

G.R.S. Form #114-B
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NOV 27 1925

DATE

1. NAME ALSEN, Carl H. SERIAL No. 70560
 RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Hqs. Co. 104th Inf.
26th DIVISION
 GRAVE LOCATION Amer. Vignot, Meuse # 129
 CTY. NAME NUMBER
 GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Not known
 GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES Nothing of record

CONCENTRATED TO Not known
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

DATE OF DEATH Apr. 12, '18.

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Mass.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED Croix de Guerre!

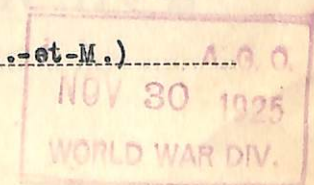
SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS Nothing of record
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

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SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR Wm M. Cline **Wm M. CLINE**
 rhj **Captain Q.M.C.**

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION July 27th, 1922. 2 12 C
 AUDITED BY M. M. E. DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT
5/24/23 Block.

St. Mihiel American Cemetery, THIAUCOURT, (M.-et-M.)
 CEMETERY



M. M. E.
5/24/23
K.M.
8-3

Co. Hdqrs, 104th Inf.
26th. Division

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ALSEN, ^hCarl H - Pvt 70540
Home: 11 Spaulding St.
Dorchester Mass.

Killed in action 4/12/18 - Sub Sector Gironville - Buried
4/13/18 Amer. Cem. at Vignat - Grave #5.

Fatally wounded while walking through communication trench
when shell exploded on edge of trench. Died on field within a few
hours. Chasteful until the end.

Informant: Howland, Walter L. - Pvt 1st Cl. 70508
Co. Hdq, 104th Inf.
Home: 18 Madison St. W. Hadford, Mass.

Searcher: None

Emergency address:
Mrs Clara Alsen (mother)

BT

Alsen, Carl H.
Pvt.

GOLD STAR PILGRIMAGES.

PARTY K SAILING JULY 9, 1930.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Doyle, Mrs. Margaret. (K-7)
645 Sixth St., S. Boston.
Lindsay, Mrs. Margaret A. (K-15)
45 Stonehurst St., Dorchester.
Proctor, Mrs. Bertha A. (K-11)
889 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester.
Kisen, Mrs. Clara. (K-14)
11 Spaulding St., Dorchester.
Glennon, Mrs. Mary. (K-14)
16 Raven St., Dorchester.
McCartin, Mrs. Bridget. (K-15)
79 Call St., Jamaica Plain.
Peters, Mrs. Monika (K-15)
44 Walden St., Jamaica Plain.
Crafts, Mrs. Mary (K-14)
237 Vine St., Everett.
Bonner, Mrs. Abbie. (K-17)
40 Hamilton St., Medford.

Railroad Station,
Boston.

Route going and returning: B&A Springfield; NYNH&H RR

Itinerary:

July 8 Leave Boston (So. Sta) 8:15 AM EST Train No. 51
Arrive New York (GCT) 2:35 PM EST " " "

Parlor Car, Boston to New York.

Elapsed time, 6 Hours, 10 min.

Entered on list

Alsen

Alsen, Carl H.

Pvt., Hdqrs Co., 104th Inf.

Killed in action April 12, 1918.

Emergency address: Mrs. Clara
Alsen, mother, 11 Spaulding St.,
Dorchester, Mass.

A.G.O. 4/23/18

Write nothing below this line.

NAME ALSEN, MRS. CLARA

S.S. ROOSEVELT

2074

HOME DORCHESTER, SUFFOLK COUNTY, MASS.

R.R. Nymark & 10k Springfield

STATION B & A k Boston

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE ~~AUG 6 1930~~

Sept 7 - 30

Mr Jph F Alsen

11 Spaulding

ST

Conductor

Alsen

Alsen, Carl H

Party "K" - Itinerary - St. Mihiel Group

Sailed July 9, 1930 on PRESIDENT HARDING. Captain William Hesketh in charge. Lt. Col. H. S. Grier observer. Arrived Cherbourg 12.20am July 17th. Special tender arrived 5.25am bearing Maj. Dailey and Kinderman; Capt. Mitchell, Haley, Earnest, Dalton, Conway and Stark; Lts. Freeman and Binns, 3 nurses, 3 civilian employees. Train left 8.29am arrived Gare des Invalides, Paris, 2.21pm. Met by Col. Ellis and members of his staff, interpreters and nurses. Taken in bus to hotel.

- July 18th. Morning devoted to transaction of personal business. Exchange of money, preparation of laundry, etc. Afternoon - Arc de Triomphe. Wreath laid by Mrs. Fitzsimmons for party. Tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent. Lunch at hotel.
- July 19th. Left hotel 8.30am for Bar le Duc via Porte de Vincennes, Rozoy-en-Brie (rest stop Hotel du Sauvage), Sezanna (lunch Hotel de France) Vitry le Francois (rest stop Cafe Moderne). Arrived 6.30pm. Quarters Hotel de Metz.
- July 20th. Left Bar le Duc 9.30am for Nancy via Thiaucourt (lunch Hotel de Metz) St. Mihiel Cemetery, St. Pierre Auberge, Pont a Mousson. Arrived 6.15pm. Quarters Grand Hotel.
- July 21st, and 22nd. Visited St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Monument on Mont Sec and Metz.
- July 23rd. Left Nancy 8am for Troyes via Toul, Neufchateau (rest stop Hotel Modern) Chaumont, Bar sur Aube (lunch Hotel du Commerce). Arrived 5pm. Quarters Grand Hotel.
- July 24th. Left Troyes 8.30am for Paris via Sens (rest stop Hotel de Paris) Fontainebleau (lunch Hotel Legris-visited Chateau). Arrived 6pm. Dinner at hotel.
- July 25th. Free or shopping. Lunch at hotel. Sightseeing trip. Napoleon's Tomb. Dinner at hotel.
- July 26th. Versailles. Visited Chateau. Lunch Belle Cycliste. Suresnes. Sightseeing trip. Notre Dame. Dinner at hotel.
- July 27th. Free or Church. Lunch at hotel. Sightseeing trip. Sacre Coeur. Dinner at hotel. Sightseeing trip at nite.
- July 28th. Louvre. Lunch at hotel. Afternoon free. Dinner at hotel.
- July 29th. Boat train for Cherbourg. Left 9.22am. Arrived 3.32pm. PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT sailed about 6.25pm. Arrived New York August 6th.

Mrs. Clara Alsen

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

ALSEN, CARL H. ST. M.

Party K
 Number 2074

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

..... MRS. CLARA ALSSEN Actual cost of through Pullman.
 Name of Traveler

..... DORCHESTER, SUFFOLK COUNTY, New York, to BOSTON, MASS.
 Home Address

..... MASS. \$ 1.50

New York, to BOSTON, MASS.
 Destination

Via N. Y. N. H. & H. TO SPRINGFIELD - B & A TO BOSTON

LIMIT - SEPT 7-30 AUGUST 7, 1930
 Date of Departure

| | Road | Tr. No. | Date | Time <i>AM</i> | Lower or Seat | Car | U. S. G. Order No. | Actual Cost |
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TOTAL

Remarks:

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 St Young

June 19th, 1930

Mrs. Clara Alsen
11 Spaulding St.
Dorchester, Mass.
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:

Arrived N.Y. 2:35 PM July 8
Train 51 - N.Y. NH + RR
Capt Cistero

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

Enclosures:
2 tags.

quarters: Mrs Margaret Lindsay

2 bags

CODE SLIP

| HEADING | SUB HEADING | NO. OF COLS | CODE | |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------|------|------|
| NAME | Alsen, Carl H. | ALS | 3 | 1009 |
| BURIED | CEMETERY | 1233 | 1 | 3 |
| | GRAVE | 2 | 2 | 02 |
| | ROW | 12 | 2 | 12 |
| | BLOCK | C | 1 | 3 |
| STATE | mass | | 2 | 25 |
| RANK | Pvt | | 1 | 2 |
| DIVISION | 26 | | 2 | 26 |
| ORGANIZATION | 104 | | 3 | 104 |
| ARM | 2nd | | 1 | 1 |
| MARITAL | mb | 30 | 1 | 2 |
| NAME | Mrs Clara M Alsen | ALS | 3 | 1009 |
| RESIDENCE | STATE | mass | 2 | 25 |
| | COUNTY | Suffolk | 2 | 13 |
| | CITY | Dorchester | 3 | XX4 |
| RELATION | Mother | | 1 | 1 |
| OTHER | | | 1 | |
| ELIGIBILITY | yes | | 1 | 1 |
| NATIVITY | | | 1 | |
| RACE | | | 1 | |
| ENGLISH | yes | | 1 | |
| ATTENDANT | | | 1 | |
| HEALTH | Good | | 1 | |
| NO. OF SONS | | | 1 | |
| DATE OF TRIP | MO. | | 1 | |
| | YR. | 1930 | 1 | |
| ACCEPTANCE | Age | yes 60 | 1 | 1 |
| 29/514/EAB | | | | 60 |

AUDITED
 OCT 2 1930
 JWB

QM 293 A-K
Alsen, Carl H. - 1233 M

November 18, 1930

Mrs. John F. Alsen,
11 Spaulding St.,
Dorchester, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date, wherein you request that an American flag in memory of your son, the late Private Carl H. Alsen, Headquarters Company, 104th Infantry, be forwarded you.

In compliance with your request, an order has been issued under even date, that a flag be forwarded you provided one has not previously been furnished.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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*Copy to QM SO
forward*

MRS. JOHN F. ALSEN
11 SPAULDING STREET
DORCHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

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

Gentlemen:

I have been informed
that you are holding an
American Flag, 9' x 5', for each
"Gold Star" mother, to be
forwarded upon request.

My son, ~~Carl Henry Alsen~~,
of the Headquarters Company, 104th
Infantry was killed in action
April 12th, 1918 in France.



I shall certainly appreciate
having this flag.

Respectfully
(Mrs.) Alara M. Olsen

11 Spaulding Street
Rochester, Mass.

Name..... **ALSEN; Mrs. Clara**
HOTEL LUTETIA
Paris Hôtel..... **BOULEVARD RASPAIL**
Home address..... **II Spaulding St., Dorchester, Suffolk County., Massachusetts.**
Party..... **K**..... Group..... **3**..... Unit..... **§§."HARDING"**
Date of arrival..... **July 17, 1930**..... Date of departure..... **§§."ROOSEVELT" July 29-1930**
Relationship..... **Mother**
Name of deceased..... **ALSEN, Carl H.**
Rank..... **Pvt.**..... Organization..... **Hq.Co. 104th Inf.**
Cemetery..... **St. MIHIEL**

REMARKS

Chateau

Mrs. Alsen left her Party to go to -Thierry, July 27th. (for the day)

Chateau in Alsen



STATE

...MASSACHUSETTS

ALSEN, CARL H.

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NAME Alsen, Mrs. Clara HOME ADDRESS 11 Spaulding St. Dorchester, Suffolk Co.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN John Alsen same

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE July 8 HOTEL Roosevelt ROOM NO. 632

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE JUL 9 1930 VESSEL S/S HARDING CABIN NO. 116F

DESTINATION CHERBOURG CEMETERY ST. M.

RETURN NEW YORK

DATE AUG 6 1930

11 SPAULDING ST.,
DORCHESTER,
SUFFOLK CO., MASS..

NAME ALSEN, MRS. CLARA HOME ADDRESS

RETURN ON S. S. S/S ROOSEVELT HOTEL ASTOR ROOM NO. 255

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE AUG 7 1930

ROAD NY & H. N. TRAIN 50 CAR 12 BERTH or SEAT 81

REMARKS

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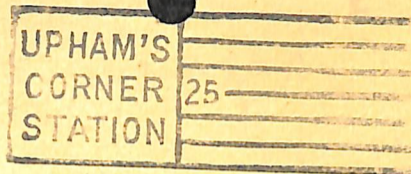
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WAR DEPARTMENT



OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300.



PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

K

NAME Alsen, Mrs. Clara

ADDRESS 11 Spaulding St., Dorchester, Mass.

DATE Aug 8

TO: OFFICER-IN-CHARGE,
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

I BEG TO INFORM YOU THAT I HAVE RETURNED
TO MY HOME SAFELY AND IN GOOD HEALTH.

SINCERELY,

(SIGNED) Clara Alsen

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

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

BACK BAY

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING OFFICE

No. 925903

INSURED PARCEL

No.

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to U. S. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number, }
or Post Office Box, }

MUNITIONS BUILDING

Post Office at

Rev. 3-24

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State Washington, D. C.

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1233

RETURN RECEIPT.

Handing 7-9-30

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

Deliver to addressee only.

Miss Alsen

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, 6/24/30, 192

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 92758

INSURED PARCEL

No. Clara Colson



| | |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| DORCHESTER STATION | POSTMARK OF DELIVERING OFFICE |
| | AND DATE OF DELIVERY |

Return to

Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

MUNITIONS BUILDING

Street and Number, }
or Post Office Box, }

Post Office at

State

Washington, D. C.

2194-C

1233

RETURN RECEIPT.

Hanging 7/9/30

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

Clara Olsen

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, 6/18/30, 191

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

May 13, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Alsen, Carl H. -1233 M
Harding 7-9

Mrs. Clara Alsen,
11 Spaulding St.,
Dorchester, Mass.

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 John F Alsen

Address

11 Spaulding St Dorchester
Mass

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.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 15, 1930.

Alsen, Carl B. 1263 M

Mrs. Clara Alsen,
11 Spaulding St.,
Dorchester, Mass.

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.

Harding

7/9/30

1233

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Alsen, Clara H.

I Accept the invitation extended
(Accept or decline)

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

Mrs. Clara Alsen

(Name)

11 Spaulding St., Dorchester, Suffolk Co., Mass.

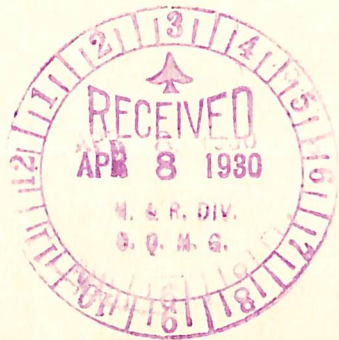
(Town or City)

(State)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE, 1929

Mrs Clara Alsen
11 Spaulding St Dorchester Mass

Postmark - Boston



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 8, 1929.

Alsen, Carl H. 1233 M.

Mrs. Clara Alsen,
11 Spaulding St.,
Dorchester, Mass.

Sailed
JUL 9 1930

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 <i>60</i> Health <i>Good</i> (Years) (Good) (Poor) | |
| 5. What language do you speak? | English - ^{<i>yes</i>} (Yes) (No) Other language <i>Swedish</i> (Specify language spoken) <i>English</i> | |

For The Quartermaster General,


 RECEIVED
 OCT 30 1929
 M. & R. DIV.

Very truly yours,


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

Encl.
Act
Envelope

11 Spaulding Street
Dorchester Mass.

Ref: L.M. 293 A-C
Alsen, Carl H.

Gentlemen:

In answer to your letter of
May 25th, will advise that Carl
Henry Alsen was not survived
by a widow.

yours truly

(Mrs.) Clara M. Alsen



June 11 / 29

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May 25, 1929.

Alsen, Carl H

Mrs. Clara Alsen,
11 Spaulding St.,
Dorchester, Mass.

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 Carl H. Alsen, Hq. Co., 104th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, 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,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

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QM 298 A-M
Alsen, Carl H. - 1233 M

November 18, 1930

Mrs. John F. Alsen,
11 Spaulding St.,
Dorchester, Mass.

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Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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QM 293 A-M
Alsen, Carl H. 1233-M

August 19, 1930.

Mrs. Clara Alsen,
11 Spaulding St.,
Dorchester, Mass.

Dear Madam:

The testimonial dated August 2nd to the Officer in Charge, Gold Star Pilgrimage, New York City, which you and the other mothers and widows returning on the SS "President Roosevelt" were so kind as to send regarding your pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, has been forwarded to me.

It is gratifying to know that the officers of the Army and the personnel connected with the pilgrimage rendered such courteous and efficient service. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages and has expended every effort that those making the journey might have a comfortable and pleasant trip. I feel, however, that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation shown by the mothers and widows who are making the pilgrimage.

With sincere appreciation of the sentiments expressed by you,

Sincerely yours,

J. L. DEWITT,
Major General,
The Quartermaster General.

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JTH
WRG

RS

X 330.13 PILGRIMAGE, GOLD STAR

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

May 13, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO ^{QM 293 A-C}
Alsen, Carl H. -1233 M
Harding 7-9

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Name

Address

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Alsen, Carl H. -1233 M
Harding 7-9

May 7, 1930

Mrs. Clara Alsen,
11 Spaulding St.,
Dorchester, Mass.

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.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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April 15, 1930.

Alsen, Carl B. 1233 M

Mrs. Clara Alsen,
11 Spaulding St.,
Dorchester, Mass.

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

Alsen, Carl H. 1233-M

March 25, 1930.

Mrs. Clara Alsen,
11 Spaulding St.,
Dear Madam, Mass.

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

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.

1 Enclosure.
Regulation.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 8 , 1929.

Alsen, Carl H. 1233 M.

Mrs. Clara Alsen,
11 Spaulding St.,
Dorchester, Mass.

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) | (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,

Encl.
Act
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Alsen, Carl H

May 25 , 1929.

Mrs. Clara Alsen,
11 Spaulding St.,
Dorchester, Mass.

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 Carl H. Alsen, Hq. Co., 104th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Mourthe-et-Moselle, 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 re-married it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

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DISPATCHED

January 3, 1924

Mr. John F. Alsen,
11 Spaulding St.,
Dorchester, Mass.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires to invite your attention to the inclosed card which gives the permanent cemetery location of the soldier's grave in which you are interested,

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

Please be assured that in effecting removal of the dead, the utmost reverential care was exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed this sacred duty. For the future, these graves will be perpetually maintained by the Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

R.L. FOSTER

Assistant



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Record card.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Alsen, Carl H. 1234-M

Mrs. Clara Alsen,
11 Spaulding St.,
Dorchester, Mass.

June 13, 1930

Dear Madam:

Very truly yours,

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.

Alsen, Carl H. - 1238

June 12, 1930.

Mrs. Clara Alsen,
11 Spaulding Street,
Dorchester, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements have been completed for your transportation to New York City on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe. One week before your departure the railroad ticket agent, of the first road shown below, will deliver your railroad and pullman ticket to you. Your route to New York will be as follows:

| | | | | |
|-----------------------|--------|-------------|---------------|--------|
| Lv. Boston (So.Sta.) | B&A | Train No.51 | 8:15 AM (EST) | July 8 |
| Ar. New York (G.C.T.) | NYNH&H | " " " | 2:35 PM " " | " " |

All railroad employees have been instructed by their officials to see that you are shown every courtesy and given assistance, particularly at points where it is necessary to change cars.

Should you not receive your ticket six days before the date shown for your departure please take up at once with the ticket agent and if he does not have your ticket, telegraph this office, collect, to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-24255

32. Designation of body:

Name Carl H. ALSEN Serial No. _____

Rank Pvt. Organization Hqs. Co. 104th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel Amer. #1233, Thiaucourt, M-et-M.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Feb. 20, 1922. By W.C. Follmer

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

D.E. Lowry

36. Remarks Tag on body read: "Henry Alson, Hq. Co. 104th Inf. GRS Plaque

on cross read: "Carl Henry Alsen, Pvt. Hq. Co. 104th Inf. U.S.A."

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Feb. 20, 1922.

To point of Concentration St. Mihiel Amer. #1233. Thiaucourt (M et M)

Convoyer [Signature] Signature Shipping Officer D.E. Lowry, 1st Lt. QMC

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date _____

By G.R.S. Representative _____

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date _____

To Permanent Cemetery _____

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer _____

40. Received: Date 21 FEB 1922

G.R.S. Representative G. D. GAMBLE, Captain, Q. M. C.

41. Reinterred, July 27, 1922. (Date)

42. Grave No. 2 Section _____

43. Plot block C Row 12

G.R.S. Representative

A.E. Dewey

A.E. Dewey, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Feb. 20, 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 | ALSEN, Carl H. | 10. Name | Henry Alson |
| 2. No. | 70560 | 11. No. | |
| 3. Rank | Pvt. | 12. Rank | |
| 4. Org. | Hqs. Co. 104th Inf. | 13. Org. | Hq. Co. 104th Inf |
| 5. D.D. | Apr. 12th 1918 | 14. (a) D.D. | |
| 6. C.D. | KIA | (b) D.B. | |

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

| | | | | | | | |
|--------------|---|------|--|---------------|----------|------|--|
| 7. Grave No. | 5 | Sec. | | 15. Grave No. | | Sec. | |
| 8. Plot | | Row | | 16. Plot | | Row | |
| 9. | | | | 17. | No disc. | | |

| | | | |
|----------------------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------|
| 18. Cemetery | Amer. | 19. Commune or town | Vignot |
| 20. Dept. or County | Meuse | 21. Country | France |
| 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. | 129 | | |
| 23. Disinterred (Date) | Feb. 20, 1922. | By | W.C. Follmer |

24. Inscription on grave marker:

| | | | |
|------|---------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Name | Carl H. Alson | Serial No. | ---- |
| Rank | Pvt. | Organization | Hq. Co. 104th Inf. |

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


 Signature Junior Technical Assistant
 C.L. Hall

PREPARATION

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

None

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Features unrecognizable.


28. Nature of burial Wooden box and blanket

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? Tag on body read "Henry Alson"

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Feb. 20, 1922. By W.C. Follmer

31. Casket sealed by W.C. Follmer

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor


 W.C. Follmer

AUDITED BY

Place Vignot, (Meuse)

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Feb. 20, 1922.

1. REMAINS OF Alson, Carl H. SERIAL NUMBER 72-560

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Hqs. Co. 104th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Feb. 20, 1922. From (give complete location): Gr. 5. Cty. 129. Vignot (Meuse)

By: Group 1 Unit F.S. 8.

3. Reburied (date): July 27, 1922. In (give complete location): Gr 2, row 12, block C. Cty. 1233 regulation casket.

By: Group reburial Unit Nature of reburial

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: Wooden box and blanket. Badly decomposed. Features unrecognizable.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks: None

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Unable to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) Unable to determine

(c) Hair—Color Apparently light brown

Quantity Thick

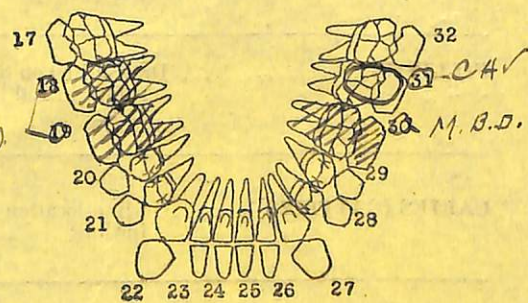
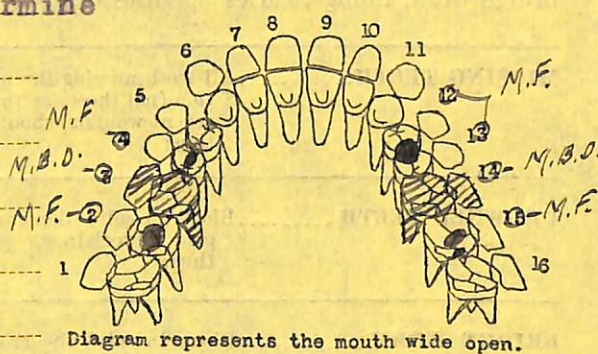
Characteristics Straight

(d) Hair on face—Color None visible

Location

Quantity

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) None visible



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) Right and left tibia and fibula fractured. Missing left ulna and radius.

Checker: C.L. Hall

7. Disinterment supervised by W.C. Follmer

Approved: D.E. Lowry
(Title) 1st Lieut. CMC

8. Reburial supervised by H.L. Kramer

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

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

(O.K. 1-21-21 MEB)

4/12/22 Exhumed
Concentration
Michael 12333
Att 4/25/22

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #1584

(a) Name ALSEN, Carl H. Ser. No. 70560
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Hq. 104th Inf. Co.
(c) Date of death 4-12-18 (d) Cause of death K.A.

TYP. egg
CKR. egg

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

(a) Grave No. 5 Row - Plot - Sec. - TYP. egg
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Clara Alsen (mother) 11 Spaulding St., Dorchester, Mass.

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

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt _____

(a) Name Mrs. John F. Alsen (b) Relationship mother
(c) Address 11 Spaulding St., Dorchester, Mass.
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? yes
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at no
(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. Mrs. John F. Alsen
11 Spaulding St., Dorchester, Mass.
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. _____

Examiner's Initials egg Date 1-13, 1920

V. A. G. G. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from _____

no correspondence, dated _____
confirming request in Par. IV., item _____, above, or requesting that _____

Examiner's Initials egg Date 1-13, 1920

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

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes

Examiner's Initials PF Date 1-14, 1920

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 129 SHEET No. 2

R. 3/11/21

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made 1-15-21, 1920.

Typed by ls, Checked by 248, 1-15-21, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 1920
letter on **FEB 5 1921**, 1920

MAR 11 1921
MATERIAL DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SEC.

Par. 1 To be returned. (L.S.)

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: 2/23/21-F-120- Mrs. John F. Alsen (mother) 11 Spaulding St., H-3/1/21
gives John F. Alsen (father) as next of kin and requests that body remain in Europe.

Form 129 to hold body Ford Wash. 3-3-21-13.7.

MAR 15 1921 PROPOSED CABLEGRAM NO. **23/ TO EUROPE-BODY TO REMAIN** 3-17-21
HJ

FORM 115 RETURNED BY NUBOKEN - BODY TO REMAIN IN EUROPE.

MAR 11 1921 ARR

4/6/21 - Letter from Europe states return cancelled as per cable. CP 5/4/21

Alsen, Carl H

70560

(Surname)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt.

Hqr. Company 104th Infantry

(Rank and organization.)

MSB

State your relationship to the deceased

Mother

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?

No

(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 John F. Alsen

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

11 Spaulding St Worcester Mass

Mass

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Mrs John F. Alsen (J.H.A.)

11 Spaulding St

Worcester

Mass

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

CEMETERIAL DIVISION

~~WASHINGTON~~

Hoboken, N. J.

FEB 19 1921

FROM: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O. Q. M. G.

To: Mrs. John F. Alsen, 11 Spaulding St., Dorchester, Mass.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Carl H. Alsen, Ser. No. 70560, Hq. Co, 104th Inf.

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above-named soldier be returned to the United States and delivered to you at 11 Spaulding St., Dorchester, Mass. *Remain in Europe EES*

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

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

MAR 15 1921

PROPOSED CABLEGRAM NO. 23/

TO EUROPE-BODY TO REMAIN

3-17-21

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 or not these relatives are STILL LIVING.

Was soldier married? *No*

| NAME OF— | NO. AND STREET. | TOWN. | STATE. |
|---|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Soldier's widow | | | |
| Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.) | 1 | | |
| | 2 | | |
| | 3 | | |
| Father | <i>John F. Alsen</i> | <i>11 Spaulding St</i> | <i>Dorchester Mass</i> |
| Mother | <i>Clara M. Alsen</i> | | |
| Brothers. (Name oldest first.) | 1 | <i>John H. Alsen</i> | <i>16 Winsor St. Arlington</i> |
| | 2 | <i>Ellis Alsen</i> | <i>11 Spaulding St Dorchester</i> |
| | 3 | | |
| Sisters. (Name oldest first.) | 1 | <i>Anna S. Alsen</i> | |
| | 2 | | |
| | 3 | | |

Date *February 23-1921*

Signature *Mrs John F Alsen*

Address *11 Spaulding St. Dorchester Mass*

Relationship *Mother*

FEB 25 1921

February 23, 1921

I, the undersigned, am the Mother and nearest living next of kin of the within-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 Mrs John J. Allen

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

- 1. If definite instructions for the disposition of a body are not received from the next of kin within two 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.
- 4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest next of kin in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
- 5. 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.
- 6. If YOU are not the nearest next of kin, please ask the nearest next of kin, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
- 7. If YOU are not the nearest living next of kin and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.
- 8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
- 9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

NOTE.—INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DISPOSITION OF REMAINS will be issued by this office upon the properly executed authority of the legal next of kin in each case. The widow is the first person having disposition of the remains of her husband. Should there be no widow or children, the father and, in turn (upon his decease), the mother, is the proper authority. The brothers, in order of seniority, and then the sisters in order of seniority, if there are no brothers, rank next in authority to decide. Under an opinion rendered by the Judge Advocate General of the Army, if a widow has remarried she forfeits her right, and the next of kin as given above will make decision.

March 4th, 1921.

File No. 295.3 Cem.Div., Cor.Branch.
(ALSEN, Carl H.)

Mrs. John F. Alsen,
11 Spaulding Street,
Dorchester, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

Receipt of Shipping Inquiry Form dated February 23rd, 1921, is acknowledged.

In accordance with your wishes instructions have been issued to leave the remains of your late son, Private Carl H. Alsen, Serial Number 70560, Headquarters Company, 104th Infantry, in France for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

You are assured that the grave site will always be maintained as a fitting memorial of the late soldier's sacrifice.

The Department wishes to convey to you renewed assurance of its sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,
Officer in Charge.

BY:

F. C. FALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

EP/eim

[Handwritten signature]

[Handwritten signature]

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON SERVICE
HOBOKEN, N.J.

March 3, 1921.

1921

Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. O. M. G.
File # 238 # 1584

From: Graves Registration Service Officer, Hoboken, N.J.
To: Cemeterial Division (Overseas Project Sub-Section)
Subject: Supplementary Advice concerning:

Name Alsen, Carl H. Ser. No. 70560
Rank Private Organization Hq. Co. 104th Infantry.
Cemetary No. 129 Cable Reference No. (Sheet No.) 2

Request shown below dated Feb. 23/21 is latest in this case:

| <u>Name of Relative</u> | <u>Return to</u> | <u>Remain in France.</u> | <u>Special</u> |
|--|------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| Widow <u>None</u> | | | |
| Children _____ | | | |
| Guardian _____ | | | |
| Father <u>John F. Alsen, 11 Spaulding St., Dorchester, Mass.</u> | | | |
| Mother <u>Clara Alsen</u> " " " | | | |
| Brother _____ | | | |
| Sister _____ | | | |
| Others _____ | | | |
| Body to be shipped to or for interment in: _____ | | <u>France in a permanent</u> | |
| (Mother's request- father at same address) | | <u>American Cemetery.</u> | |

Alsen, Carl H.

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MMM

1 Inclosure.

R. E. SHANNON,
Graves Registration Officer,
Capt., Quartermaster Corps.

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Cable Letter March 15 1921 forwarding advice to Europe dispatched _____ 1921.

RECEIVED
MAR 11 1921
GATEWAY PROJECT SURVEY
DIVISION 1

MAR 10 1921
S. R. S.



RECEIVED

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

See Form 115
att 4/25/22

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #1584

(O.K. 1-21-21 MEB)

(a) Name ALSEN, Carl H. Ser. No. 70560
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Hq. A 104th Inf. TYP. egp
 (c) Date of death 4-12-18 Cause of death K.A.

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

(a) Grave No. 5 Row - Plot - Sect. - TYP. egp
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Clara Alsen (mother) 11 Spaulding St., Dorchester, Mass.

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

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

U.S. Card - Mrs. John F. Alsen (mother)
11 Spaulding St., Dorchester, Mass.,
requests body returned to U.S. to Mrs.
John F. Alsen, above address. - AP. 2/12/21

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by - (cable on..... 192
 (letter of transmittal **FEB 5 1921**)

Par. 1 To be returned. (L.S.)

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. **FEB 14 1921** 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

| Date of and Source | Relationship and name | Desires | Action taken |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| <u>Uch. 3-1921 Form 129</u> | <u>Mother (2-23-21) Clara Alsen</u> | <u>Remain in France</u> | MAR 15 1921 OVERSEAS ADVISED by proposed cable 2-21-21 body to remain 3-17-21 |

4/6/21 - Letter from Europe states return cancelled as per cable of 3/4/21

VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. **MAR 11 1921** 192

COUNTRY G.R.S. FORM 115-A August 1920 CEMETERY NO. 129 SHEET NO. 2
 S-566/1B France

ms 2-12-21

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

ALSEN 70560 CARL HENRY
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)
PRIVATE HQRS CO. 104TH INFANTRY
(Rank.) (Organization.)

584

DATE OF BURIAL... April 13, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL... The American Cemetery

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

at Vignot

GRAVE NUMBER... 5 (five)

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? & Plate

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes

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

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

REPORTED BY:

Chaplain
Walter S. Danker
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

MAY 9 - Rec'd

Name Carl Henry Alson

Rank Pvt. Hdqrs. Regt. 104 Inf.

Date of Death April 12, 1918

Place: Sub sector Gironville

Cause

Date of Burial April 15, 1918

Grave No. 5

Cemetery Vignot

Identified by Tag Papers Tag. Clothing

List of Effects

Field record made by Advance Group #1. GRS.

APR 20 Rec'd

Branch
mail

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NOTED IN
STAT. DIV.
129

584
Correction

Alsen, Carl H.
chg. date of entry from 4/13/18
to
4/15/18

Ins. Com. 129 - Lt. W. C.
Apr 7/18

WAR DEPARTMENT

Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

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

Date 1/14/21

File No. Requisition.

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 **Alsen** *ox*
- b. Christian name **Carl H.** *ox*
- c. Serial Number **70560** *ox*
(?)
- d. Organization **Hq. 104th Inf.**
(Hqr. Company 104th Infantry) *ox*
- e. Rank **Pvt.** *ox*
- f. Date of death **4/12/18** *ox*
- g. Cause of death **K.A** *ox*
- h. Authority (C.O.#) **103**
- i. Emergency address **Mrs. Clara Alsen**
11 Spaulding St. Dorchester
Mass.
- j. Relationship **Mother**

MEB 1-21-21

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

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

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

a. Strike out teeth missing

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| upper right | | | | | | | | upper left | | | | | | | |
| 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| lower right | | | | | | | | lower left | | | | | | | |

S.M.I

Donnelly, E.C. Sec.
L. J. G. 1-15-21
CW

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

BY:

H. J. Conner
H. J. CONNER,
1st. Lieut. Q.M.C.

CEMETERY NO: 129

SHEET NO: 2
TYPED BY: JBC

Rec'd S & S Div, A.G.O.

JAN 15 1921 6

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