

G.R.S. Form #114-B

FULL NAME ALSTON, Edward ✓

RANK Pvt. ✓ SERIAL - - - -

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION Co.A, ³⁰² 312th Steved. *no Div. shown* *Regt*

DATE OF DEATH 1-9-18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME S.C.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED. ✓

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION.....
Date Grave Row Block

Surenes, #34

Cemetery

REC'D WORLD WAR DIV.
1 AUG 22 1924

France

Entered on list.

A L S T O N, [redacted] ward

Private, Co. A, 302nd Stevedores.

Died Jan. 9/18, in France, of pneumonia.

Disposition of remains:

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Alston Edward (Sur) x
9

Sept 8 1932

Mrs Eva Alston
RFD #2
Orangeburg S C

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

In order that your desires may be of record, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

CHAS. W. DIETZ,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

Encl:
Env.

QM 293 A-M
Alston, Edward (Sur) x

August 9, 1932.

Mrs. Eva Alston,
RFD #2,
Orangeburg, S. C.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to office letter of July 13, 1932, stating that you are physically unable to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Edward Alston.

It is indeed regretted that your physical condition will not permit you to accept the offer of the Government at this time. However, should your health improve and you desire to make the pilgrimage next year, it is requested that you notify this office, and arrangements will be made for you.

Properly qualified personnel will be provided to care for the comfort and needs of the mothers and widows making the pilgrimage, and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past three years many women who were in poor health made the trip and appeared to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received. Should you make the pilgrimage, you are assured that everything possible will be done for your comfort and welfare.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

CHAS. W. DIETZ,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM
Alston, Edward Pvt (Suz) M x

July 1, 1931.

Mrs. Eva Alston,
R.F.D.#2,
Orangeburg, S.C.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1932 to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question.

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? _____
Write answer here

Sign here

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4 JUN - 31 PM
COMM-GM-R

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

June 7, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Alston, Edward-34 M

Mrs. Eva Alston,
RFD #2
Orangeburg, S. C.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank space following the question.

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope, which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all mothers and widows who are not making the pilgrimage in 1930, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 8, 1929.

Alston, Edward 34 M

**Mrs. Eva Alston,
R. F. D. #2,
Orangeburg, S. C.**

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 CM 298 A-0
Alston, Edward

May 3, 1929.

Mrs. Eva Alston,
R.F.D. #2,
Orangeburg, S. C.

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 Edward Alston, Company A, 302nd Stevedore Regiment, whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, France.

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

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 incs.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON Aug. 3, 1922.

*File
#12*

FILE: 293.8 C-R - #12
SUBJECT: Permanent Grave Location of Edward Alston, Private,
Co. A, 302nd Stevedores.
TO: Mrs. Eva Alston, R.F.D. #2, Orangeburg, S.C.

1. The permanent grave of this soldier is No. 18 Row 8
Block A, The American Cemetery of Suresnes, Department of Seine, France.

2. This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries
to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be
marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name,
rank, organization and date of soldier's death. 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.

3. 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 main-
tained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting
place of our heroes.

For the Quartermaster General:

MAILED

AUG 3 1922

GEORGE H. PENROSE,
Assistant.

G.R.S.

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DATE 10/21/21

1. NAME ALSTON, Edward SERIAL No.

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. A. 302nd Stev.

GRAVE LOCATION French Cemetery Talence (Gironde) # 25-B
CTY. NAME NUMBER

25
GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION # 25 Talence Gironde
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES

CONCENTRATED TO Jan 9, 1918 # 25
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT
Talence # 25-B
CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR *W. R. Nichols* W. R. NICHOLS
Major C. A. G.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 10/21/21 18 8 A
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT Block

Suresnes American Cemetery #34, Suresnes (Seine).
CEMETERY

3/27/22
AUDITED BY
J/06

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF ALSTON, Edward SERIAL NUMBER.....

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. A. 302nd Stev.

2. Disinterred (date): Sept. 14th, 1921 From (give complete location): Gr. 25, Cem. 25-B.

By: Group 1 Unit Sec. 7

3. Reburied (date): October 21st, 1921. In (give complete location): Suresnes Cemetery. - Block A - Row 8 - Grave 18.

By: Group Field Operations Branch Unit..... Nature of reburial Metal Casket and Blanket.

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

Bottle record found on body read: "Edward Alston, Pvt. 302 Stevedores, Q.M.C. Died Jan. 9, 1918."

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to estimate

(c) Hair—Color Black

Quantity Moderate

Characteristics Kinky

(d) Hair on face—Color None

Location.....

Quantity.....

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

missing parts) None

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

None

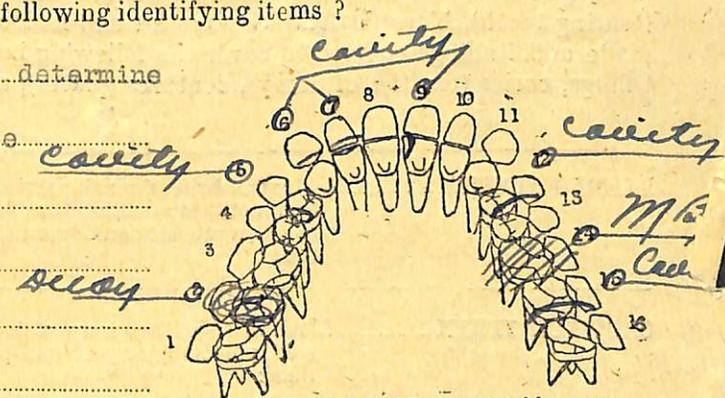
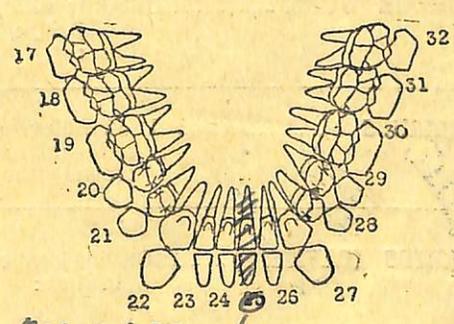


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



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7. Disinterment supervised by Ben A. Bradford Approved: R. P. Harbold

Ben A. Bradford, Sup. Emb.

(Title) Denny, 1st Lt., CAC.

8. Reburial supervised by R. G. Richards Approved: R. P. Harbold

R. G. RICHARDS,
1st Lieut. Q.M.C.

(Title) R. P. HARBOLD,
Major, Q.M.C.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept. 14th, 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 ALSTON, Edward

2. No. _____

3. Rank Pvt.

4. Org. Co. A. 302nd Stev.

5. D.D. 1/9/--

6. C.D. D.O.D.

10. Name _____

11. No. _____

12. Rank _____

13. Org. _____

14. (a) D.D. _____

(b) D.B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 25 Sec. _____

8. Plot _____ Row _____

9. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____

16. Plot _____ Row _____

17. No discrep.

18. Cemetery French Cemetery

20. Dept. or County Gironde

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 25-B.

19. Commune or town Talence

21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) Sept. 14th, 1921

By Ben A. Bradford

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Edward Alston

Rank Pvt.

Serial No. _____

Organization Co. A. 302nd Stev.

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

B. S. Parker.
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).

Bottle record found on body read: Edward Alston, Pvt. 302 Stevedore, U.S.C.,
Died Jan 9, 1918.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features not recognizable.

28. Nature of burial Pine box and uniform.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? No discrep.

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Sept. 14th, 1921 By Ben A. Bradford

31. Casket sealed by Ben A. Bradford

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) Ben A Bradford

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-2084

32. Designation of body:

Name ALSTON, Edward Serial No. _____

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. A. 302nd Stev.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery SURESNES AMERICAN CEMETERY #34

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Sept. 14th, 1921 By Bon A. Bradford

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 [Signature]

36. Remarks C. S. Denny, 1st Lt., CAC.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Sept. 14th, 1921

To point of Concentration Bassens (Gironde) (Name)

Convoyer Charles F. Schiller Signature Shipping Officer [Signature]

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 15 SEP 1921 S. D. Campbell, Capt., QAC.

By G.R.S. Representative W. R. NICHOLS
Major C. A. G.

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Oct 14 1921

39 (a) Received at Paris Morgue, October 17, 1921.

[Signature]
H. L. WARD,
Major, Q.M.C.

39 (b) Shipped from Paris Morgue, Oct. 21st 1921. To Permanent Cemetery No. 34, American, Suresnes (Seine) by Shipping Officer, Conveyed by:

[Signature]
H. L. WARD,
Major, Q.M.C.

42. Grave NO. 18. Section _____

43. Plot ~~xxxx~~ Block A. Row 8.

G.R.S. Representative [Signature]

R. G. RICHARDS,
1st Lieut. Q.M.C.

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By G.R.S. Representative W. R. NICHOLS Major C. A. C.

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Oct 14 1921

Permanent Cemetery Paris Morgue (Name) _____

Convoyer Jack Roberts Signature Shipping Officer [Signature]

Received: Date October 21st, 1921.

R.S. Representative R. G. RICHARDS, 1st Lieut. Q.M.C.

Interred Suresnes Cemetery. (Date) October 21st, 1921.

Grave No. 18. Section _____

43. Plot Block A. Row 8.

G.R.S. Representative [Signature]

R. G. RICHARDS,
1st Lieut. Q.M.C.

III. FINAL ACTION

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

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

(17) Instructions that remains be left undisturbed

(18) Typed by Checked by (Date)

B. G. R. S. FORM NO. 114 made (Date)

(19) Typed by Checked by (Date)

C. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

Letter 6-22-20 Eva Alston, mother, R. 2 - Box 10, Orangeburg, S. C. requests body remain in France, & Letter 7-10-20 states father dead. (Her wishes respected). E.C. 7-15-20

D. Dispatched (Date) MAY 5 1920 (Let. Trans. No.)

PASSENGER 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED

WB 12-8-20

Approved by

(Date)

Mrs Eva Alston (mother)
R F D #2, Orangeburg, S.C.
that body remain in France.

W.V. - 7-14-20

COMPILATION N/R REQUESTS

I. DATA COMPILATION

A. Location Index Card:-

(1) Name ALSTON, Edward Ser. No. 2 -----) TYP. MCH
 (2) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. A, 302nd Steve.) CKR M. E. T.
 (3) Date of death 1/9/18)

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

(4) Cause of death Pneumonia) TYP. FR
 (5) Grave No. 25 Row --- Plot Amer. Sect. ---) CKR. es

II. FILES EXAMINATION

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

B. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD

Date of receipt

(6) Relationship No card in file
 (7) Name _____
 (8) Address _____
 (9) Desires remains brought to U. S.? See Suspension Remarks.
 (10) Desires remains brought to U. S. and interred in National Cemetery at _____
 (11) If brought back, what shipping instructions? _____

C. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE

Date of communication

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

No Correspondence

(13) A. G. O. Files EXAMINED by JMB (Date) 4/29/20

D. (14) G. R. S. Files - Correspondence. (Has reference been made to File No. Cancellation memos? yes). Does such correspondence, if containing request for disposition, reconcile with that of A. G. O.? MHS (Specify "Yes or "No".) If "No", give date of communication, the name, address, and relationship and substance of request.

Letter 7-15-20, Mother Eva Alston, Rt 2 Box 10 Orangeburg S.C. states father is dead. A.G.O. correspondence request this information before granting her request for

(15) G. R. S. Files EXAMINED by MHS (Date) 7/14/20

rechecked 12-4-20 m om

10-4-21 - See account for Concentration System 10-25-21

MAY 8 1920

Jms.

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

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

TO: Mrs Eva Alston, RFD#2, Orangeburg, S. C.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Edward Alston,

Push Answer

The records of this office show that you have

~~Not Expressed desire as to disposition of body.~~

*Letter 6-22-20 body
mother, requests
remain in France
Letter 7-10-20 mother
states father dead
Her wishes respected
etc.*

Remain in France.

A-757

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

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

France

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

*noted on Form 15
7-15-20 etc.*

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
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Soldier's Widow

Was not married

Soldier's Children
(Name oldest first)
1.
2.
3.

none

Father

Gabriel Alston Dead.

Mother

Eva Alston

Brothers
(Name oldest first)

*1. Lawrence, Luther & Gabriel
2. Alston & John Alston*

Sisters

*Anna Mitzel, Mary Jockit, Maggie Mac's
Bess Glover, Victoria Sanders, Emma Alston*

Date *May 13, 1920*

Signature *Eva Alston*

Address

Rt 2 Orangeburg S.C.

Relationship

Mother

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

SAF

(OVER)

The transfer of bodies will be made entirely at Government expense.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

*See 115-
10-25-21*

File----12

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name	ALSTON, Edward	Ser. No.	---	} TYP	MCH
(b) Rank	Pvt.	Organization	Co. A 3-2nd Stev.		MET
(c) Date of death	1-9-18	Cause of death	Pneumonia		LM

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

(a) Grave No. 25 Row -- Plot Amer. Sect. --- TYP FR

(b) Emerg. Address -----

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases no card CKR DS

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

*No Card in file - no request for disposition
MB 12-27-20*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 192
(Letter of transmittal on 5-5 1920

Par. 2. Not to be returned MB 12-8-20

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 France CEMETERY NO. 25-B SHEET NO. 1

G.R.S. FORM 115-A
August, 1920

Concentrated into P.A.C. 34

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

Ann

July 1, 1920.

File No: 293.8-Reg.Sec.Cem.Div.
(ALSTON, Edward)

293.8 Ann

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Alston - Edward

Mrs. Eva Alston,
Route #2, Box #10,
Orangeburg, S. C.

Dear Madam:-

Before this office can honor your request to have the body of your son late Private Edward Alston remain in France, it will be necessary to have the signed consent of the father of the late soldier to your desires.

An early reply will be appreciated, using the enclosed penalty envelope which requires no postage.

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General

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

BY: *C.D. Annis*
C.D. ANNIS,
1st Lieut. Q.M. Corps,

*Noted on Form 115
7-15-20*

OSP:SS
Cor.Stat.Unit. (1 Encls.)
FILE NO:

Edward Alston father is dead.

*Orangeburg, S.C.,
July 10/1920.*

*yours truly,
Eva Alston.*

Request noted on Form 115. 7/17-7-14-20

Ann

June 22 1920

Georgetown S.C.

quarter-master general
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir I have Received yo Tellegram
on the 21 of June Stated about Edward
Alston Body yo ask me do i want
the body or not But i dont
Care to worry about the Body
now any more so yo all can
just leave it out there where it
is so i will Remoin as ever
Eva Alston mother to Edward
Alston

Eva Alston

R 2 B 10

Georgetown
S.C.

Noted on Form 15
7-15-20 sec.

293.8
12
Eva Alston

S 12

CLASS OF SERVICE	SYMBOL
Telegram	
Day Letter	Blue
Night Message	Nite
Night Letter	N L

If none of these three symbols appears after the check (number of words) this is a telegram. Otherwise its character is indicated by the symbol appearing after the check.

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

CLASS OF SERVICE	SYMBOL
Telegram	
Day Letter	Blue
Night Message	Nite
Night Letter	N L

If none of these three symbols appears after the check (number of words) this is a telegram. Otherwise its character is indicated by the symbol appearing after the check.

RECEIVED AT

12 A JR 69 GOVT NITE

DASH NOT CNT FM WASHINGTON DC JUNE 19 1920

GABRIEL ALSTON

ROUTE NO 2 ORANGEBURG SC

NO REPLY RECEIVED OUR TELEGRAM MAY 24 TH MOTHER OF LATE PRIVATE EDWARD
ALSTON REQUESTS THAT BODY REMAIN IN FRANCE DO YOU CONSENT TO PER
REQUEST OR DO YOU DESIRE BODY SHIPPED TO YOU OR REMAIN IN EUROPE NO
OTHER THAN YOUR REQUEST IS DESIRED TELEGRAM SIGNED BY YOU NECESSARY
WIRE IMMEDIATELY GOVERNMENT EXPENS E C - 905

ROGERS

QUARTERMASTER GRNL

925AM JUNE 20

no zone -
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Address Reply To
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE & STORAGE
Munitions Building

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE
WASHINGTON

June 19, 1920/

Gabriel Alston,
Route #2,
Orangetburg, S.C.

No reply received our telegram May 24th. Mother of late Private Edward Alston requests that body remain in France. Do you consent to her request or do you desire body shipped to you, or remain in Europe? No other than your request is desired. Telegram signed by you necessary. Wire immediately, Government expense. C-905

ROGERS
Quartermaster General

OFFICIAL:

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

BY:

G.D. ANNIS,
1st Lieut. Q.M. Corps,
Chief, O.S.F., S.S.

MLF

GRP:SS

Cor. Stat. Unit.

FILE NO: 293.8-Reg. Sec. Gen. Div. (ALSTON, Edward)

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CHARGE TO
GOVERNMENT RATE

WAR DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

WASHINGTON

May 24th, 1920.

Gabriel Alston,
.....

R. F. D. #2,
.....

Orangeburg, S. C.
.....

Necessary that you as father of late Private Edward Alston
.....state whether you desire body returned to United States and
buried National Cemetery, shipped to you or remain in Europe. In this case
no other than your wish is desired. Telegram signed by you
necessary. Wire immediately, Government expense. A-757-G

ROGERS
Quartermaster General

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BY:
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Chief, Overseas Project Sub-Section.

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OSP:SS

Compl. Dept.

FILE NO: 293.3-Reg.Sec.Cem.Div. (ALSTON, Edward)

Name Edward Alston 12

Rank Pvt. Co. A. { Corps } 302 { Regt. } 8th Stev

Date of Death Jan 9-1918

Place

Cause

Date of Burial

Grave No. 25 - Row #1

Cemetery St Genes - #25B.

Identified by { Tag }
{ Papers }
{ Clothing }

List of Effects

Graves marked with Alston

Field Record Made by Frank R Glander
1st Lieut. Inspector

Company....., Graves Registration Service

For additional data use reverse side

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Case of ALSTON, Edward, Pvt. Co. "A"
302nd Stev.

Burial Report - Corrections or Additions.

Requested by The Chief, Burial Department, A.E.F.

Reported by Commanding Officer,
Base Hospital # 6,
A. E. F.

Date 191...

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Omissions Noted or Verifications desired) only on items checked below:-
(No notation is desired unless the item is preceded by a check mark in the column at left of figures.)

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|-------------------------------------|-----|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1. | Name of deceased.....
(Initials and spelling) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. | Rank..... |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 3. | Company |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 4. | Regiment or Corps..... |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 5. | Date of death..... |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 6. | Cause of " |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 7. | Place " " |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 8. | Date of burial... <u>January 14, 1918</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 9. | Name of Cemetery... <u>Cemetery of Talence, American Division 20</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 10. | In what town)... <u>Talence, Bordeaux</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 11. | and Department?)
Number of grave... <u>Grave No. 25, Row 1</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 12. | Marking of " <u>in accordance to G.O. 27 A.E.F. Par. 3, Section D.</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 13. | Was original tag buried with body? <u>Patient had no tag</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 14. | Has duplicate tag been sent to this office? <u>Patient had none</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 15. | (See Par. 6, G.O. 21, H.A.E.F. 1917)
Nearest relative of deceased... <u>Mrs. Eve Alston</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 16. | Relationship and address... <u>Mother R.F.D. #2 Orangeburg S. C.</u> |

RECEIVED
OSP 33

12 Alston Edward

It is requested that this information may be forwarded as soon as practicable, to -

FEB 5 rec'd

Chief, Burial Department, A. E. F., A. P. O. No. 706.

C. C. PIERCE

Major, A. Q. M., U. S. A.

G. O. 21 and 27, A. E. F., 1917, require that one aluminum identification tag shall be buried with body of deceased, and that duplicate tag shall be sent to this office.

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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Alston, Edward Als	3	139
BURIED	CEMETERY 34	1	6
	GRAVE 18	2	18
	ROW 8	2	08
	BLOCK a	1	1
STATE	S. C.	2	46
RANK	Pvt.	1	2
DIVISION	A. M. E.	2	57
ORGANIZATION	302	3	302
ARM	Steve. Regt.	1	2
MARITAL	no	1	2
NAME	Alston Mrs Eva Als	3	129
RESIDENCE	STATE S. C.	2	46
	COUNTY Orangeburg	2	38
	CITY Orangeburg	3	026
RELATION	mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE	BLACK	1	2
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	bad	1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	NO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	no	1	
29/514/EAB			2

2 Amated
MAR 17 1932
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IN REPLY
REFER TO

QM 293 A-M

WAR DEPARTMENT

Oct. 13, 1932

Alston, Edward Sur-x

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTONMrs. Eva Alston,
RFD 2,
Orangeburg, S.C.

SPECIAL

Dear Madam:

Your Government has provided an opportunity for all Mothers and Widows of deceased members of the American Forces who were lost, buried at sea, or whose remains are now interred in Europe, to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. This was done in the hope that all who may make the pilgrimage will derive a measure of comfort and solace from the visit.

You are numbered among those who are privileged to make this pilgrimage.

During July and September of this year, inquiries were addressed to you as to whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage to Europe. To these inquiries no reply has been received from you.

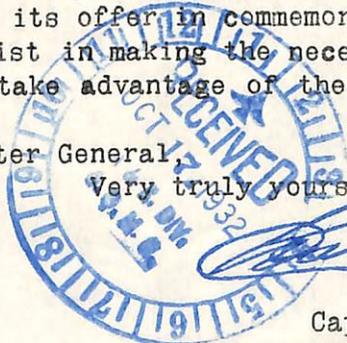
You probably do not realize how important it is that a reply be received from you. If we do not receive replies, it becomes very difficult to make the necessary and proper arrangements for those who are to make the trip, as everything must be arranged in advance. Consequently, it is just as important for the Government to know the names of those who do not desire to take advantage of its offer as it is to know the names of those who do.

Will you please devote a few moments of your time to write either the word "YES" or "NO" in the following space NO, thus indicating whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage during 1933 and sign your name here unable Eva Alston. Use the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage, and return this sheet.

This reply will assure your Government that no worthy Mother or Widow has failed to receive its offer in commemoration of a loved one departed, and will greatly assist in making the necessary preparations for those of them who wish to take advantage of the privilege.

For The Quartermaster General

Very truly yours,



Chas. W. Dietz
CHAS. W. DIETZ,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Alston Edward (Sur) x

Sept 8 1932

Mrs Eva Alston
RFD #2
Orangeburg S C

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

In order that your desires may be of record, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

CHAS. W. DIETZ,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

QM 293 A-M
Alston, Edward (Sur) x

August 9, 1932.

Mrs. Eva Alston,
RFD #2,
Orangeburg, S. C.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to office letter of July 13, 1932, stating that you are physically unable to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Edward Alston.

It is indeed regretted that your physical condition will not permit you to accept the offer of the Government at this time. However, should your health improve and you desire to make the pilgrimage next year, it is requested that you notify this office, and arrangements will be made for you.

Properly qualified personnel will be provided to care for the comfort and needs of the mothers and widows making the pilgrimage, and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past three years many women who were in poor health made the trip and appeared to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received. Should you make the pilgrimage, you are assured that everything possible will be done for your comfort and welfare.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

CHAS. W. DIETZ,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Alston Edward (Sur) x

July 13 1932

Mrs Eva Alston

RFD #2

Orangeburg S C

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries of Europe during the years 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933 for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces who were lost or buried at sea or whose remains are interred in Europe.

Your attention is particularly invited to the fact that this is the last opportunity you will have to make the pilgrimage under the provisions of the above mentioned Act. Unless you take advantage of this LAST chance to make a trip in 1933 you will receive no benefit from the Act. There is no provision of law which will permit the Government to make a money allowance to any mother or widow who does not choose to make the pilgrimage.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU GIVE THE MATTER YOUR MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BEFORE REACHING A DECISION, BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE TRIP AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

In order to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations for the mothers and widows making the journey in 1933, reservations for steamship transportation must be made by this office several months in advance. It is requested that you answer the questions below by writing "Yes" or "No" or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question. When you have answered the question, sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. PLEASE DO NOT DELAY, as it is essential that the information be in this office promptly.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make the pilgrimage during the years 1930, 1931 or 1932. There is enclosed a circular of information WHICH YOU SHOULD READ VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING YOUR DECISION.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



CHAS. W. DIETZ,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933?

No, because
(Write answer here)

failing health (Bad heart)

(Sign here)

Mrs Eva Alston

(Colored)

Alston, Edward - Pvt., Co. A, 302nd Stevedore Regt.

S. Carolina

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~~Widow?~~

Single

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM
Alston, Edward Pvt (Sur) M x

July 1, 1931.

Mrs. Eva Alston,
R.F.D.#2,
Orangeburg, S.C.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1932 to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question.

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? no
Write answer here

Eve Alston

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

June 7, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Alston, Edward-34 M

Mrs. Eva Alston,
RFD #2
Orangeburg, S. C.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank space following the question.

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope, which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all mothers and widows who are not making the pilgrimage in 1930, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? No *with thanks*

(Write answer here)

Witness

[Signature]

the
Mrs. Eva Alston

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO CM 285 A-6
Alston, Edward

May 3, 1929.

Mrs. Eva Alston,
R.F.D. #2,
Orangeburg, S. C.

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 Edward Alston, Company A, 302nd Stevedore Regiment, whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, France.

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

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

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