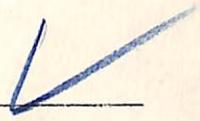


O. Q. M. G.  
MAIL & RECORD BRANCH

File 293 - Allen, William  
Subject Pvt. - N. Y. Co. - 39<sup>th</sup> Infantry

29/243

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Allen</i>	<i>ALL</i>	3	<i>1 2 2</i>
<i>William</i> BURIED	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
	GRAVE <i>21</i>	2	<i>21</i>
	ROW <i>19</i>	2	<i>19</i>
	BLOCK <i>A</i>	1	<i>1</i>
STATE	<i>Pa</i>	2	<i>44</i>
RANK	<i>Prnt</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>4</i>	2	<i>04</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>39</i>	3	<i>039</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Preston</i>		3	
<i>Mr. James E</i> RESIDENCE ( <i>Bro.-in-law</i> )	STATE	2	
	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
RELATION <i>mother</i>	<i>mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Head</i>	1	<i>6</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE 29/514/PJ.		1	

**AUDITED**  
MAR 29 1932  
*RS*

*KPB*

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Allen, William - 1232 Bro-in-law

July 7, 1930.

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Mr. James E. Preston,  
91 South 2nd St.,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

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

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

*No.*

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

If so, give her name and address:

*No.*

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

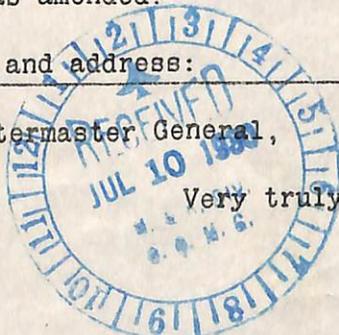
If so, give her name and address:

*No.*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment



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

July 1, 1929.

War Department  
Office of the Quartermaster General  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

Please be advised that both parents of the late  
Private William Allen, MG Co. 39th Infantry are dead, as  
is also Mrs. Isabella Preston, who was related to him as  
Sister.

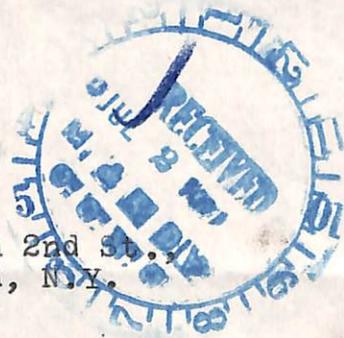
This is in response to yours of June 29th, Q.M.  
293 A.C.

Trusting that this will supply the necessary in-  
formation to keep your records straight, I am,

Very truly yours,

*James B. Preston*

91 South 2nd St.  
Brooklyn, N.Y.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

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

June 27, 1929.

Mrs. Isabella Preston,  
91 South 2nd St.,  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, entitled an Act "To enable the mothers and widows of the deceased soldiers, sailors and marines of the American forces now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries".

The records of this office show that you are the sister of the late Pvt. Wm. Allen, MG Co, 39th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother or widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish the full names and addresses of the mother and widow in order that action may be taken to extend invitations to them to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relative is a stepmother, mother through adoption, or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. If he was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

FILE UNDER NO. 293. - Allen, William

March 25, 1926.

Pvt. - 39th Inf

## INDEX SHEET

### SYNOPSIS

1st Ind. -

From - QMG.,

To - Chief, A.G.R.S., QMC, In E., Re: Enclosure Sketch 88-RB 2208

Desiring another physical search be made for remains of Pvt. Gabriel Ferri, using the within inclosures as a basis. etc. -

DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO. 293. - Ferri, Gabriel

Pvt. 1/c Co. E., 39th Inf.

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INSTRUCTIONS.—Under "Synopsis" make brief entry showing date of communication and from whom received and synopsis sufficient to identify the papers. When these index sheets become numerous under a subject they will be entered on the consolidated index sheet and then destroyed.

3-5642

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Nov. 3, 1921.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name Allen, William  
~~FERRI, Gabriel~~

2. No. ~~556786~~ 556773

3. Rank Pvt.

4. Org. M. G. Co. - 39th Inf.  
~~Co. E 39th Inf.~~

5. D.D. ~~Sept. 26th~~ 10-13-18

6. C.D. WIA

10. Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_

13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_

14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_

(b) D.B. No discrepancies.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 71 Sec. 57

8. Plot 2 Row \_\_\_\_\_

9. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_

16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_

17. No discrepancies.

18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer.

20. Dept. or County Meuse

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. Cty. #1232, Sec. 57

19. Commune or town Romagne/a/Montfaucon

21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) Nov. 3, 1921

By P. P. Kierce.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Gabriel Ferri

Rank Pvt.

Serial No. 556786

Organization Co. E, 39 Inf.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes On body? No

*[Signature]*  
 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).

GRS plaque with name, rank, organization and serial number, and a letter from Whitemarch, Chestnut Hill, dated Aug. 17, to "My dear William". found in bottle.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed; features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Uniform, burlap and pine box.

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Nov. 3, 1921. By P. P. Kierce.

31. Casket sealed by Maxx P. P. Kierce.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) *[Signature]*  
 P.P. Kierce

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-15277

32. Designation of body:

Name FERRI, Gabriel Serial No. 556786

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. 2 39th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Mouss-Arbonne Amer. #1227, Romagne/1/101st. Leves, House

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Nov. 3, 1921. By P. P. Kleece.

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 R. G. Worthington, 1st Lieut. OMC.

36. Remarks None



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

To point of Concentration Morgue, Romagne. (Name)

Convoyer W. J. Boyd. Signature Shipping Officer J. F. Spann, Capt. OMC

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 Nov 12 1921

G.R.S. Representative 10-12-18

41. Reinterred 10-12-18 (Date)

42. Grave No. Section

43. Plot Block Row

G.R.S. Representative

In reply refer to:  
QM - 293 C-R

August 15, 1925.

60021

Mrs. Isabella Preston,  
91 South 2nd St.,  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of Private William Allen, Machine Gun Company, 39th Infantry, is Grave 21, Row 19, Block A, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

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

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

Very truly yours,

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

H. J. Conner,  
Assistant.



AUG 15 1925

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# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 60031

**I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:**

(a) Name ALLEN William Ser. No. 556223  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization MG Co. 39th Inf.  
 (c) Date of death 10-13-18 (d) Cause of death K.A.

TYP. db  
 CKR. met

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

(a) Grave No. 71 Row - Plot 2 Sec. 57 TYP. db  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Isabella Preston, Sister, 339 S. 4th St. Brooklyn, N.Y.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases - - - CKR. met

**IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:**

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Mrs. Isabella Preston (b) Relationship Sister  
 (c) Address 339 South 4th St. Brooklyn, N.Y.  
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? no.  
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Examiner's Initials DB Date 6/24/22, 192

**V. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from \_\_\_\_\_**

\_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_  
 confirming request in Par. IV., item \_\_\_\_\_, above, or requesting that \_\_\_\_\_

Examiner's Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_, 192

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

8/14/19 Let. from Mrs. Isabella Preston, sister, 339 S. 6th St. Brooklyn, N.Y. "Do not return" but requests go location

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? \_\_\_\_\_

Examiner's Initials DB Date 6/24/22, 192

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 1232-Sec. 57 SHEET No. 209

*Checked*  
*met 6/24/22*

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made \_\_\_\_\_, 192

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_, Checked by \_\_\_\_\_, 192

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
letter on \_\_\_\_\_, 192

7-7-22 Additional advice ~~not~~ to be returned  
HB@ 7-7-22

IX.

REMARKS

5/3/22 - Let from Mrs. Isabella Preston 91 South  
2nd St. Brooklyn, N.Y. giving dental information.  
DB/6/24/22

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE July 25, 1922.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

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Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name ALLEN, William  
 2. No. 556223  
 3. Rank Pvt.  
 4. Org. M.G.Co. 39th Inf.  
 5. D.D. Oct. <sup>13</sup> 10th 1918  
 6. C.D. KIA

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 71 Sec. 57  
 8. Plot 2 Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

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

18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne American  
 20. Dept. or County Meuse  
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. # 1232 - Sec. 57

19. Commune or town Romagne-s-Montfaucon  
 21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) Nov. 3, 1921.

By P.P. Kierce

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Gabriel Ferri  
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. 556786  
 Organization Co.E. 39th Inf.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? NO On body? NO

*Robert Vaccaro*  
 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).  
Letter in bottle on body dated Aug. 17 - from Whitemarch, Chestnut Hill to "My dear William".

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial GRS Casket. Blanket & sheet.

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date July 25, 1922. By W. Means.

31. Casket sealed by W. Means.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) *W. Means*  
W. Means.

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. **C-52216**

32. Designation of body:

Name **William ALLEN** Serial No. **556223**

R nk **Pvt.** Organization **M.G.Co. 39th Inf.**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **Meuse-Argonne American Cty #1232, Romagne-s-Montfaucon Meuse.**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **July 25, 1922.** By **W.Means.**

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

*M.L. Todd*  
M.L. Todd, Major M.C., USA.

36. Remarks

Reworked in Morgue Romagne July 25th, 1922 and designation changed from Gabriel ~~FERRI~~, 556786, Pvt. Co. E. 39th Infantry. Auth. letter Hq. dated July 20th, 1922.

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

To point of Concentration **Morgue Romagne.**

(Name)

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer **1st. Lt. R.C. Worthington.**

QMC.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date **Nov. 3, 1921.**

By G.R.S. Representative **A.U. Dufault, Morgue Supt.**

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_

To Permanent Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_

(Name)

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

41. Reinterred **Meuse-Argonne Cem. 1232.** **July 26, 1922.**

(Date)

42. Grave No. **21** Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot Block **A** Row **19**

G.R.S. Representative

*I.H. Joffe*  
I.H. Joffe,  
1st. Lt. QMC.



# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 60031

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

(a) Grave No. 71 Row - Plot 2 Sec. 57 TYP. db  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Isabella Preston, Sister, 339 S. 4th St. Brooklyn, N.Y.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases - - - CKR. met

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

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V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
 { letter of transmittal on \_\_\_\_\_, 192

7-7-22 Additional advice; not to be returned, Hbc  
7-7-22

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

**VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.**

Date of and source.	Relationship and name.	Desires.	Action taken.
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VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J. \_\_\_\_\_, 192

COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_ CEMETERY No. \_\_\_\_\_ SHEET No. 209

91 South 2nd St.,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.  
August 21st, 1923.

War Department,  
Office of the Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

Att: Mr. H. J. Conner, Assistant,

Dear Sir:-

It is with gratitude I acknowledge the receipt of your esteemed communication of the 15th instant advising as to the permanent grave of Private William Allen.

It is a source of satisfaction to note the care adopted by our Government for the permanent protection and preservation of the graves of our Soldier dead.

Yours very truly,

*Mrs. Isabella Preston*  
(Mrs. Isabella Preston)



8/24/23  
file  
✓

Allen  
(Surname)

William  
(Christian name in full.)

556,223  
(Army service number.)

Pvt Machine Gun Co 39th Inf  
(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased *Sister*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? *No.*  
(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery? }  
(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.) (Express office.) (Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.) (City or town.) (State.)

(Sign here) *Mrs Isabella Prentiss*

*339 South 4th Street Brooklyn N.Y.*  
(Number and street or rural route.) (City, town, or post office.) (State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

DUPLICATE



City - C-230 - File 60031

1233 - Sec. 57 - 209 B 6/24/2 -

met 6/24/22

Checked

G. S. Form No. 1.

Hq. G. I. File

60031

2. Soldier's No. 556223

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

4. Pvt. M.G. 39th. Inf.  
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. Date of Death Cause, if known

6. Isolated  
Date of Burial Cemetery  
Briouilles Meuse

7. Town or Commune (in block letters) Department  
1695

8. Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

9. Name Peg? Cross? <sup>1</sup> Headboard? Bottle? Check Method of Marking

10. Buried with Body? Attached to Grave Marker? <sup>1</sup> Identification Tags

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

CMME. Briouilles-sur-Meuse  
(C) 230, SHT 3570E COORD } E. 312.0  
N 285.85

12. "A" sketch 88  
Map reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

285.85N-312.E

PBS 4 x 208

13. Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

GROUP No. 4

Signed Lt. Caswell

PROV. UNIT "A" GBS Group..... Unit..... G. R. S.

556, 223  
Port. Machine Gun  
Co., 39<sup>th</sup>  
Via Oct. 18/18.

C

August 14th, 1919.

The Adjutant General,  
War Department,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I am returning herewith card enclosed under date of the 9th instant. I appreciate this is a second request, but unfortunately it was necessary to communicate with the other members of my family before you could be advised, which of course caused some delay.

We do not desire the remains of Private William Allen returned to the United States, but would appreciate your advising us of the exact location of his grave in France, and also if the same will always be marked.

Geo - permanent marker etc

Thanking you in advance for any information, I am

encl. incl. R

yours Truly

Mrs Isabella Preston  
339 S. 6<sup>th</sup> St.  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

G.R.S. #106  
DISPOSITION OF BODY

War Department  
Office of the Quartermaster General.  
Graves Registration Service.  
Washington, D.C.

For information of:

- m  
✓(a) The Adjutant General of the Army  
(b) G.R.S., Paris, France,  
(c) Office Files.  
(d) Photographic Section.

Case of:

Private William Allen,  
#556223, 39th Inf., M.G.Co.

Grave Location:

Grave #6, Isolated Grave,  
Cmme Briouilles-sur-Meuse, Meuse.

Request for action checked below:

- (a) Return of Body to the U.S.  
✓(b) Permanent Burial in France.  
(c) Cancellation of former requests.  
(d) Change of address.  
(e) Photograph of grave,

has been made by:

Mrs. Isabella Preston,  
339 S. Sixth Street,  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.  
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

NS-2992/L

10 REC'D RECORDS BR. A. G. O. NOV 21 1918

DO NOT USE SMALL SLIP

Each clerk will sign his surname to steps  
taken by him, adding his room number.  
Indicate dates thus: 4-8-18.

DO NOT USE SMALL SLIPS.

c 3-6856

THIS SPACE FOR OFFICE MEMORANDA.

# 60031

Card in "No" file  
for  
William Allen  
556223 Pvt  
39th Inf Md Co  
Signed by

Mrs. Isabella Preston  
339 S Sixth St.,  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

File 11/22/19

038.

H-267

W. J. 293. 8 Allen, William

See  
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HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE Q.M.C., IN EUROPE  
8, AVENUE D' IENA  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE SERVICE.

HW/GG.

File No. 293.8 Cty 1232

PARIS FRANCE.  
January 15th, 1923.

SUBJECT: G.R.S. Forms.  
TO: The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army, WASHINGTON, D.C.

1. Attached herewith are G.R.S. Forms #1-A, #114-A, #16-A, and #114-B covering permanent concentration in Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, (Meuse), of the following soldier:

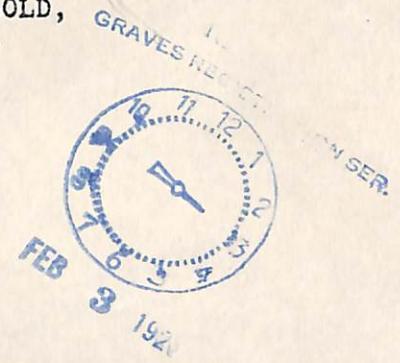
ALLEN, William, #556223, Pvt., M.G. Co., 39th Inf.  
Grave #21, Block A, Row #19.

(4 Encls.)



*R. P. Harbold*

R. P. HARBOLD,  
Chief.



*File*

July 7, 1922.

293.8 C-R #60051 ( ALLEN, William) Cty.1232-Sec.57-Sht.209.

~~XXXXXX~~

Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.G. in Europe,  
8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, France.

Additional advice on the American cemetery of the Meuse-Argonne, #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse; *Sec. 57.*

1. The remains of the deceased named below, interred in the American cemetery of the Meuse-Argonne, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, #1232, are not to be returned to the United States in accordance with the wishes of the relatives.

Cable  
Ref.no.

ARMY DEAD

209 Allen, William, Private, #556223, HQ Co. 39th Inf.

By order of the Quartermaster General:

Noted by Statistical Clerk.

Date 7-11-22 R.D.

E. H. DAVIS,  
Executive Assistant, G.R.S.

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*Copy for Mr. Enns.*

June 20, 1922.

File No. 334 Cemetery 1232.

To: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. in Europe, #8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, France.

Subject: Board of Review Cases on which identity could not be determined.

#60031  
1. With reference to letter from your office dated February 27, 1922, it is the decision of this office that the body contained in Grave 71, Section 57, Plot 2, Cemetery 1232 is that of:

Private William Allen, #556223,  
M.G. Company, 39th Infantry

and the records of your office should be adjusted accordingly.

#96600  
2. The records of this office show the grave of Private Gabriel Ferri, #556786, Company E, 39th Infantry, to be unlocated.

By order of the Quartermaster General.

CHARLES J. WYNN,  
Assistant, *W. P.*  
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7 JUN 28 1922

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Copy made for A. S. P. & Co.

File # Cty. #1232  
Board of Review.  
Cty. Corr.

June 13, 1922.

M E M O R A N D U M

Referring to Board of Review letter dated Feb. 27, 1922, it has been found through comparison of dental charts that William Allen, 556223, Pvt., MG Co., 39th Infantry is buried in Gr. #71, Sect. 57<sup>m</sup> Plot 2, Cty. #1232, Amer. Cty. of the Meuse Argonne and that the grave of Gabriel Ferri, 556786, <sup>Pvt.</sup> Co. E, 39th Infantry is unlocated.

*Dorothy E. Caldwell*  
Dorothy E. Caldwell, Investigator.  
Adjustment Branch.

*Handwritten initials*

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

PARIS. February 27, 1922.

The Board met pursuant to the foregoing order at 10.00 A.M. this date.

PRESENT : All members.

The case of Private Gabriel FERRI, 556786, Co.E. 39th Infantry, exhumed from Grave 71, Section 57, Plot 2, Cemetery 1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse) was investigated by the Board and the following documentary evidence considered: GRS Form 114-A; GRS Form 16-A, and Drawing showing relative position of bodies in this row.

CONCLUSION : In Grave 71, Section 57, Plot 2, Cemetery 1232, under the marker of Pvt. Gabriel Ferri, Co.E. 39th Inf., body was found containing no means of identification except GRS Plaque bearing name, rank, serial number, and organization of Pvt. Ferri. In bottle located with these remains, however, letter was found dated August 17 from Whitmarsh, Chestnut Hill, addressed to "My dear William".

The records of these headquarters show Pvt. Gabriel Ferri, originally buried in Isolated Grave #5, in the Commune of Brioulles-sur-Meuse Map 25 N.E., E.311.2, North 285.5. Next to the original grave of Pvt. Ferri, in Isolated Grave #6, was supposed to be buried William Allen 556223 Mach. Gun Co. 39th Inf., whose body was reported as not having been found when original exhumations were made June 11, 1919.

In view of the foregoing and the fact that letter found on remains exhumed originally from Isolated Grave #5 reads: "My dear William" it is possible that this body, now exhumed from Grave 71, Section 57, Plot 2, Cemetery 1232, is Pvt. William Allen, M.G. Co. 39th Inf., and not Pvt. Gabriel Ferri. The Board therefore concludes that a comparison of tooth chart in this case will result in positive identification of these remains.

RECOMMENDATION : The Board recommends that this case be referred to the Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington, D.C. for comparison of tooth chart and decision.

*Chas A. Morrow*  
CHAS. A. MORROW,  
Captain, Q.M.C.  
Recorder.

*H. C. Bierbower*  
H. C. BIERBOWER,  
Major, M.C.  
President.

*[Handwritten initials]*

APPROVED:  
*Wm. G. Ball*  
Wm. G. BALL, Lt. Col., Q.M.C.  
Acting Chief.

HEADQUARTERS,  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, Q.M.C. IN EUROPE,  
PARIS, FRANCE.

February 7, 1922.

SPECIAL ORDERS)  
NO. 31. )

Extract.

Par. No. 11. The Board of Review consisting of the following named officers appointed per Par. 20, S.O. 305, these Headquarters, dated December 13, 1921, is hereby rescinded:

Major Robert P. Harbold, Q.M.C.  
Major Henry C. Bierbower, M.C.  
Captain Wilbur S. Elliott, Q.M.C.

Par. No. 12. A Board of Review is hereby appointed to meet from time to time at the call of the senior member for the purpose of passing upon questions of identification of remains, which may be submitted to it by the Operations Division, these Headquarters, which Board will consist of the following members:

Major Henry C. Bierbower, M.C. President  
Major Robert P. Harbold, Q.M.C.  
Captain Charles A. Morrow, Q.M.C.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL RETHERS:

CHAS. A. MORROW,  
Captain, Q.M.C.,  
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

Copies to: 1 Hqrs., AGRS.  
1 S.O. File  
4 each officer

If extra copies are required, true copies will be made.



91 South 2nd St.,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.  
May 3, 1922.

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To: War Department Office of the  
Quartermaster General of the Army,  
Washington, D. C.

Att: Mr. Chas. J. Wynne, Assistant.

Subject: Case of Private William Allen, #556223, Machine  
Gun Company, 39th Infantry.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of April 29th, re-  
questing that I secure a chart showing any dental work per-  
formed prior to his entry into service, I regret exceedingly  
my inability to secure this information for you, but to the  
best of my knowledge my brother had two (2) or three (3)  
Gold Crowns in the upper jaw, and as I remember no missing  
teeth. As to fractures or other distinguishing marks, as I  
remember there were none.

Yours very truly,

*Mrs Isabella Preston*

File # 4223f  
68031

*Allen, William*

O P I N I O N

April 15, 1922, 1922

CASE OF Allen, William, 556223, Pvt., Mg. Co., 39th Infantry.

GRAVE #71, Sect. 57, Plot 2, Cty. #1232, Amer. Cty. of the Meuse-Argonne.

DECISION That Allen is buried in this grave.

DENTAL CHART

Date of Enlistment		Report on Disinterment			
A.G.O.		Emergency Address		Miss A.D.	
Missing U.R.	Dental Work	Dental Work	Missing B.D.		Dental Work
				Gold bridge 1-6 GC on 1 & 4 Porc. facings on 2, 3, 5, 6	7, 8
		Two or three gold crowns in the upper jaw and all remaining no more teeth	16	Gold Bridge 19-15 Porc. facings on 11, 12, 14	9
	L.R. 19, 21		17 PE 19	GC #18	20, 21, 23, 24
	L.L. 28, 30		32 PE 28, 30	31 SF	25, 26, 29

Above discrepancies can be accounted for as follows: #16 probably came out after enlistment. #21 was probably missing before death instead of after death. #7, 10 and #3 would have been the three gold crowns which would have shown, when the mouth was open.

BODY DESCRIPTION

A.G.O. Report	E/A Report	Report on Disinterment
Height 5 ft. 2 in.		Impossible to determine.
Weight 152 lbs.		" " "
Hair Blonde		" " #
Fractures None		" " "

IDENTIFICATION TAGS

Found on Body

Found on Cross

No

Yes

OTHER IDENTIFYING MARKS

Found on Body

Letter dated Aug. 17, from Whitmarsh, Chestnut Hill to "My dear William" in bottle

ORIGINAL BURIAL DATA

35NE E311.2 N285.5

Body in this Grave concentrated from Gr. #6, Isolated C230 Briouilles, Meuse

This man reported buried originally C230 Briouilles sur Meuse N285.65 E312

Organizations of other men buried around original location 39th Infantry.

In view of the letter found on body and the check of teeth in lower jaw,  
Concur: Smooke APPROVED: Dorothy E. Caldwell  
Investigator

APPROVED:

Dorothy E. Caldwell  
Investigator

Board of Review

This body was interred under the name of Ferri, Gabriel, Pvt., Co. E, 39th Infantry. The two bodies were originally confirmed buried side by side in C-230, Graves 5 & 6 respectively and since a letter addressed to "My dear William" was found on the body corresponding to William Allen and since further the dental chart checks, it is the opinion of the investigator that a transposition existed between Ferri and Allen, the reburial of Ferri being unlocated.

#60031

FILE

April 29, 1922.

File No. 293.8-C-R - #60031 - ALLEN, William.

To: Mrs. Isabelle Preston, 339 South 4th Street,  
Brooklyn, New York.

Subject: Case of Private William Allen, #556223, Machine Gun  
Company, 39th Infantry.

1. In order that the records of this office as regards your brother, the late Private William Allen, #556223, Machine Gun Company, 39th Infantry, may be complete in all respects, it is requested that you obtain, if possible, a chart showing any and all dental work performed for this soldier prior to his entry into the Service -- the chart to include crowns, fillings, bridges, missing teeth, etc. Any information as to fractures of bones or other distinguishing marks will also be appreciated.

2. This information is desired for a permanent record in this office, and prompt action on your part will be very much appreciated. Please use the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage, for your reply.

By order of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES J. WYNNE,  
Assistant.

FWW:ECC

1 Encl.  
Penalty Envelope.

Adj. Br.

MAILED

APR 29 1922

G.A.S. SUSPENDED FOR

*Cancelled*  
*5/2/22*

File # 60031

April 22, 1922.

M E M O R A N D U M

Case of : Allen, William, 556223, Pvt., MG Co., 39th Infantry.  
EA: Mrs. Isabella Preston, (Sister), 339 S. 4th St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

It is requested that a dental chart be obtained from the emergency address in order to complete the records of this office.

*Dorothy E. Caldwell*  
Dorothy E. Caldwell, Investigator,  
Adjustment Branch.

*Miss*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington

Adjutant Branch

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

Date 4/17/22

File No. Registration.

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

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

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

- a. Surname *Allen*
- b. Christian name *William*
- c. Serial Number *556223*
- d. Organization *Inf. Co., 39th*
- e. Rank *Priv.*
- f. Date of death *Oct 13/18.*
- g. Cause of death *K. I. A.*
- h. Authority (C.O.#) *per W.D. determination*
- i. Emergency address *Mrs Isabelle Preston 3398 4th St. Brooklyn, N.Y.*
- j. Relationship *Sister*

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

- a. Age of enlistment *28 yrs. 8 mos.*
- b. Color of eyes *blue*
- c. Color of hair *blonde*
- d. Height *5 ft. 9 1/2 in.*
- e. Weight *159 lbs.*

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

- a. Strike out teeth missing
- |             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |            |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|-------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8           | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1          | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| upper right |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | upper left |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 8           | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1          | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| lower right |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | lower left |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks) *7. I. V. S. Lt. arm. 1 mole Lt. chest*  
*13. 1 mole 2 scars left shoulder.*

*Caldwell*  
D.S. attached Due

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

CEMETERY NO:

SHEET NO:  
TYPED BY:

REC'D ARCHIVES BR.

BY:

*Charles J. Wynne*  
Charles J. Wynne,  
Captain, Q.M.C., U.S.A.

S/3310/LML

APR 8 1922

*Donnelly, S.D. Ps. Wg 8. 4-10-22*

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Adj. made  
4/23/20  
J. B. J.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON

April 19, 1920.

IN REPLY REFER TO 201 (Allen, William) WW

From: The Adjutant General of the Army.  
To: The Quartermaster General of the Army,  
Washington, D. C.  
Subject: Date of death of William Allen, Pvt., #556223,  
Machine Gun Co., 39th Infantry.

1. Upon investigation, it has been ascertained that the date of death of the above man heretofore communicated to you, is erroneous, and that he was killed in action October 13, 1918.

2. For purposes of identification, you are advised that the records show that the deceased was enlisted Dec. 15, '17, and the name of the person to be notified in case of emergency was given as: Mrs. Isabelle Preston, 339 South 4th St., Brooklyn, N.Y.

By order of the Secretary of War:

P. C. Harris,

The Adjutant General.

per. *m a j*

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November 19, 1919.

293.3 (Allen, William, Pvt.) G.H.S.

Graves Registration Service.

Mrs. Isabella Preston, 339 S. Sixth Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Location of Grave.

1. Your letter of August 14th has been referred to us by the Adjutant General of the Army for reply as to the grave location of Private William Allen.

2. The records of this office show Private William Allen, #556223, 39th Infantry, M.C.Co., killed in action October 10, 1918, buried in Grave #6, Isolated Grave, Cimetière Briculles-sur-Meuse, Meuse.

3. Notation has been made of your desire to have the remains of Private Allen left in France, and the proper authorities have been notified.

4. In order to prevent inequality in the treatment of graves, and for the further reason that the Government would eventually be obliged to transport monuments with bodies to designated places of final burial, it is not at present permitted to erect any permanent or private monument; all graves being temporarily marked with a cross or the regulation head-board such as is used in National Cemeteries in the United States. No other markers can be authorized until the final disposition of the dead has been made. Stone markers of appropriate design will probably be put in place by the Government and the advice of the National Fine Arts Commission is now being sought with a view to securing the best results.

By authority of the Quartermaster General, Director of Purchase and Storage:

Charles C. Pierce,  
Major, Q. M. C.,  
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

By:

Charles J. Wynne,  
Captain, Q. M. C.,  
Graves Registration Service.

1st Ind.

mic 1-215, 6th & B.

War Department, A. G. O., September 23, 1919.-----To the Grave Registration Service, Quartermaster General's Office, Washington, D. C.

For the location of the grave of Private William Allen, Machine Gun Company, 39th Infantry, who was killed in action October 10, 1918, also for information as to whether or not this grave will always be marked. It is requested that answer be made direct, writer having been informed of this reference.

By order of the Secretary of War:



Adjutant General

G.R.S. Form #114 B

jw. DATE \_\_\_\_\_

1. NAME ALLEN, William SERIAL No. 556223

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION M.G.Co. 39th Inf. & DIVISION 4th Div

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne American Cty, Romagne-s-Montfaucon, Meuse, #1232, Sec. 57

CTY. NAME NUMBER

71 Sec. 57 2

GRAVE ROW PLOT

C-230

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 6 Isolated Briennes-s-Meuse Meuse

GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES 35 NE E311. 2 N285.5

CONCENTRATED TO June 11, 1919 MORGUE

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

MEUSE ARGONNE 1232

CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Letter found on body reading "My dear William" from Elizabeth Agnew, Whitemarch Lodge, Chestnut Hill" dated August 17.

DATE OF DEATH October 13, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Pennsylvania

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR I. H. JOFFEE, 1st Q.M.C.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 7-26-22 21 19

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Block

Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery No. 1232.

CEMETERY Robert C. ... Rec'd World War Div. Major General The Adjutant General MAR 14 1925

AUDITED BY Rec'd World War Div. MAR 30 1928 Verified 3/17/25. g.c.

WS 3/31/28

M.G. Co 39th Infantry  
4th Division

ALLEN, William, - Pvt. 556223.-

Was a mule skinner but wanted to see more action so was put into a platoon. Wounded by sniper in the Bois de Foret, France, a few minutes later a shell bursted near him and wounded him mortally. His last words were "Mother" which he repeated three times and then died.

Informants: TOMPKINS, Raymond Pvt:561794  
Home: Big Otter W. Virginia

Emergency address:  
Mrs Isabelle PRESTON  
339 So. 4th St.  
Brooklyn N.Y.

ERB, David, Cpl. 556242.  
Broadway, Hicksville L'I  
N.Y

Signed: Curtis ALLEN  
1st Lt. 39th Inf.

Concentration.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place Romagne 1232.

Date Nov 3, 1921.

556223  
556786

1. REMAINS OF

*Allen, William*  
~~FERRI~~ Gabriel

SERIAL NUMBER

RANK

Pvt.

ORGANIZATION

*M. I. Co. 39th Inf.*  
Co. E. 39th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date):

From (give complete location):

Nov 3, 1921

gr 71, sec 57, plot 2.

By: Group

4

Unit

sec 1

3. Reburied (date):

In (give complete location):

By: Group

Unit

Nature of reburial

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

wooden box and burlap and uniform, badly decomposed, features not recognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? **no**

On grave marker? **yes.**

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

Letter Aug. 17, from Whitemarch, Chestnut Hill to "My Dear William" in bottle.

G.R.S. plaque on body with name rank, serial number and organization.

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

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

(b) Weigh, (estimated) **do**

(c) Hair—Color **do**

Quantity **do**

Characteristics **do**

(d) Hair on face—Color **do**

Location **do**

Quantity **do**

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities,

or missing parts **do**

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

left radius fractured. right side and frontal of head shattered.

7. Disinterment supervised by

*P.P. Kierce*  
P.P. Kierce.

Approved:

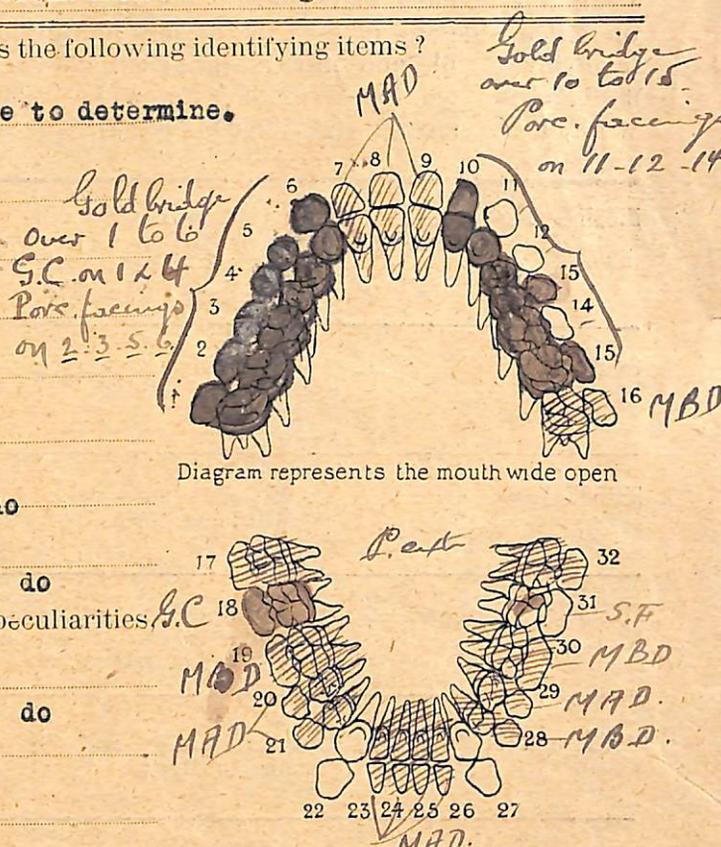
*R.C. Worthington*  
R.C. Worthington, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.  
(Title)

8. Reburial

Supervised by

Approved:

(Title)



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