, (Hte. Marne).By: Group 2 Unit Section 4. Nature of reburial Blanket and regulation G. R. S. casket.

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

Wooden box and uniform.Badly decomposed. Recognition impossible.5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? No

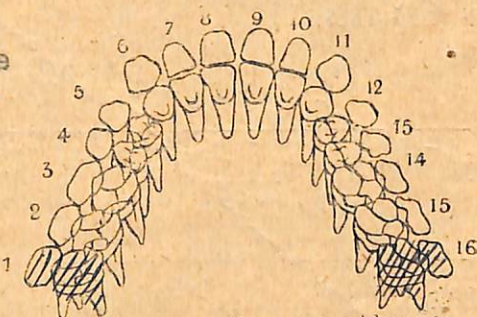
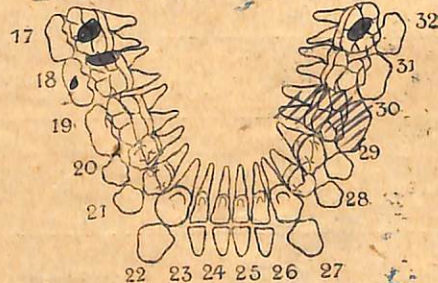
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:

No effects found.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Unable to determineMAD- 1-16.(b) Weight (estimated) Unable to determine(c) Hair—Color NoneQuantity NoneCharacteristics None(d) Hair on face—Color NoneLocation NoneQuantity None(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) None.

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

NoneExtracted- 19-30.Silver filling-17-18-32.

7. Disinterment supervised by

gbtJ. E. BENSONJCA

Approved:

WALTER F. BROWN,  
CAPT. U.S.A.

8. Reburial supervised by

J. E. BENSON

Approved:

WALTER F. BROWN,  
CAPT. U.S.A.



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE JANUARY 30, 1922.

## 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 ALIEN, William H.  
2. No. 1451259  
3. Rank Pvt  
4. Org. Co. A 138th Inf.  
5. D.D. Sept. 20th  
6. C.D. Lobar pneumonia

10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
11. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_  
14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
(b) D.B. None

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 84 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
8. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
9. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
17. None

18. Cemetery Amer. E. F.19. Commune or town Langres20. Dept. or County Haute-Marne21. Country France22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1323. Disinterred (Date) Jan 30, 1922.By J.E. BENSON

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name WILLIAM H. ALLEN

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

Rank Pvt.Organization Co. A. 138th Inf.G. R. No. 84.25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? No On body? YesSignature J.C. ANNABEL

J.C. ANNABEL

## PREPARATION

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

No effects found.27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Recognition impossible.28. Nature of burial Wooden box and uniform.29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Jan 30, 1922. By J.E. BENSON31. Casket sealed by J.E. BENSON

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

This body to be reburied in French Communal Cty. of Langres, Ha. Marne, released from care of grave per memo. #5287, 10/17/21, from French Liaison Officer. These remains to be buried in communal and free grounds at communal city of Langres per letter from



SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-26234

32. Designation of body:

Name William H. ALLEN

Serial No. 1451259

Rank Pvt

Organization Co. A 138th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

French Communal Cemetery, Langres, (Hte. Marne)

Name of Permanent Cemetery St. Michel Amer. #1233, Thiaucourt, Meuse

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) January 30, 1922. By J.E. BENSON

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector

WALTER F. BROWN

36. Remarks

Inscription on cross and G.R.S. strip checks Tag on body checks.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) January 30, 1922.

To point of Concentration French Communal Cemetery, Langres, (Hte. Marne)

Convoyer J.E. BENSON

Signature Shipping Officer

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Jan 30, 1922.

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Jan 30, 1922.

To Permanent Cemetery French Communal Cemetery, Langres, (Hte. Marne)

Convoyer J.E. BENSON

Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

Maire de Langres.

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred January 30, 1922.

42. Grave No. 84 (Date

Section

43. Plot Row

gbt

G.R.S. Representative

WALTER F. BROWN, CAPT. U.S.A.

*"See note on bottom of 1st page"*



Recorded, Cemetery No. 19468  
File # 293.6 - 19468

Case of Pvt. William H. Allen deceased  
Buried Grave 84, American Cemetery, Langres, Haute-Marne.

State of Kansas )  
( SS A F F I D A V I T  
County of Butler )

Martha Allen residing at 894 S. 1st St., Lawrence, Mo.

State of \_\_\_\_\_ being duly sworn, deposes and says,  
that she is the wife  
(relationship)

and nearest living relative of said deceased.

That she desires and hereby re-  
quests that the body of said deceased be permanently interred in  
the nearest permanent French Cemetery to the above location.

In consideration of consent by the United States to the fore-  
going request the said Martha Allen hereby  
accepts custody of the grave and assumes all responsibility for the  
future care and maintenance thereof, and for compliance with any  
and all local laws, rules, regulations, etc. and for the payment  
of all tolls, taxes, fees, or charges of whatever nature, releas-  
ing the Government of the United States forever from any and all  
obligations of whatever kind or nature in any way relating or  
pertaining to said grave.

Noted on Form No. 115  
Date 6-16-21 - 707

Mrs. Martha Allen

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of

June 1926, by the said Martha Allen

who is personally known to me to be the identical person, he re-  
presents herself to be the wife and nearest  
living relative of said Wm. H. Allen deceased.

Date 7/21/23 R/H

Vicco L. L. L.  
Notary Public.

My commission expires January 25, 1928

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\_\_\_\_ REGION

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ETAT-MAJOR  
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1st Bureau  
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SERVICE DE  
L'ETAT-CIVIL

EXHUMATION STATEMENT  
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REGISTRATION NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Date JANUARY 30, 1922.

in the presence of J.E.BENSON

and of CIUY

the exhumation of a body whose grave was bearing the following  
inscription has been made under my supervision :-

WILLIAM H. ALLEN, 1451259, Pvt., Co.A. 138th Inf.

The examination of the body has enabled me to collect  
the following additional information :-

Body badly decomposed. Recognition impossible.

Buried in wooden box and uniform.

This body, placed in a coffin, has been re-buried under  
my supervision in the French Communal Cemetery of LANGRES, (HTE. MARNE)

Grave No. 84 Section --- Plot --- Row ---

The following inscription has been placed on the grave :

WILLIAM H. ALLEN, 1451259, Pvt., Co.A. 138th Inf.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my official signature  
in the presence of the undersigned witnesses.

Made in duplicate at CHAUMONT. (HTE. MARNE)

Date JANUARY 31, 1922.

Signature of the  
two witnesses :

DMK.

*J.E. Benson*  
J.E. BENSON

*CIUY*  
CIUY

Signature of the  
Commanding Officer :

*Walter F. Brown*  
WALTER F. BROWN  
CAPT. M.C.

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

JUN 11 1920

13-3

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.

TO: Mrs. Martha Allen, Jerome, Mo.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Wm. H. Allen.

*Rush Answer*

The records of this office show that you have ~~requested~~  
~~body be~~ not expressed your wish as to the return of the body.

mmmm

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

Noted on Form No. 115  
6-25-20

*5/20/21 Europe advised by proposed cable 302 - Suspend action 5/24/21 H.H.*

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow			
Martha Allen	3954 Olive St	St Louis	mo
Soldier's Children	1. none		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
	3.		
Father			
Steven Vallen		Jerome	mo
Mother			
Sarah Allen		Jerome	mo
Brothers	Sam Allen 4262a Castleman	St Louis	mo
(Name oldest first)	2. W Allen 715 E 10th St	St Louis	mo
Sisters	Mrs Edith Hartman 5518 N Market	St Louis	mo
	Mrs Emma Mc Lee 4800 Kinnmore Ave	Chicago	Ill

Date June 23rd 1920

Signature Sarah Allen

Address Jerome Mo Relationship Mother

Note: - Instructions on the reverse side of this sheet should be carefully read before filling out this paper. (OVER)

The transfer of bodies will be made entirely at Government expense



Return to United States and ship  
to Mrs S. V. Allen at Newburg Mo

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RECEIVED  
IND. BRANCH  
MAY 26 1921  
CEMETERIAL  
DIV. Q. M. G.



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INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT

1. This paper **MUST** be signed by the person who is the **NEXT** of kin in the order shown in the square on other side of this sheet.
2. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
3. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the legally appointed guardian of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.
4. If **YOU** are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
5. If **YOU** are not the nearest living relative and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper **AT ONCE** and mail to this office.
6. You are requested to return this paper **AT ONCE** in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
7. Use the enclosed envelope - pay no postage.



OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON

MAY 11 1920

*Trish Answer*

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.

TO: Mrs. Martha Allen, Jerome, Mo.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. William H. Allen

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body be returned to U. S.

Shipped to Mrs. S. V. Allen, ~~Jerome~~, Mo. *Newburg Mo*

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES O. DIERCE,  
Colonel, U.S. Army.

Noted on Form No. 115  
1-25-20

*5/20/21 Europe advised by proposed cable 302. Suspended action - 5/24/21/48.*

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow	(former address)		
<i>Martha Allen</i>	<i>3548 Laclede Ave.</i>	<i>St Louis</i>	<i>Mo</i>
Soldier's Children			
(Name oldest first)			
1.			
2.			
3.	<i>None</i>		
Father			
<i>S. V. Allen</i>	<i>Jerome</i>	<i>Mo</i>	
Mother			
<i>Sarah B. Allen</i>	<i>Jerome</i>	<i>Mo</i>	
Brothers			
(Name oldest first)			
1.	<i>Sam Allen</i>	<i>4262 a Eastman Ave</i>	<i>St Louis</i>
2.	<i>Ivy W. Allen</i>	<i>Frisco Bldg</i>	<i>St Louis</i>
Sisters			
<i>Mrs Edith Hartman</i>	<i>5518 N. Market</i>	<i>St Louis</i>	<i>Mo</i>
<i>Mrs Minnie McGee</i>	<i>4800 Kenmore Ave</i>	<i>Chicago</i>	<i>Ill</i>
Date	<i>May 15th 1920</i>	Signature	<i>Mrs S. Ballin</i>
Address	<i>Jerome Mo</i>	Relationship	<i>mother of W. H. Allen</i>

Note:- Instructions on the reverse side of this sheet should be carefully read before filling out this paper.

KMB

(OVER)

The transfer of bodies will be made only at a government expense.



Return to U.S. Ship to  
Mrs J Vallan

Newburg

RECEIVED  
INVESTIGATIVE  
DIVISION  
MAY 26 1921  
FEDERAL  
BUREAU OF  
INVESTIGATION  
U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE



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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.G.  
TO: Mrs. Martha Allen, ~~3954 Olive St.~~ 3689 Laclede Ave, St. Louis, Mo. Push Answer

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Wm. H. Allen, Co. A. 13th Inf. (1451259)  
The records of this office show that you have requested that his body  
be returned to U.S. Remains transferred

Shipped to: Mrs. S. V. Allen, Jerome, Mo.  
If these are not the correct instructions, please correct them. Make  
corrections on reverse side of this sheet.  
The nearest relative may choose between, (1) return of the body to any  
address in the United States; (2) interment in Arlington, Va., or any other National  
Cemetery; or (3) remain in Europe.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

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

5/20/21 Europe advised by proposed cable 302 - Suspend action 5/24/21

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow	<u>3689 Laclede Ave</u> <u>Martha Allen</u>	<u>St Louis</u>	<u>Mo</u>
Soldier's Children (Name oldest first)	1. <u>Sam Allen</u> 2. <u>Joe Allen</u> 3. <u>Joe Allen</u>		
Father	<u>Steve Allen</u>		
Mother	<u>Sarah Allen</u>		
Brothers (Name oldest first)	1. <u>Sam Allen</u> 2. <u>Joe Allen</u> 3. <u>Joe Allen</u>		
Sisters (Name oldest first)	1. <u>Edith Hartman</u> 2. <u>Pansy Green</u> 3. <u>Pansy Green</u>		

Date sep 12 Signature Martha Allen

Address 3689 Laclede Ave Relationship Wife

IMPORTANT: - CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper. (OVER)



Dept 13/20  
St. Louis  
Quatermaster General  
Washington D.C.  
Dear Sir:-

Recd your letter  
in reference to the  
Bapt of Put. Wm. H.  
Allen 138 inf.  
(1451259)  
I have checked

out to have the  
Bapt of Put. Wm. H.  
Allen 138 inf.  
3689 loaded  
St. Louis, Mo.  
Care

5/20/21

Europe advised by proposed call 302  
Dispend Action - 5/24/21 918.

BOND

Sep 12 1920.

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

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.
2. To be returned to the U.S. and shipped to \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(R.R. Station) \_\_\_\_\_  
(State)

3. To be returned to the U.S. and buried in \_\_\_\_\_ National Cemetery.
4. To remain in Europe for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.



Signature Martha Allen  
MAY 26 1921  
C.M. G. METERS  
BRANCH

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT

1. If definite instructions as to the disposition of a body are not received from the nearest relative within 2 weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.
2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.
3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT of kin IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.



HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, Q.M.C., IN EUROPE  
8, AVENUE D'ENA

PARIS, February 23rd 1922.

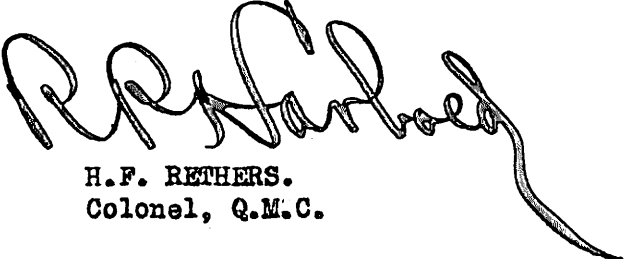
293.9 DISP. Cty. No 13

FROM : Chief.  
TO : The Quartermaster General, Munitions Building,  
Washington. D.C.  
SUBJECT : Reburials.

1. Attached hereto are G.R.S. Forms 114-A, 16-A and  
Exhumation Statement covering the reburial of the following  
American Dead exhumed from American Cty. #13, LANGRES,  
Haute Marne, and reburied in French Communal Cty. LANGRES,  
Haute Marne.

#17468 ALLEN, William H. #1451259, Pvt., Co.A. 138th Inf.  
Grave #84.

1 ~~OK~~ fr  
3 encls

  
H.F. RETHERS.  
Colonel, Q.M.C.

*Noted Audit.  
4/18/22 M.J.D.*

File No. 17468.  
13-3

September 22, 1921.

13, Reg. Br. Cem. Div.

The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Cemeterial Division).  
Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C. in Europe.  
Supplementary advice on American Cemetery, #13, Langres,  
Hte-Marne, France.

1. Reference paragraph 2, office letter of January 5, 1921,  
(File No. 13, Reg. Sec. Cem. Div.), also our cablegram 776, paragraph 2,  
the remains of the deceased soldier named below are to be removed  
to a nearby permanent French Cemetery.

Cable  
Ref. No.

3/ Allen, William H. Pvt., 1451259, Co. A, 13th Inf.

2. Mrs. Martha Allen, 3689 Laclede Ave., St. Louis, Mo.,  
widow of this soldier, has formally released the United States  
Government from the care of said grave and accepted the same, in  
full, herself.

3. It is requested that this office be advised when the  
operations in this area have progressed to a point where the  
United States can formally authorize Mrs. Allen to assume full charge  
and control of the grave.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

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# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

See Form 115  
6-16-22

## I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File--17468 -

(a) Name Allen, William H. Ser. No. 1451259  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. A 13th Inf.  
 (c) Date of death 9-20-18 Cause of death Lobar Pneumonia

TYP ESW  
MEH  
LM

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

(a) Grave No 84 Row -- Plot -- Sect. -- TYP ESW  
 (b) Emerg. Address ----

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## III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases no card OKR TW

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

*Form 120 9/1/20 Martha Allen (widow) 3689 Laclede Ave  
 St Louis Mo desires body be not returned to U.S.  
 aen 11/8/21*

## V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 192 Letter of transmittal 192)

PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED

JAN - 5 1921

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## VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S.Hoboken, N.J. 192

## VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of Relationship  
 and Source and name Desires Action taken

*Sept. 13, 1920 Widow (9/13/20) Suspend 5/20/21 Europe advised  
 Letter Mrs. Martha Allen action by proposed cable 302  
 Suspend action - 5/24/21  
 9-22-21 Europe advised  
 body to be removed  
 to nearby cemetery  
 French Cemetery  
 123 rue faucon d'Angoulême  
 9-22-21 M.G.*

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

*Let. from Europe 9/20/21 "instructions obeyed" att  
 1st Ind. 10/24/21 from Europe states nec. arrangements have been  
 made with French authorities for return of body in French Cemetery  
 City of Langres. Perpetuity & perm. maintenance of grave granted  
 by Mayor of Langres.*

COUNTRY France  
 G.R.S. FORM 115-A  
 August 1920

CEMETERY NO. 13

SHEET NO. 3

11/19/21 D.L.



# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Allen 1451259 William H.*

(Surname).

(Number).

(First Name and Initials).

*Pvt.*

*Co. A.*

*138 Inf*

(Rank).

(Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: *Base Hospital 53*

CAUSE OF DEATH: *Lobar Pneumonia*

DATE OF BURIAL: *Sept. 22, 1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL: *Cemetery 13*

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

*U. S. Army Schools A. P. O. 714*

GRAVE NUMBER: *84*

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

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? *yes*

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE: *Mrs. S. V. Allen*

ADDRESS: *Newburg, Missouri*

RELATIONSHIP: *Mother*

REPORTED BY: *John A. Nesbitt, Chaplain*

*Base Hospital 53*

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).



2. Soldier's No. 14512591/466

3. Allen Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials Wm. H.

4. P. A. Rank A. Company 138<sup>th</sup> Regt. of Corps Inf.5. Sept 21<sup>st</sup> 1918 Date of Death Cause, if known

6. Date of Burial Cemetery 13

7. Saugres Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. 84 Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

9. Name Peg? ..... Cross? ☒ Headboard? ..... Bottle? .....  
Check Method of Marking10. Buried with Body? ..... Attached to Grave Marker? ☒ .....  
Identification Tags

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

12. Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

13. Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed. S. A. Brown

Group Unit 303 G. R. S.

REVIEWED



To

BURIALS IN PERMANENT  
CEMETERIES

Q. M. Form No.

Report No.

Sheet No.

17468

Grave # 84  
No. of Cemetery 13 Date Sept. 21, 1918  
Place of Cemetery Army Schools, U.S.A. P.O. # 714  
Place of death Hospital # 53  
Disposal of Tags one buried with body; other tacked on ours.  
Name Allen 1451259, William H. Rank Private  
Regiment and Company Co. A. 138th Infantry.  
Nature of marking Regulation Cross  
Disposal of Personal Effects Effects Depot, Base Section #1, American  
Signed: John A. Nesbitt John A. Nesbitt  
Chaplain. Officer in charge.

NOTE. — Soldiers of Jewish faith to be checked thus in left hand margin :  $\Delta$ 

Allen, Wm. H.

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607. Rep.



June 7, 1922.

293.B C-R #17468-(Allen, William H. Pvt.)Cty.13, Sht.3.

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Mrs. Martha Allen, 3689 Laclede Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

Pvt. William H. Allen.

File 6/7/rr  
a2s

1. Martha Allen, nearest living relative of Private William H. Allen, Company A, 13th Infantry, having under date of June 10th 1921, formally released (executed Graves Registration Service Form 123 release) the United States Government from the future responsibility for the care of this soldier's grave #84, French Communal Cemetery of Langres, Department of Haute-Marne, and the custody of his body, the further responsibilities attached thereto are hereby transferred to the said legal next of kin, subject to local laws and regulations.

2. The transfer of the custody of the remains being thus completed, the said Martha Allen is entitled, insofar as concerns the United States, to make such disposition of the remains or take such action as may be desired in connection with the further disposition thereof or the further upkeep of the grave.

For the Quartermaster General:

GEORGE H. PENROSE  
Assistant.

LN  
HCH  
a2s

MAILED

JUN 9 1922

G.R.S. Noted by Statistical Clerk.  
Date 6/10/22 HCE

Noted on Form 115

Date 6/7/rr-a2s.

att.



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November 15, 1921.

293.8 C-R #17468 (Allen, William H., Pvt.) Cty. 13, Sht. 3.

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

Mrs. Martha Allen, 3639 Laclede Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

FILE

Disposition of Remains.

1. Referring to the case of the late Private William H. Allen, Company A, 13th Infantry, you are advised that this office is in receipt of information from the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. in Europe that the necessary arrangements have been made with the French authorities to rebury the remains of your husband in the French Communal Cemetery at Langres. Upon the reburial of these remains, you will be duly advised of the new grave location.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:

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

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HCH  
MVB  
da

MAILED

NOV 15 1921

CEMETERIAL DIV.  
O. Q. M. G.

Noted on Form No. 115  
Date 11/15/21 da  
COPY FILED IN O. S. P.



File No. 293.9 Dis. Cem. No. 13.

1st Ind.

HH/ma

Hqrs., American G.R.S., Q.M.C. in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris. October 24, 1921. To: The Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington, D. C.

1. Returned.
2. Necessary arrangements have been made with the French authorities to rebury the remains of Pvt. William H. ALLEN in the French communal cemetery of Langres, and perpetuity and permanent maintenance of the grave has been granted free by the Mayor of Langres.
3. Upon reburial of these remains your office will be advised as to grave location, etc.

H. F. RETHERS  
Colonel, Q.M.C.  
Chief.

Noted on Form No. 115, to a

Date 11/9/21 Da

COPY FILED IN O. S. P.

Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. O. M. G.  
File # 293.8  
17468

FILE

Allen, William H



WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

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File No. 17468.  
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WASHINGTON

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September 22, 1921.

H. Q. AMERICAN G.R.S.

No. 13, Reg. Br. Cem. Div.

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

To: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C. in Europe

Subject: Supplementary advice on American Cemetery, #13, Langres,  
Hte-Marne, France.

1. Reference paragraph 2, office letter of January 5, 1921,  
(File No. 13, Reg. Sec. Cem. Div.), also our cablegram 776, paragraph 2,  
the remains of the deceased soldier named below are to be removed  
to a nearby permanent French Cemetery.

Cable  
Ref. No.

3. Allen, William H. Pvt., 1451259, Co. A, 13th Inf.

2. Mrs. Martha Allen, 3689 Laclede Ave., St. Louis, Mo.,  
widow of this soldier, has formally released the United States  
Government from the care of said grave and accepted the same, in  
full, herself.

3. It is requested that this office be advised when the  
operations in this area have progressed to a point where the  
United States can formally authorize Mrs. Allen to assume full charge  
and control of the grave.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

*Charles J. Wynne*  
CHARLES J. WYNNÉ,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps.

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Recorded A.G.R.S. Q.M.C. in Europe  
File No. 2939 DISPCEM No 13.

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File No. 17468.  
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FILE

September 22, 1921.

13, Reg. Br. Cem. Div.

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Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C. in Europe.

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By authority of the Quartermaster General:

*cgw*  
CHARLES J. WYNNIE,  
Captain, C. M. Corps.  
*P MR*

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COPY FOR ADM. FILES

File O. S. P.

7/7/21 *AD*

June 30, 1921.

FILE

293.8 Com. #17468 (Allen, William H., Private)

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

Mrs. Martha Allen, 3689 Iacode Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

Case of Private William H. Allen.

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1. Receipt is hereby acknowledged of Graves Registration Service Release, executed by you in the case of your husband, Private William H. Allen, Company A, 15th Infantry. Same has been made a matter of record and as soon as the remains of your husband have been transferred to the nearest permanent French Cemetery, you will be advised of the new grave location and of formal release thereof. This transfer will not take place however, until after the return to this country of the bodies of those soldiers whose next of kin have requested return.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

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

Mrs. Martha Allen, 3689 Laclede Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

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Disposition of remains.

1. The records of this office indicate that you desire the body of your husband, the late Private William H. Allen, Company A, 13th Infantry, remain undisturbed in its present resting place, Grave 84, American Cemetery at Langres, Department of Haute-Marne.

2. As the above mentioned cemetery is a temporary American Cemetery and will be abandoned at some future date, the body of the deceased will not remain in its present resting place. The remains may be removed to one of the permanent American Cemeteries in France, referred to in paragraph 9, of the inclosed Cemeterial Division Bulletin No. 10-G-W. These cemeteries will be perpetually maintained by the Government in the most careful and reverent manner.

3. If such disposition is not desired, the body may be removed to a nearby permanent French Cemetery in which event, however, it will be necessary for you to execute and return to this office the inclosed G.R.S. Form 123, which relieves the Government of the responsibility for the future care and maintenance of the grave site after reburial has been effected and formal release given.

4. In view of this information it is desired that you advise this office immediately whether you wish the body of the deceased interred in a nearby permanent French Cemetery or removed to a permanent American Cemetery in France, or returned to this country, either for private burial or burial in a National Cemetery. Upon receipt of this advice from you, instructions will be issued that your wishes be complied with.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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